

# U.S. Figure Skating

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1	<p>Time violation – for up to every 5 sec. lacking or in excess</p> <p>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Gold and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles and Pairs Events</p>	<p>-1.0 point deduction</p> <p>-0.5 point deduction</p> <p>-0.25 point deduction</p>	Referee
2	<p>Costume / prop violations</p> <p>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Gold and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles and Pairs Events</p>	<p>-1.0 point deduction</p> <p>-0.5 point deduction</p> <p>-0.25 point deduction</p>	Judges Panel including the Referee by the majority of votes with no deduction in case of 50:50 split vote
3	<p>Part of the costume / decoration falls on the ice (once or more)</p> <p>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Gold and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles and Pairs Events</p>	<p>-1.0 point deduction</p> <p>-0.5 point deduction</p> <p>-0.25 point deduction</p>	Referee
4	<p>Illegal Elements / Movements – for every illegal element / movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lifts with wrong hold (pairs)</li> </ul> <p>Remarks: If there is an illegal movement during the execution of any element, the deduction for an illegal movement will apply, and the element will receive Basic Level if the requirements for at least Basic Level are fulfilled. Otherwise the element will be called “NoLevel”.</p> <p>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Gold and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</p> <p>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles and Pairs Events</p>	<p>-2.0 point deduction</p> <p>-1.0 point deduction</p> <p>-0.5 point deduction</p>	<p>Technical Specialist identifies</p> <p>Technical Panel decides by the majority of votes</p> <p>Technical Controller deducts</p>
5	<p>Fall during the program – for every fall</p> <p>A fall is defined as “loss of control by a skater with the result that the majority of the skater’s own body weight is on the ice supported by any part of the body other than the blades, e.g. hand(s), knee(s), back, buttock(s) or any part of the arm”.</p> <p><b>For Senior Singles Events only – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fall -1.0, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fall -2.0, 5<sup>th</sup> plus additional falls -3.0</b></p> <p>Junior Singles Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice, and Adult Gold and Higher Singles Events</p> <p>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles Events</p> <p>Junior and Senior Pairs Events</p> <p>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and All Adult Pairs Events</p>	<p>1-2 -1.0 point deduction</p> <p>3-4 -2.0 point deduction</p> <p>5+ -3.0 point deduction</p> <p>-1.0 point deduction</p> <p>-0.5 point deduction</p> <p>-0.25 point deduction</p> <p>-1.0 for one partner</p> <p>-2.0 for both partners</p> <p>-0.5 for one partner</p> <p>-1.0 for both partners</p>	<p>Technical Specialist identifies</p> <p>Technical Panel decides by the majority of votes</p> <p>Technical Controller deducts</p>

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6	<p><b>Interruption in performing the program – for every interruption</b> An interruption is defined as the time elapsed between the moment a skater stops performing the program until the moment he resumes performing the program (Rule 1403 &amp; 1071)</p> <p><b>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more than 10 sec. and up to 20 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 20 sec. and up to 30 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 30 sec. and up to 40 sec. interruption</li> </ul> <p><b>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Bronze and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more than 10 sec. and up to 20 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 20 sec. and up to 30 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 30 sec. and up to 40 sec. interruption</li> </ul> <p><b>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Adult Pre-Bronze Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more than 10 sec. and up to 20 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 20 sec. and up to 30 sec. interruption</li> <li>- more than 30 sec. and up to 40 sec. interruption</li> </ul>	<p><b>-1.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-2.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-3.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.5 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-1.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-1.5 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.25 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.50 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.75 point deduction</b></p>	<p><b>Referee</b></p> <p>If the skater/couple does not resume skating within 40 seconds, the referee shall instruct the music to be stopped and allow the skater/couple three additional minutes. If the skater/couple resumes skating within this additional period, the referee shall apply a deduction as per this chart. This deduction also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding the allowance of three additional minutes.</p>
7	<p><b>Interruption with allowance of up to 3 minutes to resume from point of interruption – once per program</b></p> <p><b>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <p><b>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Bronze and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <p><b>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Adult Pre-Bronze Singles and Pairs Events</b></p>	<p><b>-3.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-1.5 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.75 point deduction</b></p>	<p><b>Referee</b></p> <p>If the skater/couple does not resume skating within 40 seconds, the referee shall instruct the music to be stopped and allow the skater/couple three additional minutes. If the skater/couple resumes skating within this additional period, the referee shall apply a deduction as per this chart. This deduction also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding the allowance of three additional minutes.</p>
8	<p><b>Late start – for not taking starting position within 30 seconds after name is announced (Rule 1322) (all levels)</b></p> <p><b>Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <p><b>Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Adult Gold and Higher Singles and Pairs Events</b></p> <p><b>Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver Singles and Pairs Events</b></p>	<p><b>-1.0 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.5 point deduction</b></p> <p><b>-0.25 point deduction</b></p>	<p><b>Referee</b></p>
9	<p><b>Elements not according to requirements of short program or well-balanced free skate</b></p>	<p><b>Element receives * as indicated for deleted element</b></p>	<p><b>Computer</b> deletes element according to rules</p> <p><b>Technical Controller</b> authorizes or corrects deletion of elements</p>
10	<p><b>Bonus for Distribution of Highlights (jump elements) in the second half of the Singles Short Program and Free Skate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Junior and Senior Short Program: Last one jump element</li> <li>- Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Adult Silver and Higher Singles Free Skate: Last three jump elements</li> </ul>	<p><b>Factor 1.1 for base value of each such element</b></p>	<p><b>Computer / Calculation Program</b></p>
11	<p><b>Bonus for jump elements for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Junior Singles Events, and Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and Junior Pairs Events</b></p>	<p><b>See Singles Jump Bonus Chart on U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site</b></p>	<p><b>Technical Specialist identifies</b></p> <p><b>Technical Controller confirms</b></p>