



## ISA Communication 180

### Technical Element and Technical Rule Requirements for Singles and Pair Skating Competitions held in Australia from 1 January 2026

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Effective Start Date: 1 January 2026

#### 1. Purpose of the Communication

To advise and confirm **technical element requirements** and **technical rules** to be applied for categories with seasonal elements at ISA Member and club competitions held between **1 January 2026 and 30 June 2026 (inclusive)**.

#### 2. Application of the Communication

This Communication applies to **all ISA Member and affiliated club competitions**, including Champ Series events conducted between **1 January 2026 and 30 June 2026 (inclusive)**.

**Please Note:** Any ISU International Events conducted in Australia (e.g. *Oceania*) or overseas prior to **1 July 2026** will follow **2025/2026 ISU Season Technical Elements and Technical Rules** as published by the ISU.

#### 3. Communication Details

In accordance with **ISA By-Law 600**, the ISA Board confirms the next group of ISU Seasonal Elements as announced in *2024 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules – Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance* and published ISA seasonal elements will take effect in Australia from 1 January 2026. These requirements will apply to all **ISA Member Competitions**, including **affiliated club competitions**.

**The following Technical Element requirements will take effect from 1 January 2026 for all ISA Member and club competitions.**

##### ISU RULE 611 (2026/2027 group)

Junior Men Short Program - 2026-2027	Junior Women Short Program - 2026-2027
(a) Double or triple Axel Paulsen;	(a) Double Axel Paulsen;
(b) Double or triple <u>Lutz</u> jump;	(b) Double or triple <u>Lutz</u> jump;
(c) Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps;	(c) Jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump or two triple jumps;
(d) Flying <u>camel</u> spin;	(d) Flying <u>camel</u> spin;
(e) <u>Sit</u> spin with only one change of foot;	(e) Layback / sideways leaning spin or <u>sit</u> spin without change of foot;
(f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;	(f) Spin combination with only one change of foot;
(g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.	(g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

## ISU RULE 620 (2026/2027 group)

Junior Pair Short Program - 2026-2027	Senior Pair Short Program - 2026-2027
(a) <a href="#">Any Hip lift take-off (Group Three)</a> ;	(a) <a href="#">Any Hip lift take-off (Group Three)</a> ;
(b) Twist lift (double or triple);	(b) Twist lift (double or triple);
(c) Double or triple <a href="#">loop</a> throw jump;	(c) Throw jump (double or triple);
(d) Double <a href="#">Lutz</a> or double Axel solo jump;	(d) Solo jump (double or triple);
(e) <a href="#">Pair Spin Combination</a> ; **	(e) <a href="#">Pair Spin Combination</a> ; **
(f) Death spiral <a href="#">forward inside</a> ;	(f) Death spiral <a href="#">forward inside</a> ;
(g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.	(g) Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

### \*\* [Pair Spin Combination](#)

The pair spin combination must have a minimum of two different basic positions with two revolutions in each of these positions by both partners anywhere within the spin.

The pair spin combination must include at least one change of position of both partners.

The pair spin combination must include at least one change of foot of both partners, not necessarily executed by both partners at the same time.

If there is no change of foot or no change of position by both partners, the element will have no value.

The pair spin combination must have a minimum of eight revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by Judges in their marking. However, a spin with less than three rotations is considered as a skating movement and not a spin. The minimum number of required revolutions must be counted from the entry of the spin until its exit.

### 3.1 ISU 2026/2027 Season – Singles and Pair Skating Free Skate Program Changes

The Free Skate program (Junior/Senior) element and rule changes for 2026/2027 ISU Season, as published in 2024 ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules – Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance, **will not be implemented** in ISA Member and club competitions **before 1 July 2026**.

These changes cannot be fully introduced until the International Judging System (IJS) has been updated to include the new elements, updated IJS verification and Scale of Values (SOV).

A full list of these upcoming changes can be found in **2024 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules**, specifically **ISU Rules 610, 612 and 621 – 2026/2027 Season**.

Accordingly, these changes will take effect for ISA Member and club competitions commencing from 1 July 2026.

**Other than the above-mentioned changes, until further notice, all categories/disciplines for all ISA Member and club competitions will continue to follow 2025/26 season rules and elements until 30 June 2026. i.e.;**

- 2024 ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules – Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance
- 2025/2026 ISU Technical Handbooks
- **ISU Communication 2701** – Single & Pair Skating Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution and Program Components Season 2025/2026
- **ISU Communication 2699** – Single & Pair Skating Guidelines for International Novice Competitions 2025/2026
- Technical Requirements for ISU Supported Adult Figure Skating Competitions 2025/2026 Season as of 22 July 2025
- Ice Skating Australia Solo Ice Dance ID25-05T-V2 & ID25-06T-V1: Non-ISU and Adult Categories Domestic Competition Elements/Guidelines 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026
- ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines General Rules and Requirements Season 2025/26
- ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines Technical Rules and Level Requirements Season 2025/26
- **ISU Communication 2700** – Ice Dance Guidelines for International Novice Competitions 2025/26
- **ISU Communication 2704** – Junior and Senior Ice Dance Requirements for Technical Rules season 2025/26
- Current ISA By-Laws and ISA Communications

**Updates to ID, SID and Adults for the new season will be implemented as soon as the relevant ISU Communications and Guidelines are published. Further details will be provided in separate ISA communications.**

**Commencing 1 July 2026, all ISU 2026/2027 season rules will apply.\***

**\* If the 2026/2027 ISU Technical Panel Handbooks are unavailable, the 2025/2026 ISU Technical Panel Handbooks will be utilised until 2026/2027 ISU Technical Handbooks become available.**