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## STAR 1-4 EVENT STANDARDS FOR ASSESSMENT GUIDE (JULY 2023)

This guide contains the Standards for Assessment to be used for events where assess to standard, and standard with ranking formats are used in STAR events.

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## Free Skate

### Mandatory Requirements for Freeskate levels STAR 1-4:

**Jumps:** Must be fully rotated (lacking ¼ rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.

**Spins:** Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with an established centre to receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)

### STAR 1 Free Skate

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher.

Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze.

ELEMENTS	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Circle Crosscut Exercise</b> (1 round forward, 1 round backward in same direction on a circle starting)  Draw for direction	<b>(1) Power:</b> Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow and glide.		Skater may seem slow. Generation of speed in development. Stride may seem laboured.	
	<b>(2) Accuracy:</b> Correct skating technique, symmetry and shape of edges.		Edge comprehension developing. Thrust technique may not be properly executed. May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited knee bend, one push stronger than other, some toe-pushing.</li> <li>75% of the push generated from the side of the blade.</li> </ul>	
	<b>(3) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable 75% or more of the time.</li> </ul> Body line is reasonable.	
<b>Jumps</b>  Must be fully rotated (lacking ¼ rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.	<b>(1) Execution:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Jump flight qualities are developing. Skater demonstrates adequate height, distance and flow. Air position is developing.	
	<b>(2) Speed/Flow:</b> Speed and flow in and out of jump.		Speed and flow in and out of jump may be slow. Skater may appear cautious.	
	<b>(3) Landing:</b> Form.		<u>Landing position developing. Some break in posture may be evident. Free leg extension and knee bend on landing leg may be limited.</u>	
<b>Spins</b> Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with an established centre to receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)	<b>(1) Execution:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit.		Speed of revs is developing. May be slow in sit or camel versus upright. Adequate control of exit, for the level. *Bwd Upright Spin must exit on spinning foot	
	<b>(2) Edge Quality:</b> Ability to spin on prescribed edge.		Must demonstrate proper edge on spinning foot for 1/2 a revolution or more. Centre established before completion.	
	<b>(3) Position:</b> Quality of position.		Basic position is developing. Some break in posture may be evident. Free leg extension may be limited. Body lines are reasonable.	

## STAR 1 Free Skate (continued)

ELEMENTS	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Forward Spiral Circles</b> (2 spirals, 1 on each foot, executed on a circle in the same direction).  Skater chooses direction.	<b>(1) Position:</b> Quality of position.		May have significant break in posture. Free leg extension developing. Position held for a minimum of 1 second.	
	<b>(2) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable 75% or more of the time.</li> </ul> Body line is reasonable.	
	<b>(3) Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge depth.		Weak edges and/or wobbles may be present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of the entry or exit edge demonstrated correctly.</li> <li>• Reasonable edge quality for 50% or more of exercise.</li> </ul> Reasonable balance, control, agility, form.	
<b>Creative Expression Exercise</b>	The ability of a skater to move to a piece of music.	<b>Successful:</b> Some attempt made by skater to move to the music. <b>Unsuccessful:</b> No movement or attempt made by skater to move to the music.		

### STAR 1 Overall Assessment:

**GOLD:** At least four elements at the Gold level.

**SILVER:** At least four elements at the Silver or Gold level.

**BRONZE:** Four elements at the Bronze level.

The Creative Expression Routine must be successful to achieve any performance award at the SILVER or GOLD level.

## STAR 2 Free Skate

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more criteria scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze. **Note: the verbiage for STAR 2 standards is now in the Silver column.**

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> Must be fully rotated (lacking ¼ rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.	<b>(1) Execution:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Jump flight qualities are developing. Skater demonstrates adequate height, distance and flow. Air position is developing.	
	<b>(2) Speed/Flow:</b> Speed and flow in and out of jump.		Speed and flow in and out of jump may be slow. Skater may appear cautious.	
	<b>(3) Landing:</b> Form.		<u>Landing position developing. Some break in posture may be evident. Free leg extension and knee bend on landing leg may be limited.</u>	
<b>Spins</b> Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with an established centre to receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)	<b>(1) Execution:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit.		Speed of revs is developing. May be slow in sit or camel versus upright. Adequate control of exit, for the level <b>*Bwd Upright Spin must exit on spinning foot</b>	
	<b>(2) Edge Quality:</b> Ability to spin on prescribed edge.		Must demonstrate proper edge on spinning foot for 1/2 a revolution or more. Centre established before completion.	
	<b>(3) Position:</b> Quality of position.		Basic position is developing. Some break in posture may be evident. Free leg extension may be limited. Body lines are reasonable.	
<b>Spiral Sequence</b>	<b>(1) Position:</b> Quality of position.		May have significant break in posture. Free leg extension developing. Position held for a minimum of 1 second	
	<b>(2) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable 75% or more of the time.</li> </ul> Body line is reasonable.	
	<b>(3) Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge depth.		Weak edges and/or wobbles may be present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of the entry or exit edge demonstrated correctly.</li> <li>Reasonable edge quality for 50% or more of exercise.</li> </ul> Reasonable balance, control, agility, form.	

## STAR 2 Free Skate (continued)

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Turn Sequence	<b>(1) Accuracy:</b> Correct skating technique, symmetry and shape of edges.		Edge comprehension developing. Thrust technique may not be properly executed. May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited knee bend, one push stronger than other, some toe-pushing.</li> </ul> 75% of the push generated from the side of the blade.	
	<b>(2) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable 75% or more of the time.</li> </ul> Body line is reasonable.	
	<b>(3) Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge depth.		Weak edges and/or wobbles may be present. 50% of the entry or exit edge demonstrated correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasonable edge quality for 50% or more of exercise.</li> </ul> Reasonable balance, control, agility, form.	
COMPONENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b><u>Presentation</u></b>	<b><u>Expression/Projection</u></b> <u>Express and project a mood, feeling, image, rhythm, or style inspired by the musical selection</u>		<u>Projection and connection to the character of the music is introduced in a performance.</u> <u>The skater demonstrates one or two movements that match the music.</u>	
<b><u>Skating Skills</u></b>	<b><u>Variety and Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements, and body control</u></b> <u>Diversity of edges/turns and clarity of edges/turns/movement and body control</u>		<u>Weak edges and turns present.</u> <u>Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance.</u> <u>Body lines are developing.</u>	
	<b><u>Power &amp; Speed (Balance, glide, and flow)</u></b> <u>Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow, and glide</u>		<u>Skater may seem slow. Generation of speed in development.</u> <u>Stride is laboured.</u>	

### **STAR 2 Overall Assessment:**

**GOLD:** At least seven assessments at the Gold level, Skating Skills at least Silver.

**SILVER:** At least seven assessments at the Silver level or higher, Skating Skills at least Silver

**BRONZE:** At least seven assessments at the Bronze level, Skating Skills at Bronze.

## STAR 3 Free Skate

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> Must be fully rotated (lacking ¼ rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.	(1) <b>Execution:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Skater demonstrates reasonable height, distance and flow for jump completion. Air position is organized and aligned.	
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump		Approach may be tentative in nature: slow and cautious. Little flow on landing.	
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form		Slight break in upright posture. May have partial extension of free leg. Slight knee bend in landing leg may be evident.	
<b>Spins</b> Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with an established centre to receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)	(1) <b>Execution:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Moderate speed of revs on majority of spins. May have slight loss of control on exit. <b>*Bwd Upright Spin must exit on spinning foot</b>	
	(2) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Ability to spin on the prescribed edge		Able to maintain proper edge on spinning foot for 2 revs or more. More than 50% of spin is centred. Skater may travel slightly on exit or when changing positions(s) and/or feet.	
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position		Position is adequate with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.	
<b>Spiral Sequence</b>	(1) <b>Position:</b> Quality of position.		Posture developing. Some slight breaks in posture acceptable. May have partial free leg extension (spiral). Position held for min 3 seconds	
	(2) <b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.	
	(3) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge depth.		Skater demonstrates moderately defined edges. Some weak edges evident on newly introduced advanced turns. Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, and agility.	

**STAR 3 Free Skate (continued)**

<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
<b><u>Presentation</u></b>	<b><u>Expression/ Projection</u></b> Express and project a mood, feeling, image, rhythm, or style inspired by the musical selection		<u>Skater's confidence, projection and commitment to the movement is developing.</u> <u>The skater demonstrates a few movements that match the musical phrasing or highlights of the music.</u>	
<b><u>Skating Skills</u></b>	<b><u>Variety and Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements, and body control</u></b> Diversity of edges/turns and clarity of edges/turns/movement and body control		<u>Skater demonstrates moderately defined edges and turns.</u> <u>Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, agility, and form.</u> <u>Body lines are reasonable.</u> <u>Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.</u>	
	<b><u>Power &amp; Speed (Balance, glide, and flow)</u></b> Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow, and glide		<u>Generation of speed is adequate. Skater uses blade pushes.</u>	

**STAR 3 Overall Assessment:**

**GOLD:** At least seven assessments at the Gold level, Presentation and Skating Skills at least Silver.

**SILVER:** At least seven assessments at the Silver level or higher, Presentation and Skating Skills at least Silver.

**BRONZE:** At least seven assessments at Bronze, Presentation and Skating Skills Bronze.



## STAR 4 Free Skate

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher.

Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Evaluation of the element cannot exceed Execution rating  <b>Must be fully rotated (lacking ¼ rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.</b>	<b>(1) Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Skater demonstrates reasonable height, distance and flow for jump completion. Air position is organized and aligned.	
	<b>(2) Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump		Approach may be tentative in nature: slow and cautious. Little flow on landing.	
	<b>(3) Landing:</b> Form		Slight break in upright posture. May have partial extension of free leg. Slight knee bend in landing leg may be evident.	
<b>Spins</b> *Evaluation of the element cannot exceed Execution rating  <b>Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with an established centre to receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)</b>	<b>(1) Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Moderate speed of revs on majority of spins. May have slight loss of control on exit. <b>*Bwd Upright Spin must exit on spinning foot</b>	
	<b>(2) Edge Quality:</b> Ability to spin on the prescribed edge		Able to maintain proper edge on spinning foot for 2 revs or more. More than 50% of spin is centred. Skater may travel slightly on exit or when changing positions(s) and/or feet.	
	<b>(3) Position:</b> Quality of Position		Position is adequate with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.	
<b>Spiral Sequence</b> *Evaluation of the element cannot exceed Position rating	<b>(1) Position*:</b> Quality of position.		Posture developing. Some slight breaks in posture acceptable. May have partial free leg extension (spiral). Position held for min. 3 seconds.	
	<b>(2) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.	
	<b>(3) Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge depth.		Skater demonstrates moderately defined edges. Some weak edges evident on newly introduced advanced turns. Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, and agility.	

**STAR 4 Free Skate (continued)**

<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>GOLD</b>
<b><u>Presentation</u></b>	<b><u>Expression/ Projection</u></b> Express and project a mood, feeling, image, rhythm, or style inspired by the musical selection		<u>Skater's confidence, projection and commitment to the movement is developing.</u> <u>The skater demonstrates a few movements that match the musical phrasing or highlights of the music.</u>	
<b><u>Skating Skills</u></b>	<b><u>Variety and Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements, and body control</u></b> Diversity of edges/turns and clarity of edges/turns/movement and body control		<u>Skater demonstrates moderately defined edges and turns.</u> <u>Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, agility, and form.</u> <u>Body lines are reasonable.</u> <u>Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.</u>	
	<b><u>Power &amp; Speed (Balance, glide, and flow)</u></b> Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow, and glide		<u>Generation of speed is adequate. Skater uses blade pushes.</u>	

**STAR 4 Overall Assessment:**

**GOLD:** At least seven assessments at the Gold level, Presentation and Skating Skills at least Silver.

**SILVER:** At least seven assessments at the Silver level or higher, Presentation and Skating Skills at least Silver.

**BRONZE:** At least seven assessments at Bronze, Presentation and Skating Skills Bronze.

**Pattern Dance**  
**STAR 2/3 Pattern Dance**  
**Partnered & Solo**

In order to assess a Focus Areas as successful (Focus Area 1, 2, or 3), it must be demonstrated correctly twice. At least two of three (2 of 3) Focus Areas must be successful for Focus Areas to be considered successful overall. If two or more Focus Areas are unsuccessful, the overall rating may not be higher than Bronze. In order to establish a Full Pattern Criteria rating, skaters must demonstrate at least the assessment points listed for the level. In Couples Pattern Dance, both skaters must display the criteria identified for that assessment level.

ELEMENTS		CRITERIA		SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL
Focus Areas 1, 2 & 3		Accuracy		100% accuracy of steps	Less than 100% accuracy of steps
CRITERIA		BRONZE (below standard)	SILVER (standard)	GOLD (above standard)	
Full Pattern	<b>Timing:</b> Ability to match the musical timing	Less than 75% of steps on time	75% correct timing of steps	100% correct timing on steps	
	<b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Style, body lines & posture	Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable 75% or more of the time</li> </ul> Body lines are developing.	Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture. Body lines are reasonable.	Skater has comfortable upright carriage and generally good posture. Skater demonstrates reasonably strong core. Body lines are generally pleasing. Movements may lack precision and appear rushed or incomplete.	
	<b>Technique:</b> Correct steps, technique, pattern	Skater executes up to 75% of steps correctly. Technique and neat foot placement are developing. Pattern shape and depth of lobes are developing.	Skater executes 75% of steps correctly with adequate technique and neat foot placement. Pattern shape may be inconsistent with limited depth of lobes.	Skater executes correct steps with mostly correct technique and generally neat foot placement. Consistent shape to pattern with limited depth of lobes.	

***\*Automatic Bronze overall rating if 2 or more Focus Areas are unsuccessful***

**STAR 2 & 3 Dance Overall Assessment:**

Gold: 2 assessments @ Gold, Timing at least Silver. Focus Areas must be successful

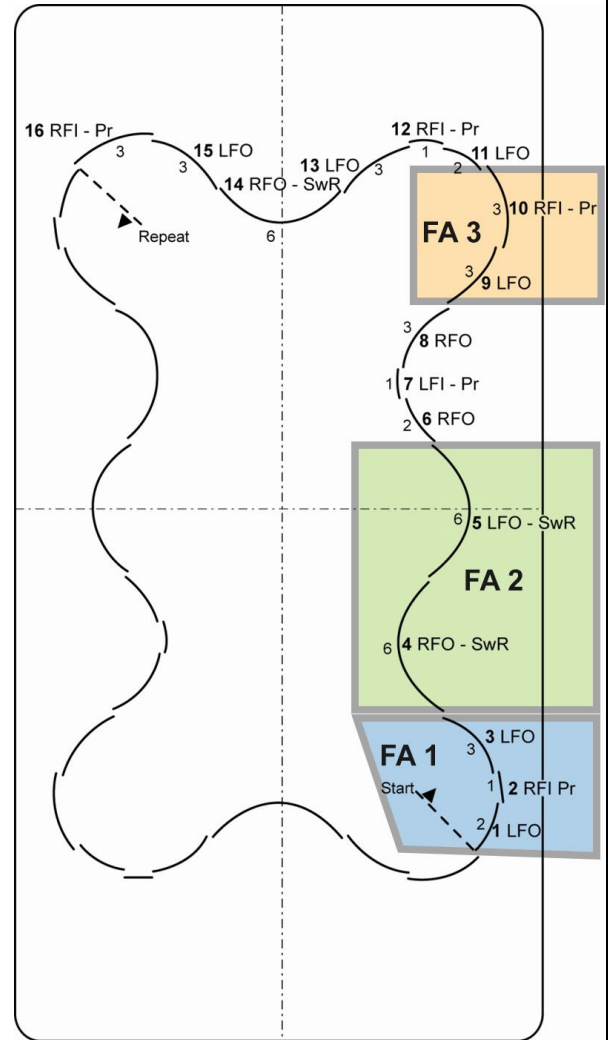
Silver: 2 assessments @ Silver or better, Timing at least Bronze. Focus Areas must be successful

Bronze: 2 assessments @ Bronze or better, Timing Bronze.

STAR 2/3 Dance Pattern Dance (continued)

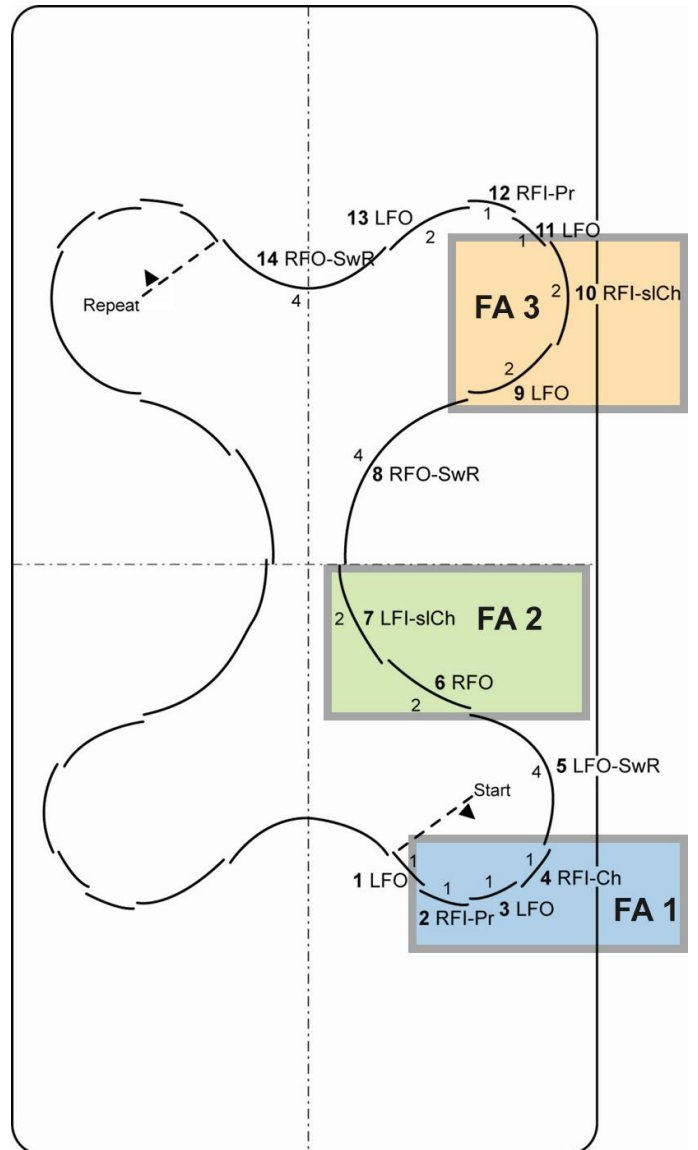
DUTCH WALTZ

REQUIREMENT	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
<b>Focus Area 1: Steps 1 - 3</b>	Skaters are expected to perform the progressive correctly (without crossover) on a strong curve with upright carriage.
<b>Focus Area 2: Steps 4 &amp; 5</b>	Skaters are expected to perform the Swing Rolls on strong, bold curves with good free leg extension. There should be an evident rise in the skating knee on both lobes.
<b>Focus Area 3: Steps 9 &amp; 10</b>	Skaters are expected to perform steps 9 & 10 as a proper progressive with the free leg on step 10 extending under and back.
CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
<b>Timing:</b> Ability to match the musical timing	Skaters are expected to demonstrate a good understanding of timing throughout the dance.
<b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Style, body line and posture.	Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture. Body lines are reasonable.
<b>Technique:</b> Correct steps, technique, pattern.	Skater executes 75% of steps correctly with adequate technique and neat foot placement. Pattern shape may be inconsistent with limited depth of lobes.



STAR 2/3 Dance Pattern Dance (continued)

<b>CANASTA TANGO</b>	
<b>REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>
<b>Focus Area 1: Steps 2 - 4</b>	Skaters should demonstrate a strong curve with proper progressive – chasse technique.
<b>Focus Area 2: Steps 6 &amp; 7</b>	Skaters should demonstrate strong blade push followed by a fully extended free foot on the slide.
<b>Focus Area 3: Steps 9 &amp; 10</b>	Skaters should demonstrate strong blade push followed by a fully extended free foot on the slide.
<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>
<b>Timing:</b> Ability to match the musical timing	Skaters are expected to demonstrate a good understanding of timing throughout the dance.
<b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Style, body line and posture.	Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture. Body lines are reasonable.
<b>Technique:</b> Correct steps, technique, pattern.	Skater executes 75% of steps correctly with adequate technique and neat foot placement. Pattern shape may be inconsistent with limited depth of lobes.



STAR 2/3 Dance Pattern Dance (continued)

**BABY BLUES**

**REQUIREMENT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

**Focus Area 1: Steps 1 - 3**  
 Skaters are expected to perform proper progressive technique with blade pushes and good free leg extension on steps 1 & 2. Step 3 should demonstrate a solid inside edge with lean change and externally rotated free foot.

**Focus Area 2: Step 7**  
 On this step the free leg will start behind for 1 beat and move in front for 1 beat while on the outside edge, executing a swing roll action. The free leg will then swing back to execute a change of edge. The FI edge will be held for 2 beats with the free leg externally rotated and skating knee bent.

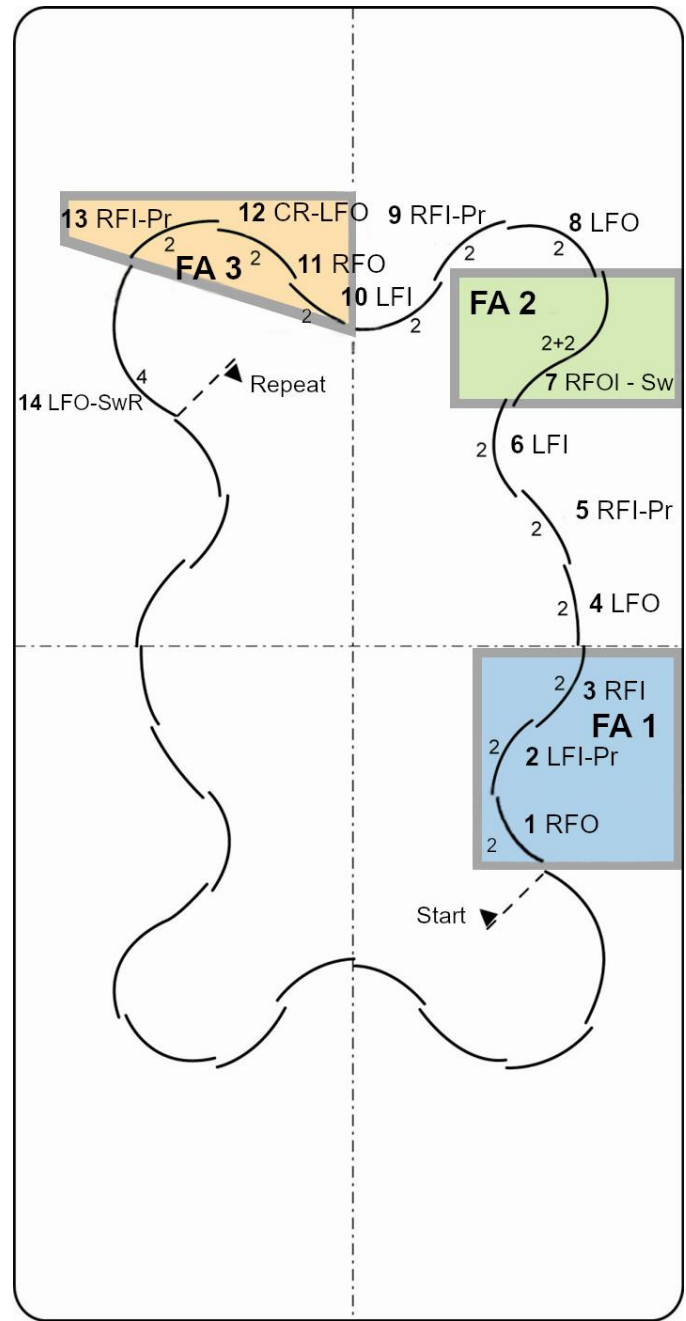
**Focus Area 3: Steps 11 - 13**  
 Skaters are expected to demonstrate a definite outside to outside lobe change on steps 11 & 12 with proper blade push and cross roll technique. Step #13 should demonstrate proper progressive technique with free leg extending under and back.

**CRITERIA ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

**Timing:**  
 Ability to match the musical timing  
 Skaters are expected to demonstrate a good understanding of timing throughout the dance.

**Carriage/Clarity:**  
 Style, body line and posture.  
 Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture. Body lines are reasonable.

**Technique:**  
 Correct steps, technique, pattern.  
 Skater executes 75% of steps correctly with adequate technique and neat foot placement. Pattern shape may be inconsistent with limited depth of lobes.



## Synchro

### STAR 3 Synchro (elements)

Mandatory requirements of the element must be achieved in order to receive a rating for that element. All elements must be stable throughout (no fall).

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS				
<b>Meets definition</b>	<b>Block:</b> Covers at least half the ice	<b>Line:</b> covers at least half the ice	<b>Intersection:</b> all skaters must pass another skater, simultaneously	<b>Rotating Element:</b> minimum 720 degrees rotation
<b>Shape and Spacing</b>	Correct shape for <b>more than 50%</b> of element. Most skaters lined up and evenly spaced.			
<b>Unison</b>	Skaters must perform the element with <b>more than 50%</b> unison.			

ELEMENTS	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Block</b> <b>Line</b> <b>Intersection</b> <b>Rotating Wheel</b> <b>Rotating Circle</b>	<b>(1) Accuracy</b> Correct skating technique, symmetry and shape of edges.		<b>Skating:</b> Skaters generally use correct skating technique and pushes from the side of the blade. Equal thrusts on both feet is evident. <b>Synchro:</b> Stable hold with some pulling or one break of hold. Minimal bumping or one collision at pi (INTERSECTION)	
	<b>(2) Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement.		Skaters have reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.	
	<b>(3) Power:</b> Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow and glide		Generation of speed is adequate. Skater generally uses blade pushes.	

### STAR 3 Synchro Overall assessment:

**GOLD:** At least 4 assessments at Gold

**SILVER:** At least 4 assessments at Silver or higher

**BRONZE:** Two assessments at Bronze

## STAR 4 Synchro (program)

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze. Mandatory requirements of the element must be achieved in order to receive a rating for that element.

All elements must be stable throughout (no fall).

### MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

<b>Definition</b>	<b>Block:</b> covers at least half the ice	<b>Line:</b> covers at least half the ice	<b>Intersection:</b> all skaters must pass another skater, simultaneously	<b>Rotating Element:</b> minimum 720 degrees rotation
<b>ELEMENT CRITERIA</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>SILVER</b>		<b>GOLD</b>
<b>Shape and Spacing</b>		Correct shape for <b>90%</b> of element. Most skaters lined up and evenly spaced.		
<b>Unison</b>		Skaters must perform the element with <b>75%</b> unison.		
<b>Execution</b>		Stable hold with some pulling or one break of hold. Minimal bumping or one collision at pi (INTERSECTION)		

PROGRAM COMPONENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Expression/Projection</b> <u>Express and project a mood feeling, image, rhythm, or style inspired by the musical selection</u>		<u>Skaters' confidence, projection and commitment to the movement is developing.</u> <u>The skater demonstrates a few movements that match the musical phrasing or highlights of the music.</u>	
<b>Skating Skills</b>	<b>(1) Variety and Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements, and body control</b> <u>Diversity of edges/turns and clarity of edges/ turns/ movement and body control</u>		<u>Skaters demonstrate moderately defined edges and turns.</u> <u>Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, agility, and form.</u> <u>Body lines are reasonable.</u> <u>Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.</u>	
	<b>(2) Power and Speed (Balance, glide, and flow)</b> <u>Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow and glide</u>		<b>Skating:</b> <u>Skaters generally use correct skating technique and pushes from the side of the blade. Equal thrusts on both feet is evident.</u> <u>Skaters demonstrate moderately defined edges.</u> <u>Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, agility and form.</u> <b>Synchro:</b> <u>Stable hold with some pulling or one break of hold. Minimal bumping or one collision at pi (INTERSECTION)</u>	

### STAR 4 Synchro overall assessment

8 Total Assessments: 5 Elements, 3 Program Components

**GOLD:** At least five assessments at the Gold level, Skating Skills at least Silver.

**SILVER:** At least five assessments at the Silver level or higher, Skating Skills at least Silver.

**BRONZE:** Five assessments at Bronze, Skating Skills Bronze.



**Showcase and Creative Improv**  
**Showcase Level 1 & 2**  
**Creative Improv Level 1 & 2**

The Program Component rating will be determined by the assessment of the published criteria with at least 2 assessments at a level or higher. Any Program Component with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze. In Group and Production Showcase events, the majority of skaters must display the criteria identified for that assessment level.

PROGRAM COMPONENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b><u>Presentation</u></b>	<b><u>Expression/ Projection</u></b> Express and project a mood, feeling, image, rhythm, or style inspired by the musical selection		<u>Projection and connection to the character of the music is introduced in a performance.</u> <u>The skater demonstrates one or two movements that match the music.</u>	
<b><u>Skating Skills</u></b>	<b><u>(1) Variety and Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements, and body control</u></b> Diversity of edges/turns and clarity of edges/ turns/ movement and body control <b><u>(Skating Skills 1)</u></b>		<u>Weak edges and turns present.</u> <u>Skater may demonstrate weak core and unstable posture with inconsistent or weak balance.</u> <u>Body lines are developing.</u>	
	<b><u>(2) Power &amp; Speed (Balance, glide, and flow)</u></b> Varied use of power, speed, acceleration, flow, and glide <b><u>(Skating Skills 2)</u></b>		<u>Skater may seem slow. Generation of speed in development. Stride is laboured.</u>	

**Overall Assessment:**

Gold: All three criteria assessments at the Gold level

Silver: At least two criteria assessments at the Silver level or higher.

Bronze: At least two criteria assessments at the Bronze or higher level.

## **Elements and Team Elements**

### **Mandatory Requirements for Elements and Team Elements:**

**Jumps:** Must be fully rotated (lacking  $\frac{1}{4}$  rotation or less) with correct take-off to receive a Silver rating.

**Spins:** Must meet the definition of basic position(s) achieved with established centre receive a Silver rating. (To be assessed a spin must have a minimum of 3 revs total.)

### **STAR 2 to STAR 4 Elements and Team Elements**

STAR 2 to STAR 4 Elements use the same assessment criteria as used for the STAR 2 to STAR 4 Freeskate events.

### **Overall Assessment:**

Gold: At least two elements assessed at Gold. No element assessed below Silver.

Silver: At least two elements assessed at the Silver level or higher. No element assessed below Bronze.

Bronze: At least two elements assessed at the Bronze or higher level.

## STAR 5 Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.	Skater demonstrates reasonable height, distance and flow for jump completion. Air position is organized and aligned.		Single jumps demonstrate good height and distance. Air position is organized. Double jump height and distance may be minimal. Air position is somewhat controlled and aligned.
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.	Approach may be tentative in nature: slow and cautious. Little flow on landing.		Single rotation jump approach is confident with strong flow in and out. Axel or double jump approach may be tentative, slow and cautious. Little flow on landing.
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Slight break in upright posture. May have partial extension of free leg. Slight knee bend in landing leg may be evident.		Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit	Moderate speed of revs on majority of spins. May have slight loss of control on exit.		Moderate speed of revs throughout spin. May have slight loss of control on exit. Flying spin may demonstrate minimal height and poor air position.
	(2) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Ability to spin on the prescribed edge	Able to maintain proper edge on spinning foot for 2 revs or more. More than 50% of spin is centred. Skater may travel slightly on exit or when changing position(s) and/or feet.		Moderate speed of rotation throughout spin, with some positions demonstrating a quicker rotation. Centre established for majority of the spin.
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Position is adequate with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.		Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.
<b>Spiral Sequence</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating	(1) <b>Positions*:</b> Quality of positions in spiral	Posture developing. Some slight breaks in posture acceptable. May have partial free leg extension (spiral).		Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.
	(2) <b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement	Skater has reasonable upright carriage with some break in posture.		The skater has reasonable upright carriage. Body positions are generally pleasing. Movements may appear rushed or incomplete.
	(3) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge quality in the spirals	Skater demonstrates moderately defined edges.. Skater demonstrates reasonable balance, control, and agility.		Edges correct but may be shallow. Skater demonstrates some examples of control and balance but may be limited.

## STAR 6 Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Single jumps demonstrate good height and distance. Air position is organized. Double jump height and distance may be minimal. Air position is somewhat controlled and aligned.	
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.		Single rotation jump approach is confident with strong flow in and out. Axel or double jump approach may be tentative, slow and cautious. Little flow on landing.	
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Poor form with limited free leg extension and knee/ankle bend. Held for less than 1 second.	Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.	Good form with full free leg extension and good knee/ankle bend. Held for more than 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  <i>Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points</i>	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Moderate speed of revs throughout spin. May have slight loss of control on exit. Flying spin may demonstrate minimal height and poor air position.	
	(2) <b>Centring:</b> # revolutions with an established centre		Spin may centre slowly. Skater may travel slightly on exit or when changing position and/or feet.	
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
<b>Spiral Sequence</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating	(1) <b>Positions*:</b> Quality of positions in spiral	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
	(2) <b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement		The skater has reasonable upright carriage. Body positions are generally pleasing. Movements may appear rushed or incomplete.	
	(3) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge quality in the spirals		Edges correct but may be shallow. Skater demonstrates some examples of control and balance but may be limited.	

## STAR 7/8 Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Reasonable jump height and distance. Air position is mostly controlled and aligned.	
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.		Moderate speed on approach. Flow on landing apparent.	
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Poor form with limited free leg extension and knee/ankle bend. Held for less than 1 second.	Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.	Good form with full free leg extension and good knee/ankle bend. Held for more than 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  <i>Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points</i>	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Good speed of revs throughout spin. Exit is mostly controlled. Flying spin demonstrates moderate height and air position.	
	(2) <b>Centring:</b> # revolutions with an established centre		Spin generally centred. Skater can mostly maintain centre when changing position and/or feet from entry to exit.	
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
<b>Spiral Sequence</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating	(1) <b>Positions*:</b> Quality of positions in spiral	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
	(2) <b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement		Skater carries themselves with good posture. Core balance is generally strong and body lines are pleasing. Movements are generally precise.	
	(3) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge quality in the spirals		Edges correct with some depth demonstrated. Moderate balance and control demonstrated.	

## STAR 9/10 Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher. Any element with two or more assessment points scored at Bronze shall result in an overall rating of Bronze.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.	Reasonable jump height and distance. Air position is mostly controlled and aligned.		Good jump height and distance. Air position strong throughout.
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.	Moderate speed on approach. Flow on landing apparent.		Good speed on approach. Good flow on landing.
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Poor form with limited free leg extension and knee/ankle bend. Held for less than 1 second.	Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.	Good form with full free leg extension and good knee/ankle bend. Held for more than 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit	Good speed of revs throughout spin. Exit is mostly controlled. Flying spin demonstrates moderate height and air position.		Strong and consistent speed of revs throughout spin. Exit is controlled. Flying spin demonstrates good height and air position.
	(2) <b>Centring:</b> # revolutions with an established centre	Spin generally centred. Skater can mostly maintain centre when changing position and/or feet from entry to exit.		Spin centres quickly. Skater can maintain centre when changing position(s) and/or feet from entry to exit.
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.

## Gold Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher.

Any element with two or more assessment points scored at **Bronze** shall result in an overall rating of **Bronze**.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Good jump height and distance. Air position strong throughout.	
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.		Good speed on approach. Good flow on landing.	
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Poor form with limited free leg extension and knee/ankle bend. Held for less than 1 second.	Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.	Good form with full free leg extension and good knee/ankle bend. Held for more than 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Strong and consistent speed of revs throughout spin. Exit is controlled. Flying spin demonstrates good height and air position.	
	(2) <b>Centring:</b> # revolutions with an established centre		Spin centres quickly. Skater can maintain centre when changing position(s) and/or feet from entry to exit.	
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.

## Open Elements and Team Elements

In order to establish an element rating, skaters must acquire 2 or more assessments at a level or higher.

Any element with two or more assessment points scored at **Bronze** shall result in an overall rating of **Bronze**.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<b>Jumps</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Execution rating	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Jump flight qualities.		Reasonable jump height and distance. Air position is mostly controlled and aligned.	
	(2) <b>Speed/Flow:</b> Speed & Flow in and out of jump.		Moderate speed on approach. Flow on landing apparent.	
	(3) <b>Landing:</b> Form	Poor form with limited free leg extension and knee/ankle bend. Held for less than 1 second.	Solid form with moderate free leg extension and adequate knee/ankle bend. Held for 1 second.	Good form with full free leg extension and good knee/ankle bend. Held for more than 1 second.
<b>Spins</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating  Spins with less than 3 revs total will be assessed as Bronze overall regardless of assessment points	(1) <b>Execution*:</b> Speed of revolutions (revs), control, entry/exit		Good speed of revs throughout spin. Exit is mostly controlled. Flying spin demonstrates moderate height and air position.	
	(2) <b>Centring:</b> # revolutions with an established centre		Spin generally centred. Skater can mostly maintain centre when changing position and/or feet from entry to exit.	
	(3) <b>Position:</b> Quality of Position	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate. <b>Basic positions:</b> have good extension and body lines.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
<b>Spiral Sequence</b> *Element assessment cannot exceed Positions rating	(1) <b>Positions*:</b> Quality of positions in spiral	Poor position with limited extension. Break in body lines apparent.	Solid position with moderate extension. Body lines are adequate.	Good position with full extension. Body lines are pleasing.
	(2) <b>Carriage/Clarity:</b> Carriage and clarity of movement		Skater carries themselves with good posture. Core balance is generally strong and body lines are pleasing. Movements are generally precise.	
	(3) <b>Edge Quality:</b> Balance, control and edge quality in the spirals		Edges correct with some depth demonstrated. Moderate balance and control demonstrated.	