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SYNCRHONIZED SKATING

Wheel Variation

Question: Free Skating

What is the call for a wheel when executing a creative innovation if some of the skaters are not skating as a spoke of a wheel and the skaters are not attached to a spoke?

Answer:

According to the ISU Regulations on page 128 - A variation of a wheel configuration is defined as: a deviation of a basic wheel shape where skaters are attached to the wheel or a spoke rotating around a pivot point. The skaters nearest the pivot point may or may not be joined at the centre of the wheel or its' variation.

If a circular shape or even half of a circular shape is being executed separately from a spoke(s) of a wheel, (the spokes are not attached to the circle) then this shape can not be counted as creative modification or variation of a wheel element. This type of movement could be executed as a transition between two other shapes of a wheel without penalty.

This means that if there is a circle rotating and passing through/between skaters' who are in a spoke and the skaters of the circular shape are not attached to the spoke, the wheel formation cannot be counted as a shape.

Therefore this modification will not be considered as a deviation of a basic wheel shape and the difficult variation of two different configurations will not be counted.

NOT COUNTED AS A WHEEL CONFIGURATION

