

Communication No. 2370

SINGLE & PAIR SKATING, ICE DANCE

Adjustments to Rule 378 for

Entries in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021

Introduction

Considering the limited number of International Figure Skating Competitions during the ongoing season 2020/21 the ISU Council decided to adjust the procedure for obtaining the Minimum Total Elements Scores for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 as follows:

1. Minimum Score

The following general principles remain valid:

- The fundamentals of Rule 378, paragraph 3.
- The quality of skating at ISU Championships shall be maintained.
- The number of entries at ISU Championships shall be kept in the same range as previously.

Skaters/Pairs/Couples participating in the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 must have reached the applicable Minimum Technical Elements Score (for SP/RD and FS/FD) as per the Announcement of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 and Communication no. 2332, point 4, i.e.

	SP/RD	FS/FD
MEN	34.00	64.00
LADIES	30.00	51.00
PAIR SKATING	27.00	44.00
ICE DANCE	33.00	47.00

1.1. Minimum Total Element Score –Validity extended to 3 Seasons

The Minimum Total Element Score must have been achieved in the ongoing season (2020/21) or the preceding two seasons (2019/20 and 2018/19).

The full list of Minimum Total Element Scores considering 3 seasons can be viewed here: [ISU Statistics](#)

1.2 Junior Skaters moving to Seniors in 2020/21

A required Minimum Total Element Score achieved in an International Junior Competition during the three seasons as per paragraph 1.1 above is valid to enter the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021.

2. Virtual evaluation based on taped programs

In addition, Members with Skaters with no Minimum Total Elements Score or who have not reached the Minimum Total Element Score, may send in videos of the programs of such Skaters for virtual evaluation.

The videos will be evaluated by a Panel of Officials appointed by the respective ISU Technical Committee and approved by the ISU Vice-President consisting of:

Technical Panel

- A Technical Controller
- Two Technical Specialists
- One Data Operator
- One Video Operator
- One Result Calculation Computer Operator

At least one member of the corresponding ISU Technical Committee will act as a Technical Controller and/or Technical Specialist.

The members of each individual Technical Panel must be from different ISU Members. The Technical Panel members must have the qualification of "ISU".

Judges Panel

- 1 Referee (from the corresponding ISU Technical Committee)
- 5 judges with the qualification ISU Judge from different ISU Members.

The Official's Panel will evaluate the recorded performances for Technical Elements score only.

The achievement of the Minimum Technical Element Score in such video evaluation is valid to enter the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021.

If a Skater competes at an International Competition after receiving the results of such video evaluation, the better of the results is considered.

The Technical Element Score earned through video evaluation, will only be valid for entry to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021. After these Championships, the respective score will be deleted and replaced either by the score earned at these Championships or by the previous highest score earned by the Skater/Pair/Couple.

2.1 Entries for Video Evaluation

Members may enter their Skaters/Couples for Video Evaluation as follows:

- Only Skaters/Pairs/Couples missing the Minimum Total Element Score to enter the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021, who are not covered by paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2, may be entered.
- For Members entitled to 1 entry, only 1 Skater/Pair/Couple (including substitutes) may be entered.
- For Members entitled to 2 or 3 entries, only 2 Skaters/Pairs/Couples (including substitutes) may be entered.
- Entries must be done in ORS.
- PPC information must be entered on the ISU Portal for all participants. If PPC information is not submitted or incomplete the respective entry will NOT be considered.

2.2. Deadline for Entries for Video Evaluation

ORS will open for entries on **February 5, 2021** and close on **February 16, 2021 at 23:59 Central European Time**.

Once entered the Members/Skaters will have 72h to submit their videos for evaluation (see details in below para 2.3 **with last videos submission on February 19, 2021 at 23:59 Central European Time**).

Any entries and/or videos received after the above-mentioned deadlines will under NO circumstances be accepted.

Once Skaters are entered, the Members will receive a link to where the videos can be uploaded. Video files must be named following the below sample:

Singles:

NAT_Category_Segment_FAMILYNAME-GivenName

SUI_Men_SP_SCHMIDT-Urs

SUI_Ladies_FS_HUBER-Julia

Pairs / Ice Dance:

NAT_Category_Segment_FAMILYNAME-FAMILYNAME

SUI_IceDance_RD_HUBER-SCHMIDT

2.3 Video submission

- Members shall submit videos only for programs for which the respective Skater/Pair/Couple is missing the required Minimum Total Element Score. I.e., if only the Short Program score is missing, then only a Short Program video may be sent.
- Only 1 video per program, per Skater/Pair/Couple may be submitted.
- Only SENIOR programs fulfilling the rules and regulations for the 2020/21 season may be submitted.
- In case a Skater/Pair/Couple is missing the Minimal Technical Element Score in both programs (SP/RD and FS/FD), both programs must be video recorded within 3 consecutive days.
- The ISU Member must send the Notification Form (Appendix A) to the ISU when entering the respective Skater in ORS. The ISU Member has 72h time to submit the video(s) for evaluation.
- When submitting the video(s), the respective ISU Member must confirm that the program was performed only once at the time indicated in the Appendix B, and the video(s) submitted represent these performances.
- Guidelines for video requirements are attached in Appendix C.

2.4 Evaluation

The results of the evaluation will be communicated no later than March 1 – 12:00 (noon) CET in order to meet the March 1 entry deadline for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021.

Please note that all the above temporary adjustments of Rule 378 apply for entries in the 2021 ISU World Figure Skating Championships only.

Tubbergen,
February 2, 2021
Lausanne,

Jan Dijkema, President

Fredi Schmid, Director General

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Virtual Evaluation to achieve ISU Minimum Total Element Score

NOTIFICATION FORM

ISU Member

Name of skater/couple

Men Ladies Pairs Ice Dance

Coaches and
Choreographers

Segments for which a video will be provided:

Short Program / Rhythm Dance

Free Skating / Free Dance

Member's President or Director General
(full name)

Signature

Place and date:

The above-mentioned skaters must be registered in ORS for the "TES Video Evaluation". The planned program content must be entered in the ISU Portal. Without this, the video will not be evaluated.

Please e-mail to:
ISU Secretariat: Entries@isu.ch

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Virtual Evaluation to achieve ISU Minimum Total Element Score

CONFIRMATION FORM

ISU Member:

Skater/Couple:

Men Ladies Pairs Ice Dance

Segment:

Short Program / Rhythm Dance

Date Performed

Time Performed

Free Skating / Free Dance

Date Performed

Time Performed

Location filmed:
(City & Country)

By signing below, I certify that the information is true and correct:

Member's President or Director General
(full name)

Signature

Skater's name(s)

Signature

Place and date:

This form must be filled and returned to the ISU at the same time as the video(s) of the performance(s) are submitted.

Providing false information is a violation of the ISU Code of Ethics and will be addressed accordingly. In order for the recorded performance(s) to count, the program(s) was (were) performed under all given requirements:

- Performed on the date and time as specified above
- Performance was attempted one time only
- Submitted video is of the performance of the date/time indicated above
- Submitted video has not been altered from the original performance performed at the date/time indicated above

Please e-mail to:

ISU Secretariat: entries@isu.ch

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Virtual Evaluation to achieve ISU Minimum Total Element Score

GUIDELINES

Video Requirements

Camera Position

- The camera must be elevated and if possible situated close to where a Technical Panel would be seated on the judge/technical panel side of the rink (approximately at center ice)
- The camera must remain in one place and remain stationary during the recording
- Use a wide angle/wide screen.
- If recording with a mobile phone ONLY the landscape orientation is acceptable
- Use the camera zoom feature keeping the Skater(s) close when (if) they move to the opposite end of the rink
- Ensure that music is clear since the judges require music to evaluate GOE
- Ensure that the lighting on the ice-surface is at competition level (LUX 1500) if possible
- Skater(s) submit a day and time when they will record at the beginning of the video by holding a phone in front of the camera that shows the date and time they selected. *

* As an example, the week of February 10 – 16 is chosen and a Skater/Pair/Couple has a practice session from 14:00 to 18:00 each day. They submit on their Application form (Appendix B) that they will perform their Short Program/ Rhythm Dance on February 10 at 15:30 and their Free Program/Free Dance on February 11 at 17:00.

How to film:

If using a phone or tablet you need to film in landscape mode (turn the phone horizontally for a wide view). Follow these instructions:

1. Go to Settings→Camera→Record Video for iPhones or open your camera application for Android, choose “Camera settings” and select “Rear Video Size” resolution 1080 at 60 fps
2. Choose 1080p at 60p
3. Switch to Airplane Mode
4. Make sure there is enough space available on your phone to record. Recommend at least 2GB of available space.
5. Clean your camera lens.

Video Format

Video files have various formats that are indicated in the file title. MP4 is the indication of the file type or format. This is automatically added when the video is created. **MP4** files work best. If you have saved your file in another format, there could be some loss of resolution (blurry). WAV files are often low resolution and will result in an unclear picture. **AVI** files (often the default on a Mac computer) should be changed to MP4.

Video files must be named following the below sample:

Singles:

NAT_Category_Segment_FAMILYNAME-GivenName

SUI_Men_SP_SCHMIDT-Urs

SUI_Ladies_FS_HUBER-Julia

Pairs / Ice Dance:
NAT_Category_Segment_FAMILYNAME-FAMILYNAME
SUI_IceDance_RD_HUBER-SCHMIDT

The video must be date and time stamped on the recording prior to the athlete performing the program.

Participants will receive an invitation to upload the video(s) to the designated platform.