

Original Compulsory Dance Judging Rubric 2025-2026

For sorting purposes, please ensure that the skater's name is included in the diagram heading. This information will be redacted before the judging panel reviews it.

	0 to 2 Points Poor	3 to 6 Points Fair/Average	7 to 10 Points Good/Excellent
1- Document Appearance, Font, and Format	Minimally legible	The document is mostly complete	Easy to read and follow
2- Heading to include: Music, Pattern, Axis, Tempo, Position, and Intended Event(s)	2 components met	3- 4 components met	5-6 components met
3- Dance Notes and Key Points	- Dance Notes not Clear - Has optional Steps - Too many modified versions - Confusing	The step description is adequate	- Easy to understand and clearly stated - Unique timing or complex steps are clearly described
4- List of Steps	No list of Steps	List of steps present but not properly formatted	- Steps are in a table/grid - Step numbers and musical beats are listed for each step - Step abbreviations are correct and complete
5- Diagram drawing (including axes where needed)	Poorly Hand Drawn	- Accurately hand-drawn or computer-generated - Looks professional	- Accurately hand-drawn or computer-generated - Looks professional - Baselines w/ long & short axis noted as needed
6- Diagram beats and Counts	- No beat markings or counts listed - Has only beat marking or count listed, but not both	Has beat and count listed, but do not line up with the step	The diagram has accurate labeling of all beats and counts
7- Diagram step number and step abbreviations	No step number or steps listed	Step numbers and step abbreviations are present	- Steps line up with the drawn steps - Steps are listed with all accurate descriptions indicating the type of step (S, RC, DC, Mhk, 3T)
8- Readiness for Publication	The document needs major alterations	The document could be published with minor changes	The document could be immediately published
9- The appropriate Difficulty Level for the intended event is stated in the document heading	Dance is not at an appropriate skill level for the intended event	- Dance is at an appropriate level for some skaters - Trick steps may make it difficult for some	Dance is at an appropriate skill level for the majority of skaters in the intended event
10- Rhythm & Timing	Dance is not within the chosen Rhythm for the year	- Counting 1-2-3-4 or 1-2-3-4-5-6 - The tempo of the dance is appropriate for the level and the Rhythm	- Dance is unique, and has creative steps or combinations of steps - Steps enhance the theme or rhythm