2026 Reminders and Clarifications from the Artistic Sport Committee

2026 World Skate Compulsory & Style Dance Reminder

This is a reminder regarding the technical requirements for **World Skate** dance sequences, including compulsory and style dance. When competing, all skaters and couples must complete their designated pattern(s) and perform the subsequent next step of the dance while strictly adhering to the specified musical timing. Accurate duration of each step is critical. For example, if the first step (or the next step in the sequence) is a two-beat hold, it must be held for exactly two beats to meet the required standards.

Please be aware that if the required step is not repeated or executed with incorrect musical timing, it will be recorded as a "wrong first step." This error results in a 0.5-point deduction from the total score.

Further clarification:

- If a style dance includes steps 1–19, step 20 is the "next step" that must be performed.
- For dances that complete a full pattern, step 1 must be repeated.

2026 World Skate Free Skating Reminder

- **Cadet-Senior**: Jump combination in short program reduced to 2-3 jumps, including connecting jumps.
- **Espoir-Senior**: if a skater uses a toeloop, a saving toeloop, or if the Technical Panel determines that the combination jump has been "saved" – for example, but not limited to:
    - A step-out followed by a three-turn
    - A half thoren and three turn
    - A fall-out with one or both hands on the floor

The technical panel will call "saved," and the entire combination jump will receive only 50% of its base value.

- **Tot Free**: at least one toe loop and salchow as a solo jump and/or in combination must be present
- **Flip & Lutz**: A maximum of three (3) Flip and/or Lutz jumps combined is permitted per program. Any excess flip or lutz jump will be starred out and receive no value. If the skater declares Lutz in the program content sheet but performs a Flip, it will be called as "Lutz no edge." If the skater does not declare Lutz on the content sheet, the jump will automatically be called a flip.

2026 Domestic Free Skating Reminder

Please ensure that all routines strictly adhere to the jump and spin requirements specified in the official requirement grid.

Be advised that any elements performed that are not included in the provided list of requirements can result in a penalty.

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2026 World Skate Costume Rules Clarifications

World Skate Figures

For all World Skate **Figure** events (Cadet-Sr) held at USA Roller Sports domestic competitions or qualifying Championships (including Regional and National Championships), World Skate costume rules do **not** apply. Please see the 2026 USA Roller Sports Costume Rule Clarification for further clarification

Free Skating, Pairs, Dance, and Show Disciplines

For all USA Roller Sports domestic competitions or qualifying championships (including Regional and National Championships), World Skate costume rules are mandatory for all **Jr** and **Sr** categories in the following disciplines:

• Free Skating and Pairs
• Solo and Couples Dance
• Quartet, Precision, and Show

Please see General 2026 - Official Regulation Artistic.pdf updt 2508.pdf for further clarification.

2026 World Skate Figure Draw Clarifications

Figures or loops that do not have an "A" or "B" designation are excluded from the alternating pattern. When determining the rotation, skip these items and continue the pattern with the next designated figure.

Example Application:

If a sequence draws "B" as the starting foot, the pattern would be applied as follows:

- Figure 13 (No letter designated): Skipped.
- Figure 19: Assigned "B".
- Figure 15 (No letter designated): Skipped.
- Figure 20: Assigned "A" (following the B, A rotation).

Final Sequence:

13
19B
15
20A

Please remember that all groupings will skate in the order shown on the requirement grid.

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2026 Team USA Costume Clarification

Please be advised that Team USA costumes are not authorized for use during any domestically sanctioned competitive events. However, they are permitted for use during training sessions.

2026 Domestic Dance Reminder

Please be advised that **all** of the 2025-2026 domestic dance diagrams are available within the "2025-2026 Dance Book". This resource is the official standard for the season and is located on the USA Roller Sports website.

Link to access the 2025-2026 Dance Book: 2025-2026 USARS Dance Book 09.04.2025.pdf

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Most Frequently Asked Questions sent to the Figure Rules Committee

Question: In the Open Show group, are we allowed to put a piece of a costume or a prop at the side of the floor?
Answer: *In Open Show, a piece of the costume or a prop is not to be left on the ground before, during, or after the performance. For further reference, see the Youth Rule Book-AR YD.1107.*

Question: If I hold an AC1, AC2, AC3, or Elite Coaches certification, am I allowed to compete in the adult Silver Division?
Answer: *Coaches who are not actively coaching at the National Championships are eligible to compete in the Silver division, provided they meet the eligibility requirements based on their previous National placements. For further reference, see the Adult Rule Book- AR AD.106*

Question: If a skater places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a B event at the National Championships, are they eligible to skate the next higher B age division in subsequent seasons?
Answer: *Any skater who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a "B" event at the National Championships—provided the event had six or more contestants—is no longer eligible to compete in that discipline in the future. This ruling remains in effect regardless of any name changes or age-based event splits to the B events. For further reference, see the Youth Rule Book- AR YD.105*

Question: If a skater places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a Primary A event at the National Championships, are they eligible to skate the next higher B age division?
Answer: *Any skater who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the Primary A event at the National Championships—provided the event had six or more contestants—is **not** eligible to skate a B event in that same discipline in subsequent seasons. For further reference, see the Youth Rule Book- AR.YD.105*

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Question: If a skater made finals at Nationals in an A event and did not place, are they eligible to skate a B event as they age into the next higher age division?
Answer: *Skaters who have qualified to skate the final at the National Championship in an A event (where there was an elimination) are no longer to compete in a B-level event in that discipline. For further reference, see the Youth Rule Book- AR.YD.105(c)*