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CATEGORY (TIME)	INTERSECTION	PIVOTING ELEMENT	TRAVELLING ELEMENT	NO HOLD ELEMENT	MOVE ELEMENT	TWIZZLE ELEMENT	ARTISTIC ELEMENT / MIXED ELEMENT	LINEAR / ROTATING ELEMENT	ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS
STAR 6 (max 3:10) Max Level 2 2 PCs: Presentation & Skating Skills	Max 1 (pi optional)	Choice of Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible) or Line (2 parallel lines as equal as possible) Must be different shape from Linear/ Rotating Element	Max 1 Must include <u>circle</u> shape (feature: change of element shape is permitted)	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional) There must be at least one Twizzle <u>on each foot</u> included within the Element	Max 1 All skaters must <u>start</u> in an unsupported spiral or unsupported spiral variation; <u>second fm is permitted only as part of a feature</u> ; max 2 different types of fm *ME Max Level 1	N/A	N/A	Choice of Block, Line, or <u>Wheel</u> Must be different shape from Pivoting Element	N/A
STAR 8 (max 3:10) Max Level 2 2 PCs: Presentation & Skating Skills	Max 1 (pi optional)	Choice Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible) or Line (2 parallel lines as equal as possible) Must be different shape from Artistic Element	Max 1 Must include <u>circle</u> shape (feature: change of element shape is permitted)	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional) There must be at least one Twizzle <u>on each foot</u> included within the Element	Max 1 Max 2 different types of fm	N/A	Choice of Block, Line, or <u>Wheel</u> Must be different shape from pivoting element	N/A	N/A
Gold (3:30 ±0:10)	Max 1 (pi optional)	<u>Closed</u> Block	Max 1	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional)	Max 1 Max 4 different types of fm, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time	Max 1	Choice of Block, Circle, Line or Wheel	N/A	SYS Spin Element
Open (4:00 ±0:10)	Max 1 (pi optional)	<u>Closed</u> Block	Max 1	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional)	Max 1 Max 4 different types of fm, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time	Max 1	Choice of Artistic – Block, Circle, Line, Wheel, or Mixed Element	N/A	Choice of SYS Spin Element or Pair Element and Choice of Creative Element – Lift (see Open Cr requirements) OR Artistic Element (Artistic Elements must be different shapes)

Please note: Levels subject to change based on ISU



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Novice (3:30 ±0:10)	Max 1 (pi optional)	Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible)	Max 1	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional)	Max 1 Max four different types of fm, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time	Max 1	Choice of Block, Circle, Line, or Wheel	SYS Spin Element
Junior Short (max 2:50)	Whip Intersection (pi required)	<u>Closed</u> Block using three lines as equal as possible	N/A	Max 1 open block (features required; max sB)	Max 1 All skaters must start in same fm; different feet are permitted; second fm is permitted only as part of a feature, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time; <u>block feature is required</u>	Max 1	N/A	N/A
Junior Free (3:30 ±0:10)	Max 2 Must be different, whip intersection not permitted (pi will be called, if included)	N/A	Max 1	Max 1 closed block (step sequence required; features not permitted – max NHEB)	See Additional Elements	N/A	Choice of Block or Line	Creative Element – Group Lift(s) SYS Spin Element Choice of Move element (max 4 different types of fm permitted; only 2 different types of fms permitted at the same time) OR Pair element
Senior / Senior Elite Short (max 2:50)	Angled Intersection (pi required)	N/A	Max 1	Max 1 closed block (step sequence required; features not permitted – max NHEB)	Max 1 All skaters must start in same fm; different feet are permitted; second fm is permitted only as part of a feature, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time; <u>block feature is required</u>	N/A	N/A	SYS Spin Element
Senior / Senior Elite Free (4:00 ±0:10)	<u>Max 1</u> Angled not permitted (pi will be called, if included)	Closed Block: must use pyramid or diamond shape	N/A	Max 1 closed or open block (NHE level will be called if features are included; max sB)	Max 1 Max 4 different types of fm, only 2 different types of fm permitted at the same time; block feature not permitted.	Max 1	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Creative Element – Intersection (angled intersection not permitted; all skaters must execute a SM/IM at the axis of intersection)</u> Creative Element – Lift(s) Group Lift Element Pair Element



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Adult I (max 3:10)	Max 1 (pi optional)	Choice of Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible) or Line (2 parallel lines as equal as possible) <i>Must be different shape from Artistic Elements</i>	Max 1 <i>Must include <u>circle</u> shape (feature: change of element shape is permitted)</i>	Max 1 closed block (step sequence optional)	N/A	N/A	Max 1 Block or Line (<i>Must be different shape from Pivoting Element</i>) and Max 1 <u>Wheel</u>	N/A	N/A
Adult II (max 3:10) Max Level 2	Max 1 (pi optional)	Choice of Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible)) or Line (2 parallel lines as equal as possible) <i>Must be different shape from Artistic and Linear/Rotating Elements</i>	Max 1 <i>Must include <u>circle</u> shape (feature: change of element shape is permitted)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Choice of Block, Line, or <u>Wheel</u> <i>Must be different shape from Linear/Rotating and Pivoting Elements</i>	Choice of Block, Line, or <u>Wheel</u> <i>Must be different shape from Artistic and Pivoting Elements</i>	N/A
Adult III (max 2:40) Max Level 1*	Max 1 (pi optional) <i>Must be executed with a face-to-face approach</i> *Intersection Max Level B + pi Max Level B	Choice of Closed Block (3 or 4 lines, as equal as possible) or Line (must be in two parallel lines) <i>Must be different shape from Linear/Rotating Elements</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Max 1 Block or Line (<i>Must be different shape from Pivoting Element</i>) Max 1 Circle Max 1 Wheel	N/A



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Note: The NHE, TwE, and SySp may be skated in any order. If two of these elements follow one another, there must be a clear difference between the two elements such as:

- a different element shape is required at the start of the next element,
OR
- a connection in-between the two elements.

Definitions:

****Open Creative Element – Lift Requirements:**

- At least one skater must be lifted off the ice for more than three seconds.
- All skaters must participate in creating the picture of the Creative Element – Lift.
- The element may include group and/or pair lifts.
- Stationary lifts are permitted.
- Lift Definitions: [Skate Canada Defined Terms](#)