



TECHNICAL MEMO

Date: March 8, 2011
To: BC/YT Section Board, Officials, Coaches & Clubs
From: Janice Hunter, Technical Committee Chair
RE: Program Requirements for VISI and VDI – Pre-Juvenile to Novice

Skate Canada has recently published changes to the program content requirements for the 2011-2012 season for Pre-Juvenile to Novice Categories. The BC/YT Section always endeavors to introduce changes put forward by Skate Canada and the ISU in a timely manner. Therefore, in BC, transitioning to this new set of requirements will begin at the first of the Super Series competitions – Vancouver Island Skate International. **Detailed explanation follows as to how the changes for each level will be implemented so that no skater is at a disadvantage if they have a new program or if they are using their 2010-2011 program. Please note that I am only indicating the specific elements that are changing for 2011-2012. For complete details of all program criteria, please refer to the Skate Canada document that is posted on our Technical Page titled '2011-2012 Recommended Program Requirements'. This document also provides new information regarding bonus points and the removal of the fall deduction during elements.**

It is expected that all skaters will adhere to the new requirements for Victoria Day Interclub Competition in May.

If you have any questions as to the required program content, please contact Janice Hunter janicedhunter@shaw.ca

1. Pre-Juvenile Women and Men

NEW maximum 6 jump elements instead of 7.

VISI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 6th jump will be invalidated.

VDI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 7th jump (not permitted). As well, the 6th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type jump. **For VDI, make sure there are only 6 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump.**

NEW spiral sequence for both women and men.

VISI - skaters can perform a step or a spiral sequence as per 2010-2011 season and receive full points.

VDI - skaters must do the spiral sequence. If a step sequence is also performed, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

2. Juvenile Women and Juvenile Men

NEW maximum 6 jump elements instead of 7.

VISI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 6th jump will be invalidated.

VDI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 7th jump (not permitted). As well, the 6th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type jump. **For VDI, make sure there are only 6 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump.**

NEW step sequence for both women and men.

VISI - skaters can perform a step or a spiral sequence as per 2010-2011 season and receive full points.

VDI - skaters must do a step sequence. If a spiral sequence is also performed, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

3. Pre-Novice Women

Short Program

NEW one step sequence (any pattern)

VISI – a spiral sequence or a step sequence is acceptable. If a skater performs both as per 2010-2011 season, the first that is executed will receive points and the second will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program Components.

VDI - skaters must do a step sequence. If a spiral sequence is also performed, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

Free Program

NEW maximum 6 jump elements instead of 7

VISI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 6th jump will be invalidated.

VDI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 7th jump (not permitted). As well, the 6th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type jump. **For VDI, make sure there are only 6 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump.**

NEW spiral sequence

VISI –skater may perform a step or spiral sequence as per 2010-2011 season and receive full points.

VDI – skaters must do a spiral sequence. If a step sequence is also performed, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

4. Pre-Novice Men

Short Program

NEW: one step sequence instead of two.

VISI and VDI - if a second step sequence is performed as per 2010-2011 season, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

Free Program

NEW: maximum 6 jump elements instead of 7.

VISI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 6th jump will be invalidated.

VDI - if a 7th jump element is performed it will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 7th jump (not permitted). As well, the 6th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type jump. **For VDI, make sure there are only 6 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump.**

5. Novice Women

Short Program

NEW: if the solo jump is a triple jump, it does not need to be preceded by connecting steps. If it is a double jump, then the connecting steps or other comparable free skating movements are still required.

NEW: the combination jump may be two triple jumps. (double/double and double/triple are also okay)

NEW: one step sequence (any pattern)

VISI and VDI - if a spiral sequence is also performed as per 2010-2011 season, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

Free Program

NEW: maximum 6 jump elements instead of 7. HOWEVER, a 7th jump element may be included if there is at least one double Axel or one triple jump included in the program.

VISI – if a 7th jump element is performed and there is no double axel or triple jump in the program, the 7th jump element will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 6th jump will be invalidated and receive no points.

VDI - if a 7th jump element is performed and there is no double axel or triple jump in the program, the 7th jump element will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 7th jump (not permitted). As well, the 6th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type takeoff jump. **For VDI, make sure there are only 6 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump; the exception is if there is a double axel or triple jump performed in the program, then a 7th jump element is permitted.**

NEW: spiral sequence

VISI– skater may perform a step or spiral sequence as per 2010-2011 season and receive full points.

VDI – skaters must do a spiral sequence. If a step sequence is also performed, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

Novice Men

Short Program

NEW: if the solo jump is a triple jump, it does not need to be preceded by connecting steps. If it is a double jump, then the connecting steps or other comparable free skating movements are still required.

NEW: the combination jump may be two triple jumps. (double/double and double/triple are also okay)

NEW: Sit or camel spin must have a change of foot (minimum 5 revolutions on each foot). No flying entrance is permitted.

VISI – if the skater does not change feet as per 2010-2011 season, there will not be a penalty.

VDI – the new requirement of a change of foot must be met.

NEW: one step sequence instead of two.

VISI and VDI - if a second step sequence is performed as per 2010-2011 season, it will be counted by the judges as transitional movements and assessed in Program components.

Free Program

NEW: maximum 7 jump elements instead of 8. HOWEVER, an 8th jump element may be included if there is at least one double Axel or one triple jump included in the program.

VISI – if an 8th jump element is performed and there is no double axel or triple jump in the program, the 8th jump element will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump, then it will count for points but the 7th jump will be invalidated and receive no points.

VDI - if an 8th jump element is performed and there is no double axel or triple jump in the program, the 8th jump element will be invalidated and receive no points. If it is the only axel type takeoff jump in the program, it will be invalidated because it is the 8th jump (not permitted). As well, the 7th jump will be invalidated as it will take the box of the axel type takeoff jump.

For VDI, make sure there are only 7 jump elements with one of them being an axel type takeoff jump; the exception is if there is a double axel or triple jump performed in the program, then an 8th jump element is permitted.