

Category: **Ice Dance**

Subject: **Handbooks for Officials 2015 – Additional Q&As #2**

Referees and Judges

Questions (Required Elements)	Answers	Comments
Can the Junior Short Dance for this season be composed of all Waltz rhythms only?	Yes. The Communication states that the rhythms used must be Waltz plus any number of the following rhythms: Polka, Foxtrot and March. Since zero is a number, then there can be just Waltz with no other rhythms. Different Tunes of the Waltz rhythm maybe used.	For the Senior SD, there must be Waltz plus at least one other rhythm because the Partial Step Sequence must be skated to a different rhythm than Waltz.
Is it possible to skate the Partial Step Sequence in the clockwise direction while all other parts of the dance including the Pattern Dance is performed in anticlockwise direction?	No. The Partial Step Sequence must proceed in anticlockwise direction, the same as the whole Short Dance pattern.	The clockwise direction may be used only in the allowed loops. However, no loops are allowed in the Partial Step Sequence

Technical Panel

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For the Short Lift, if the man performs a Difficult Position for the Lifting Partner from Group b as an Entry Feature, does a Difficult Position (or a different Difficult Position) have to be maintained without an intermediate position and get credit for the Level in the Lift?	Yes. This is unchanged from previous seasons as follows: b) entry from a Difficult Position for the lifting partner (to be considered only for Stationary, Straight Line or Curve Lift): the Difficult Position must be reached before the lifted partner leaves the ice, and, subsequently, must be - continuously sustained as the Difficult Position considered and given credit for Level, or - changed without any intermediate position into the Difficult Position considered and given credit for Level;	This is also the requirement for the Exit Feature as follows: <u>difficult exit position for lifting partner, different than one used during the lift</u> <u>- changed without any intermediate position into the Difficult Position considered and given credit for Level;</u>