

CPC Regulation Section A 135 - Names, Roles and Responsibilities of Officials and Scoring System Operators

1. Referee

Duties of the referee:

- Keeps fully informed about all matters concerning the judging and refereeing of single and pair skating, ice dancing and synchronized skating in the current Skate Canada Rules and Regulations as well as ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations and Technical Rules, ISU communications, manuals, handbooks and booklets and all updates published on the Skate Canada and ISU websites
- Conducts themselves in a fair and unbiased manner at all times and adheres to the Skate Canada Officials' Code of Ethics
- Confirms that all eligibility rules have been met in coordination with Skate Canada event staff
- Conducts all intermediate draws in cooperation with chief data specialist
- Manages the panel of judges (ensuring that they do not, while on the judges stand, bring notes from previously awarded scores or any form of electronic communication, nor communicate with one another or indicate errors by action or sound, nor look at marks being inputted by judges sitting alongside them) and acts as the responsible spokesperson of the panel of judges should the need arise
- Conducts with the assistant referee a brief meeting with the judges prior to every segment of an event
- Gives a signal to the person in charge of music to start the music of the skater/couple/team
- Allows a competitor to restart as described in Skate Canada Regulation 5000-B-3.3
- Allows a team to restart as described in Skate Canada Regulation 6000-D-2.0
- Decides whether the condition of the ice permits the holding of the event
- Decides upon all protests on the event concerned in accordance with Regulation A-145
- Instructs the timekeeper (volunteer) to take the time of the program as skated and instructs the assistant referee to time possible interruptions according to Section 110, paragraph 1 r)
- Instructs the assistant referee to take the time of all lifts in the short dance and free dance to verify possible extended lifts (ice dancing only)
- In consulting with the assistant referee, decides upon all deductions according to Section 110, paragraph 1 r) that come under the discretion of the referee. For example: costume and prop violations, time violations, interruptions of the program and lifts in excess of permitted time in ice dancing, and fresh start, music violations, hold deductions, etc., in synchronized skating
- Judges the complete event for his own information
- Suspends skating until the order is restored in case the public interrupts the competition or interferes with its orderly conduct
- Excludes skaters/couples/teams from the event, if necessary
- Removes judge(s) from the panel, if necessary, based on important and valid reasons

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- Forbids any coach at any time during the course of the skating championships or competitions to be on any part of the ice surface of the rink on which the championships or competitions are taking place
- Decides any matter concerning breaches of the ISU and/or Skate Canada Rules and Regulations
- May participate in the victory ceremony
- Moderates the round table discussion (where applicable) together with the assistant referee (with the purpose of feedback among the judges in regards to the application and validity of current regulations and discussions on the general quality of skating); the referee provides input mainly regarding the Grade of Execution of the elements and the program component score; for this he/she marks the program components; and prepares the report on the event.

2. Assistant Referee (Ice Dance)

Duties of the assistant referee:

- Keeps fully informed about all matters concerning the judging and refereeing of ice dancing in the current Skate Canada Rules and Regulations as well as ISU General Regulations and Special Regulations and Technical Rules, ISU communications, manuals, handbooks and booklets and all updates published on the Skate Canada and ISU websites
- Conducts themselves in a fair and unbiased manner at all times and adheres to the Skate Canada Officials' Code of Ethics
- Supports the referee as directed when he/she conducts a brief meeting with the judges prior to every segment of an event
- Monitors the timing of possible interruptions according to Section 110, paragraph 1 r) and communicates appropriate deductions to the referee
- Monitors the timing of all lifts in the short dance and free dance to verify possible extended lifts and communicates appropriate deductions to the referee
- Times the PDE's in the short dance
- Advises and supports the referee in deciding upon all deductions according to Section 110, paragraph 1 r) that come under the discretion of the referee. For example: costume and prop violations, time violations, interruptions of the program and lifts in excess of permitted time in ice dancing, and fresh start, music violations, pattern violations etc.
- Scans the ice surface at the end of each program and before the next team starts to ensure the ice is clear/no objects/debris
- Must be a qualified referee at level being assigned
- May be called upon to fulfill a mentorship role to a newly qualified referee or act as an assessor to an exam candidate while performing the duties of assistant referee. Helps the Referee assess the panel in their judging and complete the event referee report

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