

Interruption Rule 2.0: A Sequel to Enhancing Your Knowledge



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Background Info & Handouts

Background: Ice Summit 2017 & the “Travelling Show” of last year’s session...E-Learning Website

*favourable feedback from athletes & coaches



E-Learning Website:

1) Summary of the Interruption Rule – A Resource for Skaters, Coaches, Team Leaders and Officials

-E-Learning Website, July 2017

(Karen Howard & Janice Hunter)

**Will update following Congress 2018*

2): Summary of Power Point & Video Analysis (Worksheet)



Overview & Objectives

- Continue to share knowledge in regards to the application of the “interruption rule”.
- Examine video scenarios from the past season to better understand the interruption rule.
- Discuss questions/situations from workshop participants.



ISU Rulebook

Rule 503 #2 (p.76)

An Interruption is defined as the time elapsed between the moment a Skater stops performing the program until the moment he resumes performing the program. For every Interruption of more than ten (10) seconds, there shall be a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n.). If an Interruption lasts more than forty (40) seconds, an acoustic signal is produced by the Referee and the Skater/Pair/Couple is withdrawn. For cases of interruption due to adverse conditions unrelated to the Skater or related to the Skater's health or equipment, see Rule 515.

**Congress 2018 Proposal – be sure to check ISU and Skate Canada websites for accepted proposals and changes.*

Skate Canada Communication Application of Interruption Deductions

Effective as of October 27, 2015



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Two Categories of Interruptions

1) **Outside the control of the skater:**

A stoppage resulting from a situation UNRELATED to the skater or that is **not** the fault of the skater, will **not** result in a deduction. (lighting, music, etc.)

2) **Within the control of the skater:**

If a Competitor gets injured during the performance or another adverse condition RELATED to him or his equipment (such as health problems or unexpected damage to his/their clothing or equipment) impedes his/their skating, the Competitor/s must stop skating. If he/they don't stop, they will be ordered to do so by an acoustic signal of the Referee.

Four basic situations re: Interruption Rule...

Situation 1: Fix the problem **within 10 seconds** – no deduction.

Situation 2: Begin timing...**40 seconds to rectify situation** while music continues. Continue performance before 40 seconds or see Referee to request 3 min break. *Deduction will be applied.

*see following slide for deduction range based on interruption time

Situation 3: Skater asks for **3 min break**...Ref stops the music and determines the point of interruption – 5.0 (2.5) deduction taken.

Situation 4: Issue **cannot be resolved** with the 3 min break so the skater is withdrawn.

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Interruption Deductions:

	<u>Jr/Sr</u>	<u>Pre-Nov/Nov</u>	<u>Pre-Juv/Juv</u>
-11-20 secs:	-1.0	-0.5	-0.2
-21-30 secs:	-2.0	-1.0	-0.4
-31-40 secs:	-3.0	-1.5	-0.6
3 Minute Break	-5.0	-2.5	-1.0

Snapshot of 4 options:

- 1) Continue **within 10 seconds**...no deduction
- 2) Fix problem **within 40 seconds**...
deduction applied of 1.0/2.0/3.0.
- 3) Take **3 minute break**...deduction of 5.0.
- 4) **Withdraw**...no score.

Risk of Head Injury

At any time if the Referee feels there is a possible head injury or concern of concussion or if advised by medical, they should blow the whistle to signal to the Skater(s) to stop skating. The Referee will allow a break of up to three minutes for the Skater(s) to be assessed. In all domestic competitions, if the Skater is able to continue **no deduction will be applied.**

-Effective November 1st, 2016

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Video Scenarios

(worksheet)

	Category	Situation	Notes
Scenario 1			
Scenario 2			
Scenario 3			
Scenario 4			
Scenario 5			
Scenario 6			
Scenario 7			
Scenario 8			
Scenario 9			
Scenario 10			

Scenario 10: Finlandia Trophy – Senior Men: Free Skate



Preparation as a Referee...

If Only We Had a Crystal Ball!



Questions...



Thoughts...

Comments...