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As at 2017 Special Olympic Events in Figure Skating outside the UK have not yet moved across to the IJS system and are usually operated under the RJS Scoring system. See below.

Special Olympics are planning to test new rules implementing an IJS scoring system. Here is the rule update. The test event will be at the Vienna International Event in February 2018.

[Notification new rules for test event 2018 \(002\)](#)

RJS LEVELS 1 TO 6 SCORING (this follows Special Olympic rules)

(a) Skaters must skate both compulsory and freestyle programs to qualify for a total score in both the preliminary and final rounds.

(b) Skaters competing in a skills contest (the Special Olympics Badge competitions under Special Olympics skills competition rules) or competing in the Compulsory Elements at Levels 1 to 6 must attempt each of the required skills/elements listed at least once in order to qualify for a total score. Competitors will be given two opportunities to perform each skill/element.

(c) All skaters obtaining a total score in the Compulsory Element Group in Levels 1 to 6 will be awarded Certificates of Achievement of the Compulsory Elements where they are not able to complete the free style program.

(d) Skaters must skate both preliminary (when needed) and final rounds to qualify in the official competition.

(e) The judges' marks will be valued in the following manner:

Compulsory elements ⊃ 33.3 per cent

Freestyle events ⊃ 66.7 per cent

(f) Compulsory event

– Each judge will give one mark for the compulsory program

– The deduction of points will depend on the frequency of error and omission of required elements

– For the Level 1 compulsory elements the judge's will consider the skater's carriage speed, swizzles and the stop.

– For the Level 2 compulsory elements the judges will consider the skater's carriage, speed, and the precision of turns and the stop.

– for the Level 3 compulsory elements the judges will consider the skater's carriage, the shape, symmetry, smoothness and control of the edges and the turns.

(g) Freestyle Events

⊃ Each judge will give two marks for the final round program

⊃ The first mark will be given for the technical merit of the skater's program

⊃ The second mark (commonly referred to as the Artistic impression mark) will be given for the composition and style of the skater's program

⊃ Judging and timing shall start when skater commences to skate.

⊃ Points will be deducted depending on the frequency of error and omission of required elements.

⊃ A whistle shall be blown 10 seconds after the expiration of the time limit. The judges shall cease judging at the sound of the whistle. No points will be deducted if a skater has not completed the program provided that the required elements have been included. However, the skate shall be instructed to leave the ice surface 10 seconds after the whistle is blown regardless of whether the program is finished or not.

(h) Final score and placement ⊃ Calculation of results

For the determination of the results the ISU 6.0 ⊃ (OBO) ⊃ system as prescribed in rules 353--357 of the ISU ⊃ Regulation 2002 will be used. (This follows Special Olympic rules version January 2011.)

The Impaired Results will be calculated by adding the Impairment compensation to the Skating Score for each skater. Medals and results will be awarded accordingly.

Additional results will be calculated for Disability specific competitors that comply with the classification criteria of the respective IF and medals and results awarded accordingly.

COMPARISON OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS SCORING WITH IJS SCORING USED IN INCLUSIVE SKATING

(a) The marking system will follow ISU Rule 352.4 and may use a Manual paper based marking system with computer systems or a computer based system. Uusually no video replay is used.

(b) The calculation of the results is done in accordance with ISU Rule 353 to determine the Total Segment Score and the skater's skating score.

(c) The Total Segment Score for the freestyle program will determine the final result of the skating score and medals and results will be awarded accordingly where a set of results is used that includes able bodied ice skaters.

(d) The Inclusive Skating Results are calculated by adding the Impairment compensation to the Total Segment Score for each skater. Medals and results are awarded accordingly.

(e) Additional results will be calculated for Disability specific competitors that comply with the classification criteria of the respective IF and medals and results awarded accordingly.

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