

Skating System Defined

Skating System of Judging

The following is a description of the Skating System of Judging, which shall be used in all competitions:

The Marking of Adjudicator's Cards

1. In all rounds each judge must vote for the number of couples demanded by the Chairman of Judges.
2. In the Final round the judge shall mark his first couple 1, his second couple 2, his third 3, and so on in each of the dances.
3. In the Final round each judge shall place all the competing couples in order of merit in each of the dances.
4. A judge must not tie couples for any place in the Final of any dance.
Note: In the Final round the open system of marking may be used.

The Allocation of Positions in Each Dance

5. The winner of a particular dance is the couple who is placed first by an absolute majority of the judges; second, the couple who is placed second or higher by an absolute majority. The remaining positions are allocated in a similar way.

If More than One Couple have a Majority for the Same Position

6. The couple with the largest majority shall be allocated the position under review and the couple with the next largest majority, the following position.

Note: If the position under review is the "2nd" and two couples have a majority of "2nd and higher" places, the couple with the larger majority shall be placed "2nd" and the other couple "3rd". We now examine the remaining competitors' markings, and the couple with the largest majority of "3rd and higher" places shall be allocated the next position, which in this example, is the "4th". If none of the remaining couples has a majority of "3rd and higher" places then include the "4th" places (and, if necessary, lower places).

If Two or More Couples have an Equal Majority for the Same Position

6. If such majorities are equal, then the lowest total of marks given by those judges, who form the majority, shall determine the allocation of the position under review.

Note: If the position under review is the "2nd" and two couples have a similar majority of "2nd and higher" places, the couple with the lower total of marks given by those judges who form the majority, shall be

allocated the "2nd" position and the other couple the "3rd". See notes under Rule 6. If the totals of marks are equal, then the next lower place (or places, if necessary), in respect of the particular couples concerned, must be included. It should be noted that only the couples who have a majority for the position under review (say, for example, the "2nd" position) must be considered at this stage, and only their "3rd" places (and if necessary, lower places) should be referred to, until the "2nd" position has been allocated. A definite result will eventually be obtained unless the remaining markings are exactly the same, and should the latter be the case, there will, of course, be a tie for "2nd" position. If two couples were concerned, they would be allocated "2 ½" each. See notes under Rule 6.16

If No Couple receives a Majority for the Position Under Review

8. If no couple receives a majority of "Firsts" then the winner is the couple who are placed "2nd and higher" by a majority of judges. If no couple receives a majority of "1st" and "2nd" places, then the "3rd" places (and if necessary, lower places) must be included. (Subject to Rules 6 and 7.) The "2nd" and other positions should be calculated in a similar way.

Compilation of the Final Summary

9. When all the dances have been concluded, the order ascertained for each dance shall be carried to another sheet, showing the position achieved by each couple in each dance. The first in each dance shall be given one mark, the second two, and so on. These place marks received by each couple shall be added up and the couple with the lowest aggregate shall be the winner.

If there is a Tie for a Place in the Final Summary

10. If this results in a tie for first place, the winner shall be the couple who has actually won the greater number of dances. If there is a tie for the "2nd" place, the "2nd" prize shall be awarded to the couple who has obtained "2nd or higher" in the greatest number of dances. If the couples have obtained the same number of "2nd or higher" place marks, then add the "2nd and higher" place marks together and the couple with the lowest total should be awarded second prize.

Note: If more than two couples tie for second place, the second prize shall be awarded to the couple who has obtained the most "2nd and higher" place marks. Still only considering the remaining "tie" couples, the "3rd" prize is awarded to the couple who has won the most "3rd and higher" place marks.

11. If after applying Rules 9 and 10 this still results in a tie, then treat the judges' marks of the "tied" couples over all dances, as for an individual dance (Rules 5 to 8). If this still results in a tie, there shall be at the discretion of the organizers of the competition, either a re-dance or the prizes for the places under review shall be divided.

(a) If the tie is for first place, a majority of "1st" marks to the credit of either of the "tied" couples (4 dances-5 judges-majority 11) would win. If neither of the "tied" couples obtain a majority of "firsts" see Rule 8.

(b) If the tie is for second place, a majority of "2nd and higher" marks to the credit of either of the "tied" couples would be necessary. If neither of the "tied" couples obtain a majority of "2nd and higher" marks see Rule 8.

(c) The "3rd" or any other "tied" places should be decided on similar principles.

(d) If 3 (or more) couples tie for a place under Rule 10 (say, 2nd place) Rule 11 is applied to all couples concerned in the tie, and the best couple is awarded the "2nd" place. Rule 10 is now applied to the remaining "tied" couples for consideration of the place now under review, which is the "3rd". However, if they now tie for "3rd" place under Rule 10, then Rule 11 is again applied to these "tied" couples, commencing this time with the "3rd and higher" judge's marks in the individual dances.