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## **The New Judging System is already better than the 6.0**

Here are a few reasons why:

- 1) The New System focuses on the skaters not the judges.
- 2) Everyone will know the value of all technical elements. The values will not change from judge to judge as with the 6.0. The values are set.
- 3) The judge evaluates the qualities of the performance rather than placing the skater. The points resulting from their evaluation are calculated to produce a result.
- 4) A well-balanced program provides an even playing field for the athletes. Strategy of how and when the skater displays their skills now becomes an important and strategic aspect of the sport.
- 5) Starting order does not impact a skater's score. In the 6.0 system starting early in the competition often kept a high level skaters scores lower than had they performed later in the competition.
- 6) A skater(s) can win from a much lower position on their own ability. They no longer have to count on another skater's mistakes to climb in the standings.
- 7) A skater(s) scores are directly relevant to their performance. Whether the field of skaters is strong or weak an individual skater's score will reflect what they performed and not be affected by the other athletes.
- 8) The trimmed mean method, where the high and low points are ignored and the average of the remaining points is calculated, prevents anomalous scores from affecting the result.
- 9) Irrelevant of a skater's placement the points will help the skater and coach assess whether there was improvement and the areas that need to be addressed.
- 10) As a result of the points system the evaluation of judges can be more accurate as it does not relate to placement but rather adherence to the written criteria.

- 11) Points scored by the skaters can be used by coaches and Federations to administer the athlete's career.
- 12) Judges no longer have to remember and try to compare all aspects of every skater. Their energy and focus can remain on the individual evaluation of each aspect of each skater.
- 13) The statistics created by this system will help in career evaluation, fan interest, and media coverage.
- 14) Fans and parents of skaters can followed how the final result was determined.