

Hope Cup 2026

Technical data

BEGINNERS

ARTISTIC KIDS Girls/Boys (born 2015 and younger)

Free Skating only

Duration: 1:30 min ± 10 sec

- any steps and figure skating movements
- any jump elements
- any spins

Skaters receive no points in the Artistic Kids category. All skaters will receive a diploma and a gift.

PRE-YOUNG Girls/Boys (born 2015 and younger)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:00 min ± 10 sec

- maximum four (4) jump elements:
 - minimum two (2) solo jumps.
 - maximum two (2) jump combinations. Combinations may consist of only two (2) jumps.
 - Axel type jump and double (2X) jumps are not allowed.
 - No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice.
- minimum one (1) and maximum two (2) spins of a different nature. Spins with change of foot must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions on each foot. Spins without change of foot must have at least four (4) revolutions.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.0 for Boys and 1.7 for Girls. In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update). Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
 - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
 - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
 - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

PRE-YOUNG Girls/Boys (born 2013/2014)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:00 min ± 10 sec

- maximum four (4) jump elements:
 - maximum two (2) jump combinations. Combinations may consist of only two (2) jumps.
 - Axel type jump and double (2X) jumps are not allowed.
 - No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature. Spins with change of foot must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions on each foot. Spins without change of foot must have a minimum of four (4) revolutions.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.0 for Boys and 1.7 for Girls.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
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- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

YOUNG Girls/Boys (born 2011/2012)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:30 min ± 10 sec

- maximum five (5) jump elements:
 - maximum two (2) jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence. Combinations and sequences may consist of only two (2) jumps. In a jump sequence, the second jump must be an Axel-type jump.
 - 1A (single Axel) and one (1) double (2X) jump are allowed
 - No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice including Axel type jumps.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature. Spins with change of foot must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions of each foot. Spins on one foot must have at least four (4) revolutions.
- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills**. The factor for components is 2.0 for Boys and 1.7 for Girls.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
 - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
 - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
 - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.

YOUNG Girls/Boys (born 2005-2010)

Free Skating only

Duration: 2:30 min ± 10 sec

- maximum five (5) jump elements:
 - maximum two (2) jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence. Combinations and sequences may consist of only two (2) jumps. In a jump sequence, the second jump must be an Axel type jump.
 - 1A (single Axel) and one (1) double (2X) jump are allowed
 - No jump with the same name can be executed more than twice including Axel type jumps.
- maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature. Spins with change of foot must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions on each foot. Spins without change of foot must have at least four (4) revolutions.

- one (1) Choreographic Sequence consisting of at least two (2) different skating movements.

Additional information:

- The Program Components are only judged in: **Composition, Presentation and Skating Skills.** The factor for components is 2.0 for Boys and 1.7 for Girls.
- In all elements, which are subject to Levels, only features up to Level Base will be counted. All additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
- Evaluation is in accordance with ISU Communication No.2701 (or any update).
- Interruption of performance will be deducted as follows:
 - more than 10 sec. up to 20 sec. – 0.5 point
 - more than 20 sec. up to 30 sec. – 1.0 point
 - more than 30 sec. up to 40 sec. – 1.5 point
- Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption – 2.5 point deduction per program.
- Falls: 0.5 point deduction per fall outside the element. Falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the program.
- A skater's outlook (costume, makeup) and program music selection must be appropriate to the skater's age and competitive environment of the sport.
- Warm-up time is 4 minutes and there can be up to 10 skaters in a warm-up group.