

How Basic Elements and Compulsory Events Will Run

The **Basic Skills Elements** events consist of a series of elements (4 or 5) which each skater performs. For these events, the skaters will all warm up for approximately 4 minutes. Then the skaters will be called to the referee, who will line them up in skating order, on the ice. At the referee's direction, each skater will perform each of his/her elements, in rotation. For instance, skater A will perform the first element, then skater B will perform the first element, then skater C will perform the first element. THEN, skater A will perform element #2, skater B will do element #2, skater C will do element #2, and so on til all elements are completed.

In past years, skaters were given the option to perform them as described above, OR to skate all of their own elements in sequence in a mini-program format. This year, as stated in the announcement, we are NOT permitting that option, in order to minimize confusion. All skaters will perform their elements in rotation at the direction of the referee.

The **Basic Freeski Level COMPULSORY** events, however will be skated in mini-program format. For these events, each skater will perform all of his/her elements in sequence before the next skater skates. Please note that at the conclusion of the 4 minute warmup, the skaters will all be asked to approach the referee in the hockey box for instructions. They may sit in the hockey box while other skaters are skating their mini-programs. Again, this is consistent with the announcement for this year.

Warmups Together

Note that in many cases, several flights will warm up together, in order to save time. For instance at 10:45 am Sunday, flights 45, 46, 47, and 48 will all warm up at the same time; 45 & 46 will warmup on the Lobby end, 47 & 48 will warmup on the Zamboni end. At the conclusion of the warmup period, all skaters will approach their respective referees (in the hockey box).

In those groupings when 2 elements events warmup together (for instance 42/43, 47/48, 53/54, 57/58) the referee will line up ALL skaters at the same time and ALL skaters will perform their first element in rotation as described above, then all skaters will perform their 2nd element in rotation, etc. In all of these cases, both groups are at the same level and have the same set of elements. The judges will judge each group separately, but grouping them together this way will save some time.

In those groupings when 2 compulsory mini-program events warmup together (for instance 55/56) all skaters from the first group will skate their mini-programs, then all skaters from the 2nd group will skate their mini-programs. The judges will judge each group separately, but grouping them together this way will save some time.

In those groupings when an elements event and a compulsory mini-program event warmup together (for instance, 45/46 and 51/52) all skaters should approach the referee in the hockey box at the end of the warmup period. The referee will ask all skaters to sit in the hockey box. Each skater in the compulsory elements group will be permitted to skate their mini-program, one skater at a time. When all compulsory mini-program skaters have completed the referee will direct the remaining skaters (elements event) to line up on the ice and perform their elements in rotation, as described above. The judges will judge each group separately.

For all of these events, the coaches will be permitted to be in the hockey box during the events, in case needed, but generally should allow the referee to direct the skaters to minimize confusion from multiple direction.