

## **FIGURES RULE CHANGES FOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022**

Please make note of the following temporary rule changes that will apply at the 2022 Canadian Championships.

### **Figures will be worth 25% of the Total Combined Score for 13-15 & AWAD events**

As previously announced, the figures competition will only feature 2 figures, which will be done in person, at the event. The total score of the 2 figures, calculated using their respective degree of difficulty, will be worth 25% of the Total Combined Score for the 13-15 Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Team events and AWAD Solo. The routine scores will be worth 75%.

#### **RATIONALE**

When the number of figures was reduced from 4 to 2 in response to the challenges raised by the pandemic, the relative weight of each figure in the Total Combined Score was effectively doubled. This change makes each figure worth the same as in the original rule.

### **The 2 figures to be performed will be announced just before the competition.**

The figures will be announced the **evening of May 7, 2022**, before the first official day of training with music.

Note that one of the figures will be from the compulsory group, and the other will come from one of the 3 optional groups.

#### **RATIONALE**

Encourages training of all figures.

### **2-point penalties will be used instead of ZERO scores for incorrect figures**

Scores of ZERO (0) will not be awarded for incorrect figures. Instead, when judges believe a figure has been done incorrectly, they will still flash a score to be recorded, and flag the figure for video review. The review will be done either immediately after the figure or after the event (to be determined).

If it is deemed that the figure has been done incorrectly, a 2-point penalty will be imposed, and otherwise the score will stand as flashed during the event.

#### **RATIONALE**

With only 2 figures being performed, and many athletes competing in their first in-person figure competition in years, this is a respectful and athlete-centered way to ease back into competition.

### **INFORMATION**

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