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Inclusive Skating competitions allow an impairment compensation to be added to the skater's skating score. This allows skater's with different types and severity of impairment to skate fairly against each other. Rather like a golfing handicap except that it reflects the impairment.

Impairment compensation is available to all skaters with a permanent impairment, capable of assessment under the 'Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment' 6th Edition, Edited by Robert D. Rondinelli, published by the AMA American Medical Association ('Rondinelli'). The Classification Code and Handbook for Inclusive Skating provide guidance on what forms of impairment have a functional impact on ice skating.

Skaters who have had their impairment classified shall be entitled to participate in the competition and are allowed to have an impairment compensation added to their skating score to obtain a result in the impairment competition. The impairment compensation is intended to reflect the actual impairment of the skater and the process for establishing the impairment compensation should follow the procedures stipulated in the Classification Code for impaired skaters. The Rondinelli guides provide a 'whole person impairment' (WPI) percentage for the impairment. The WPI should be a percentage of the score of the hypothetical average skater for that level. This impairment compensation should be added to the skater's skating score to obtain the impaired skating result.

The IJS score of the hypothetical average skater at each of the Levels are as follows:

Level 1 Compulsory Elements 1.40	Free Skating 2.45
Level 2 Compulsory Elements 2.75	Free Skating 4.25
Level 3 Compulsory Elements 3.00	Free Skating 6.20
Level 4 Compulsory Elements 4.00	Free Skating 9.60
Level 5 Compulsory Elements 4.50	Free Skating 12.30
Level 6 Compulsory Elements 5.00	Free Skating 15.20
Level 7 n/a	Free Skating Ladies 48.00
Level 7 n/a	Free Skating Men 58.00
Level 8 n/a	Free Skating Ladies 55.00
Level 8 n/a	Free Skating Men 68.00

The impairment compensation specified above will be calculated and added to the skaters total segment score.

Here are two worked examples of the calculations.

Example 1

A Lady skater with scoliosis of the spine with a 12% WPI skating at Level 7 will have 12% of 48.0 added on to their IJS skating score.

12% of 48.0 is X . This is rounded to the nearest 0.01 where necessary.

If the skater IJS total segment score is 40.3 then the skater's score is 40.3 + x.

The skater's results in the two sets of results, the skating results and the impaired skater's results are then calculated in the normal way.

Skating Result : 40.3

Inclusive skating results : 40.3 + (12% of 48.0)

Example 2

A Lady skater with an impairment of 25% WPI skating at Level 7 will have 25% of 48.0 added on to their IJS skating score.

If the skater's IJS total segment score is 40.00 then the skater's score is 40.00 + 25% of 48.00. The skater's results are then calculated in the normal way.

Skating Results 40.00

Impairment Results 40.00 + (25% of 48.00)

Comparison of Example 1 and Example 2 Results

The skater 2 would be ahead when the results are calculated in the traditional way but when the impairment compensation is added on Skater 2 will place higher in the Impairment compensation results used in Inclusive Skating.

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