



Synchronized Skating Process for Medical Exemption at Domestic Competitions

(This process applies to all domestic categories except for Junior and Senior which will follow ISU rules)

There may be instances where the teams are skating with fewer than intended skaters due to an unforeseen medical issue.

Teams providing proper documentation and notice to the Technical Representative should not be penalized unfairly in these circumstances.

Process to be followed:

SITUATION #1 – Team member is not able to skate because of a medical reason before team arrives at competition

1). Team must provide documentation that there is a team member with a medical condition that is preventing them from participating in the event. This should be issued by a medical doctor. The coach or manager of the team should ask to speak directly to the Technical Representative of the competition when arriving/registering. If the volunteers at registration are not able to reach the Technical Representative, it is recommended that the coach go to the officials' room to locate them.

2). The Technical Controller and Referee must be notified by the Technical Representative that a team is skating with fewer skater (s) because of a medical exemption.

3). Teams shall not be penalized by the technical panel for skating with fewer skater(s) because of a medical issue:

- The panel will **not** penalize any element such that it results in a 'No Value' for not meeting minimum requirements; and will treat all other elements and/or features based on the number skating and the associated requirements of that element or feature

SITUATION #2 - something happens after registration but before competing

The coach must notify the Technical Representative in person (no texts, no contacting other judges at the competition etc). The Technical Representative will decide if the medical exemption will apply and will inform the Technical Controller and Referee of the event of the decision.

- If medical exemption is deemed to apply the panel will **not** penalize any element such that it results in a 'No Value' for not meeting minimum requirements; and will treat all other elements and/or features based on the number skating and the associated requirements of that element or feature

SITUATION #3 - something happens during 1 minute on ice warmup

Ice level referee informs Referee of the situation. They consult with Technical Controller to determine if medical exemption will apply.

- If medical exemption is deemed to apply the panel will **not** penalize any element such that it results in a 'No Value' for not meeting minimum requirements; and will treat all other elements and/or features based on the number skating and the associated requirements of that element or feature

SITUATION #4 - something happens after first skate but before second skate

The coach must notify the Technical Representative in person (no texts, no contacting other judges at the competition etc). The Technical Representative will decide if the medical exemption will apply and will inform the Technical Controller and Referee of the event of the decision.

- If medical exemption is deemed to apply the panel will **not** penalize any element such that it results in a 'No Value' for not meeting minimum requirements; and will treat all other elements and/or features based on the number skating and the associated requirements of that element or feature