

Scoring a Competition

Alright scrubs, listen up. The ballroom skating system is whack so, let's try to get through it here.

For those that have been to a competition before, feel free to skip this paragraph. For the noobs out there, here is a basic overview of what competitions are like. Couples are assigned a number at the start of the competition, which they wear when they go out onto the dance floor. Competitors dance for a minute and a half while judges mark who they want move onto the next round. During the finals, each judge places each couple. All of the marks from all of the judges are combined using this skating system, determining who moves on, and placements at the end of the finals.

Okay so, the skating system has eleven rules:

Rule #1 - "In all preliminary rounds, judges shall call back the number of couples requested by the Chair of Judges"

All this means is during rounds that aren't finals, judges will mark a predefined number of couples that they want to move on, a number that is decided by the Chair of Judges.

Rule #2 - "In a final round, all couples shall receive a placement from each judge"

Rule #3 - "In a final round, a judge's first choice shall be marked '1,' second choice '2,' and so on"

Rule #4 - "In a final round, a judge may not tie any couples for any place of any dance"

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