



**SINGLE AND PAIR SKATING**

**Interruptions**

**QUESTION:**

Are Deductions in cases of Interruptions (Rule 515) valid not only for Seniors and Juniors, but also for Novices?

**ANSWER:**

**Yes, they are, but as the Total Score of the Novice programs is less than the Total Score of Seniors and Juniors programs, these Deductions should also be smaller:**

- **0.5 in case of a 11 – 20 sec. Interruption**
- **1.0 in case of a 21 – 30 sec. Interruption**
- **1.5 in case of a 31 – 40 sec. Interruption**
- **2.0 in case of an up to 3 min. Interruption**

**To be in line with a similar Question & Answer for Ice Dance the result can be presented in the following chart:**

Question	Answer	Comment
<b>Deduction chart – clarifications</b>		
Are deductions in cases of Interruptions (Rules 503, paragraph 2 and 515) valid not only for Seniors and Juniors, but also for Novices?	<p>Yes, they are, but as the Total Score of the Novice programs is smaller than the Total Score of Senior and Junior programs, the values of those deductions as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n) should also be smaller and are adjusted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interruption in performing the program: for every Interruption of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: <u>- 0.5</u></li> <li>- more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: <u>- 1.0</u></li> <li>- more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: <u>- 1.5</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption: <u>- 2.0</u> per program.</li> </ul>	As the values of those deductions are not the standard ones provided by Rule 353, paragraph 1.n), the Referee must give specific instructions to the system operator and check the correct input in each instance.