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COMMISSIONED ARTISTIC OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE
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Dear Colleagues

In order that there is consistency in the application of the penalty for a fall in compulsory dance and CSD the International judges have agreed that the rule pertaining to falls in dance will be applied as follows :-

<u>Class of fall</u>	<u>Range of Penalty</u>	<u>Description</u>
Minor or Small	0.0 – 0.2	Quick up and down with very little disruption to the performance
Medium	0.3 – 0.7	Applies to a disruption of anything between a quick up and down and ½ sequence
Major	0.8 – 1.0	More than ½ a sequence

A sequence is defined as one pattern of the dance.

If there is a dispute about whether a small, medium or major fall has occurred, the referee will make the decision and the judges must impose a penalty in the appropriate range.

The judges make the decision of the exact penalty within that range.

For CSD the penalty for a fall comes from the "B" mark.

For OSP the penalty comes from the "A" mark.

Can you please ensure that all dance judges, referees, coaches and skaters are aware of the application of this rule. If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards

National CAOC Chairman