

2025-2026 STAR 1-4 Event Assessor Reminders



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As we begin a new season of regional competitions, please review the following key reminders to ensure consistent application of the standards and panel process across all STAR events.

General

Use the most up-to-date version of the **2025-2026 STAR & Special Olympics Event Standards for Assessment Guide**. The most current version is dated October 2025 and can be found here: [Skating in BC website >Technical>STAR Competition](#)

Spins

Mandatory Requirement - Revolutions

Spins must have a minimum of 3 revolutions in total, or they will be marked as:

- **STAR 1:** Bronze
- **STAR 2-4:** Invalid Element
- **STAR 3-4 CCoSp:** one foot with less than 3 revolutions is ignored; both feet with less than 3 revolutions will result in an invalid element

Mandatory Requirement - Basic Position(s) Achieved

Skaters must hold the required basic position, as defined below, for two consecutive revolutions in order for the position to be considered achieved.

- **Sit Position:** the upper part of the skating leg is at least parallel to the ice
- **Camel Position:** the free leg is backwards with the knee higher than the hip level
- **Upright Position:** any position where the skating leg is extended or slightly bent that is not a camel position

Back Upright Spin

- For the execution criteria to be assessed at **Silver** or **Gold**, the spin must exit on the spinning foot.
 - If the spin does not exit on the spinning foot, no criteria apart from execution is impacted. In STAR 2-3, the overall assessment can still be higher than **Bronze**.
- STAR 4: the execution criterion is mandatory, so the overall assessment cannot be higher than the assessment of execution. In this case, a spin that does not exit on the spinning foot must receive an overall assessment of **Bronze**.

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STAR 3-4 CoSp/CCoSp

To be eligible for a Silver assessment, the spin must

- Attempt all three basic positions
- Achieve 2/3 basic positions
 - Achieving 2/3 basic positions does not guarantee an assessment of **Silver**; additional criteria may lower the overall assessment

To be eligible for a Gold assessment, the spin must:

- Achieve 3/3 basic positions
 - Achieving 3/3 basic positions does not guarantee an assessment of **Gold**; additional criteria may lower the overall assessment

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Each element has one mandatory criterion, which is indicated by an asterisk on the standards chart. The overall assessment for the element cannot exceed the assessment for that particular criterion.

Panel Process

During performances, minimize talking to maintain focus and ensure a professional, distraction-free environment.

Roles

Judge 1 (J1)	Judge 2 (J2)	Judge 3 (J3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calls elements and initial assessments• May call reviews on elements• Acts as Referee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Records all elements, assessments, and supporting notes.• May call reviews on elements.• Leads the review process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Records elements, assessments, and supporting notes.• Ensures programs are well balanced using the JPR checklist.• May call reviews on elements.