

## FSOA TEN POINT SCORING SYSTEM

- 0—This competitor displays no ability regarding this element.
- 1—This competitor displays the least amount of detectable ability regarding this element.
- 2—This competitor displays some slight ability regarding this element.
- 3—This competitor displays below average ability regarding this element.
- 4—This competitor displays near average ability regarding this element.
- 5—This competitor displays average ability and exhibits this element in a few parts of his skating program.
- 6—This competitor displays slightly above average ability and exhibits this element in several parts of his program.
- 7—This competitor displays above average ability. He is considered advanced and exhibits this element in many parts of his program.
- 8—This competitor is far above average, very advanced, and displays this element throughout most of his program.
- 9—This competitor is superior to most of his fellow skaters regarding this element. He nears perfection at times and displays this element in almost every part of his program.
- 10—Flawless. Perfect. This competitor is on the cutting edge of progression regarding this element. He is superior to all other known skaters of his time. He has no detectable imperfections regarding this element.

Perfection throughout the entire program is an unusual phenomenon. **A perfect 10 score should be rare and very difficult to attain.** Judges should be cautious when awarding a 10 point score for any of the elements.

Judges may score to the .25, .50, or .75 decimal *if* in the judge's opinion several competitors have similar, but not identical ability in the same element category, and if the judge would like to show a slight distinction between competitors, *or* if a judge feels a skater scored in-between the point award descriptions outlined here.

Because of limited experience, age, or other factors it is possible that no points will be awarded to a skater in one or more of the element categories, while earning high marks in other element categories. Judges should never feel obligated to award points when they have not been earned.