

**PARTNERS**



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To all referees, place judges, timers and coaches:

There has been some clarification in regards to what constitutes the leading tip of the skate blade crossing the finish line.

Racing Rule 260, Finishing Line, page 65;

1. A Competitor has completed a distance when the front tip of the blade of the first arriving skate has touched or reached the finishing line after the prescribed number of laps. However, adjusted definitions may be applied in accordance with Rule 251, paragraph 2 a).

St Racing C. Racing rules, rule 297, Individual racing rules, paragraph e), page 109

e) A competitor or Team has completed the distance when the Skater has reached the finish line with the leading tip of the skate blade.

In previous years the leading tip off the skate blade (the tip in front of the big toe) was used in the placement and time of the competitor. ISU has clarified this rule to any part of the blade will be used to indicate crossing the finish line.

Example: If at the finish line the skate blade crosses the line backwards (by accident) that will be the leading tip. If the skate blade crosses sideways this will be the leading tip of the blade.

So this means that any part of the blade that crosses the finish line first will be used for timing and finishing for the skater. However purposefully skating backwards across the finish line will constitute a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

If you have any questions or concerns or need clarification please contact BCSSA ODC via e-mail.

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