3.77 WESTMINSTER WALTZ - Solo

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Music: Waltz ¾ **Tempo: 138 bpm**
Pattern: set **Competitive Requirements – 2 Sequences**

Changes:

- Step 11: LBO/ Step 15 LBO/ Step 23 LBO: can be skated as a dropped chasse or as a stroke, the execution of these steps are optional – before it was not specified.
- Step 14 (9 beats): RFI-swing-Rocker: starts as a progressive run – before it was not specified.

Clarification: step 3, LFO (2 beats outside edge) + change of edge to LFI (1 beat inside edge) – before it was a change of edge performed at the end of the third.

The Dance:

The Westminster Waltz is a dance skated with stately carriage and elegance of line.

Steps 1, 2, and 3 form a lobe in which step 2 is a progressive (run). There is a change of edge on the third beat of step 3 from outside to inside. Step 3 is a change-edge step, with the first 2 beats on an outside edge and the third beat on an inside edge.

Step 4 is a three beat RFI directed from the curve formed by steps 1, 2, and 3. It begins parallel to the long side barrier and finishes aiming toward the long axis Step 5 is a three-beat LFI aimed initially toward the long axis and finishes toward the center of the floor, and step 6 is an open mohawk RBI, which, during the three beats of the step, becomes parallel to the long axis.

The movement of the free leg on step 7 (LBO) is optional.

Step 8 (choctaw RFI) must aim toward the long side barrier and finish parallel to it. Step 9 (LFO) begins parallel to the long side barrier and finishes toward the long axis, completing the lobe.

Steps 10 and 11* form a lobe which gently curves toward the short side barrier and finishes parallel to the long axis. Step 10 is a three-beat XR-RFO with a three turn on the third beat. It is optional to perform step 11 (LBO for three beats) as a stroke or as a dropped chasse and is skated prior to crossing the long axis. **In team dance, Steps 10 and 11 are 10a and 10b for the woman.*

Step 12 is a two-beat choctaw RFI which begins toward the short side barrier and finishes toward the long side barrier. This step is performed before crossing the long axis. Step 13 is a one-beat crossed chasse XB-LFO which passes the long axis.

Step 14 is a nine-beat run RFI swing rocker to a RBI. The swing is performed on the fourth beat of the step, and the rocker is performed on the seventh beat of the step. The position of the free leg after the execution of the rocker turn is optional. Step 14 aims initially toward the long side barrier, then parallel to it on the swing, and toward the long axis just before the rocker. After the rocker, the step curves away from the long axis and finishes toward the long side barrier.

Step 15 (LBO for three beats) is skated parallel to the short axis. It is optional to perform this step as a stroke or as a dropped chasse.

Step 16 is a six-beat Cw RFI-3; the first three beats of the step are performed on a RFI, and the last three beats are performed on a RBO; the three turn is performed on the fourth beat of the step. The step begins toward the long side barrier and finishes away from it.

Step 17 (XR-LBO for two beats) begins a lobe that opens toward the long axis and returns toward the long side barrier with step 18 (RBI for one beat).

Step 19, a LBI for three beats, is a wide step, i.e. with the left foot taking the floor about 18 inches (approximately 0.5 meters) from the right foot. This step aims initially toward the

long side barrier and curves toward the middle of the short side barrier. Step 20 finishes toward the long axis at the center of the rink.

Steps 21 (XR-LBO), 22 (mohawk RFO-3), 23 (LBO), and 24 (RFO-swing) form a long lobe that opens toward the center of the rink, then beginning with step 23 curves toward the short side barrier. It is optional to perform step 23 (LBO) either as a stroke or as a dropped chasse.

Step 24 is a six-beat mohawk RFO-swing. The step is performed as follows:
- On the first beat: mohawk RFO;
- On the fourth beat: forward swing of the free leg;

<u>During the evaluation of this dance particular attention should be paid to the following elements:</u>
- Accuracy of timing, step technique, and the prescribed pattern.
- Accuracy of timing of steps 1, 2 and 3.
- Timing of step 3: three beats total; two beats on an outside edge, one beat on an inside edge.
- Depth of edge on step 4 allowing the correct aim for the angular takeoff of step 5 towards the long axis.
- Proper execution of the open mohawk, step 6 (RBI), placed next to the instep of step 5 (LFI).
- Step 8 aimed towards the long side barrier.
- Step 10 and 11 descending directly towards the short side barrier and finishing parallel to the long axis.
- Correct timing of steps 12 (2 beats) RFI and 13 (one beat) Xch LFO.
- Edge quality and correct aim toward the long axis for step 14 run RFI Swing Rocker. Turn must be executed on deep inside edge before and after the turn, with no apparent flattening or change of edge.
- Step 15 aimed directly to the long side barrier.
- Step 16 (choctaw RFI-3) aimed toward the long side barrier, with the three turn aiming parallel to it on beat 4 of the step. The step finishes away from the long side barrier.
- Step 19 is a wide step and should be placed approximately 18 inches from the previous step.
- Correct aim for step 21 towards the center of the rink.
- Proper curvature and execution of steps 21, 22, and 23 with no obvious flattening of the arc.

Key Points – Westminster Waltz Solo

SECTION 1:
1. **Steps 1, 2 And 3:** accuracy of timing of all three steps (step 1 is two beats, step 2 is one beat and step 3 is 3 beats). Step 3 is an outside edge for two beats with a change of edge to inside on beat 3 of the step.
2. **Step 4:** RFI for three beats; must be stepped as a clear inside edge that is maintained throughout and aimed toward the center of the rink.
3. **Steps 5 (LFI) and 6 (Mk-RBI):** proper execution of the Open Mohawk, aimed toward the long axis and done on strong edges, with Step 6 placed close to the instep of the left foot.
4. **Steps 7 (LBO) and 8 (Cw-RFI):** proper execution of the choctaw, keeping the correct edges before/after the turn, with no deviation from the LBO before executing the choctaw
5. **Step 10 (XR-RFO-3):** proper execution of the cross-roll and 3 turn, keeping the correct edge before/after the turn.

SECTION 2:

1. **Steps 12 (Cw-RFI) and 13 (Xch-LFO):** proper execution of the choctaw, keeping the correct edge before/after the turn, followed by a crossed-chasse done with feet parallel and close together, immediately returning to the "and" position, executed on the correct edge. Proper timing of **step 12 Cw-RFI** (two beats) and **step 13 Xch LFO** (1 beat).
2. **Step 14 (run RFI-Sw RK):** proper execution of the Swing Rocker turn, skated on a strong edge throughout the turn, with no deviation from the inside edge before or after the turn. The aim of the cusp of the turn should be towards the long axis.
3. **Step 15 (LBO) and 16 (Cw-RFI-3):** proper execution of the choctaw and 3 turn, keeping correct edges before/after the turns. Pay attention to the proper timing of the three turn, which should be executed on beat 4 of the step.
4. **Step 19:** should be stepped wide (approximately 18 inches or 0.5 meters from the previous step).
5. **Steps 21 (XR-LBO), 22 (Mk-RFO-3), 23 (LBO), 24 (Mk-RFO-Sw):** proper execution of the Mohawks and 3 Turn. This lobe should be skated on a curve, with continuing, flowing waltz movement and no obvious flattening or sub curvature of the arc. Step 24 must be skated on an outside edge for 6 beats.

SECTION 1 for Steps 1-14:

1. **Steps 5 (LFI)** (3 beats) **and 6 (Mk-RBI)**(3 beats):
   - Proper execution of the Open Mohawk, aimed toward the long axis and done on strong edges, with Step 6 placed close to the instep of the left foot.
2. **Step 10 (XR-RFO-3):**
   - Correct technical execution of the cross-roll and 3 turn;
   - Keeping the correct edge before/after the turn.
3. **Step 13 (Xch-LFO)** (1 beat):
   - Correct technical execution of the crossed-chasse done with feet parallel and close together, immediately returning to the "and" position, executed on the correct edge.
4. **Step 14 (run RFI SwRK)** (3+3+3 beats)
   - Correct technical execution of the Rocker turn, executed on beat 7 of the step skated on a strong edge throughout the turn;
   - Attention: the aim of the cusp of the turn should be towards the long axis.
   - No deviation from the inside edge before or after the turn.

List of steps - Westminster Waltz Solo

NO.	SKATER'S STEP	BEATS
1st SECTION		
1	LFO	2
2	Run RFI	1
3	LFO/I	2+1
4	RFI	3
5	LFI	3
6	OpMk RBI	3
7	LBO *	6
8	Cw RFI	3
9	LFO	3
10	XR RFO-3t	2+1
11	** LBO	3
2nd SECTION		
12	Cw RFI	2
13	XCh LFO	1
14	Run RFI-SwRk	3+3+3
15	** LBO	3
16	Cw RFI-3t	3+3
17	XR LBO	2
18	Run RBI	1
19	W LBI	3
20	RBO	3
21	XR LBO	3
22	Mk RFO-3t	2+1
23	** LBO	3
24	Mk RFO-Sw	3+3
* free leg free movement ** could be a Stroke or a Dropped Chasse		

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