

HOW TO ACHIEVE GREAT SPINS, OFF-ICE

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Golden Rules 1. Study, Study, Study 2. Practice, Practice, Practice

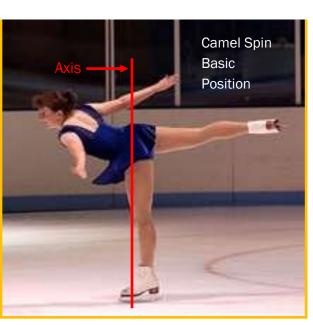
What to Study

- 1. Write down what your coach says and study what you wrote.
- 2. Watch video of yourself spinning.
- 3. Watch video of other skaters spinning.
- 4. Study photos of spin positions. Find the axis.

What to Practice: Off-Ice

- 1. Practice standing on one foot. Do this on left foot and on right foot.
- 2. Practice spin positions standing still. Be aware of your body alignment over the spinning side.
- 3. Practice spin positions on a spinner.
- 4. On the spinner, work to establish balance in basic positions for at least 10 rotations. Do the same with variations of the positions.
- 5. Do exercises to increase core strength.
- 6. Work to increase your flexibility.
- 7. Maintain a good fitness level for endurance and muscle strength.
- 8. Remember to also practice back spins on the spinner.

Upright Spin Basic Position



Spins Need...

- Body alignment on axis
- · Correct blade position
- Balance over the blade
- A decreasing entry curve
- A good "hook"





