

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

I. Board of Directors – In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots – May 2, 2010-April 27, 2011

II. Governing Council – Lombard, Ill. – April 29-30, 2011

- All bylaw amendments below will go into effect with the publication of the rulebook.
- All rule changes below will go into effect on September 1, 2011, unless another implementation date is specified.

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2011 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING (MAY 2, 2010-APRIL 27, 2011):

May 2, 2010

1. **APPROVED** the following persons as the members of the Audit Committee for 2010-11:

Samuel Auxier
Henry Fein
Monte Jahnke
Sam E. Singer
Warren Naphtal, ex officio

Note: Audit Committee elects its own chair

2. **APPROVED** the following persons as the members of the Compensation Committee for 2010-11:

Hal Marron, chair
Kathy Slack
Mark Ladwig
Warren Naphtal, ex officio

***Important Note:** Items approved by the Board of Directors on June 1, June 22, June 29 and July 7, 2010, were incorporated into the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and used for the 2010-11 season. Some of these rules were further amended at the Governing Council meeting, April 29-30, 2011. In such cases, the specific language has been removed from the original items (items 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12) to avoid confusion. To see any of these items in their entirety, please view the Board Report of Action for the respective date (e.g. June 1, June 22, June 29 or July 7, 2010) on the U.S. Figure Skating website by going to “Leadership”, then “Board of Directors” and then “Reports of Action”.*

Per rule RCR 4.07, the Rules Committee has the jurisdiction to make changes in the wording of rules for the purpose of clarification as long as these changes do not affect the intent. As such, a few minor changes have been made since Governing Council to items 13, 17, 28, 42, 43, 76, 82, 83, 95, 108, 128 and 181 to make them more clear, more accurate and/or more grammatically correct.

June 1, 2010

3. **APPROVED** amendment to **rule 3065 (page 161, Rulebook)** as recommended by the Rules Committee.

3065 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in National, Sectional or Regional Championships in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating

4. **APPROVED** amendment to **rule 3066 (page 161, Rulebook)** as recommended by the Rules Committee for the 2010-11 season. (Note: this rule was further amended by the Governing Council on April 30, 2011. See item 104 for the language that will be incorporated into the 2012 Rulebook and utilized for the 2011-12 season.)

5. **APPROVED** to amend **rule IJOOCR 3.05 (page 68, Rulebook)** by the addition of a new item A to read as follows.

IJOOCR 3.05 The recommendation for nomination for ISU or international referee, and ISU or international technical panel officials in all disciplines must include the same data prescribed for national, sectional and regional referees in CR 7.03 (A)(B)(C) or technical panel officials in TPCR 3.01-3.04.

A. To be considered for nomination, a technical specialist must:

1. Have been a former competitor at a U.S sanctioned regional, sectional or national championships
2. Be a citizen of the United States

6. **APPROVED** that the amendment to **rule IJOOCR 3.05 (page 68, Rulebook)** be declared urgent to become effective June 1, 2010.

June 22, 2010

7. **APPROVED** a request of the Singles Committee to amend **rule 3662 (A)(6) and (B) (page 242, Rulebook)** of the novice ladies short program to become effective immediately. (*Note: Subparagraph (A)(6) was further amended by the Governing Council on April 30, 2011. See item 135 for the language that will be incorporated into the 2012 Rulebook and utilized for the 2011-12 season for subparagraph (A)(6). The language for subparagraph (B) will remain as shown below.*)

B. Remarks: No jump may be repeated unless performed in combination. Spin combination (5) must include at least two of the three basic spin positions. Spiral sequence (6), must include at least two spiral positions with at least one change of foot so that spirals on both feet are executed in the sequence. See also 3616(D) for expanded remarks on each element.

8. **APPROVED** at the request of the Pairs Committee to adopt the ISU's newly amended choreographed spiral sequence for the novice pairs short program spiral sequence requirement (**rule 4061, pages 281-282, Rulebook**). ISU Communication 1611 no longer provides calling specifications for levels of difficulty for the spiral sequence. The 53rd ISU Congress adopted the provision that the spiral sequence will always be called as a choreographed spiral sequence (ChSp). The choreographed spiral sequence will be awarded a base value when the requirements are fulfilled and evaluated by the Judges' GOE only. The base value will be applied uniformly throughout the IJS software including novice pair events at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, effective July 1, 2010.

ISU Rule 510 Spiral Sequences

Spiral sequence consists primarily of spirals.

A spiral is a position with one blade on the ice and the free leg (including knee and foot) higher than the hip level. Spiral positions are classified according to the skating leg (right, left), edge (outside, inside), direction (forward, backward) or position of the free leg (backward, forward, sideways). There must be at least two (2) spiral positions not less than three (3) seconds long each or only one (1) spiral position not less than six (6) seconds long. In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the spiral sequence will have no value. The spiral sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by judges in GOE only.

9. **APPROVED** at the request of the Pairs Committee for all adult pairs, juvenile pairs and open juvenile pairs to replace the pivot spiral with the pivot figure, giving them the option of a death spiral or a pivot figure.

June 29, 2010

10. **APPROVED** to amend the spiral sequence in **rule 3663 (page 242, Rulebook)** for the novice well-balanced free skate to make it a fixed base value spiral sequence (ChSp) as defined in ISU Communication 1619 for the 2010-11 season. (*Note: this rule was further amended by the Governing Council on April 30, 2011. See item 136 for the language that will be incorporated into the 2012 Rulebook and utilized for the 2011-12 season.*)

11. **APPROVED** to amend the step sequence in **rule 3663 (page 242, Rulebook)** for the novice well-balanced free skate to make it a fixed base value step sequence (ChSt) for the 2010-11 season. (*Note: this rule was further amended by the Governing Council on April 30, 2011. See item 136 for the language that will be incorporated into the 2012 Rulebook and utilized for the 2011-12 season.*)

July 7, 2010

12. **APPROVED** the Synchronized Skating Committee's proposal to amend **rules 4681, 4691, 4721 and 4731 (pages 362-364, Rulebook)** for the well-balanced programs for novice, intermediate, collegiate and adult synchronized skating for the 2010-11 season. (*Note: Rules 4681 and 4691 were further amended by the Governing Council on April 30, 2011. See items 152 and 153 for the language that will be incorporated into the 2012 Rulebook and utilized for the 2011-12 season.*)

4721 Well-Balanced Free Skate – Collegiate Synchronized Skating

A well-balanced collegiate free skate must contain the following ~~nine~~ ten elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ One intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- F. One no hold ~~block~~ step sequence
- G. One wheel element
- H. One element selected from a spin or moves in the field element
- I. One block step sequence
- J. One circle step sequence

4731 Well-Balanced Free Skate – Adult Synchronized Skating

A well balanced adult free skate must contain the following ~~seven~~ nine elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One element to be selected from moves in the field or spin
- H. One block step sequence
- I. One circle step sequence

August 2, 2010

13. ACCEPTED the Foundation Spending Policy as presented by the Finance Committee.

August 26, 2010

14. DID NOT APPROVE the adoption of separate passing averages for each individual supplemental move based on the passing average of the test from which the move originated.

September 7, 2010

15. APPROVED Paul Wylie as a U.S. Figure Skating Foundation trustee to fill the remainder of the term of Warren Naphtal.

16. APPROVED Scott Cudmore to serve three-year term previously held by Ann O’Keefe and the reappointment of Bill Fauver to serve another three-year term as U.S. Figure Skating representatives on the STAR Board of Directors starting in September 2010.

17. APPROVED the recommendation of the Selection Committee of the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame to induct the 1961 U.S. World Team into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame – in the categories of (1) Athletes; (2) Coaches; (3) Officials and Judges; (4) Family Members – as the sole inductees this year.

September 15, 2010

18. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2011 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 12-16, 2011; Salt Lake City, Utah; Salt Lake Figure Skating.

November 6, 2010

19. APPROVED the reappointment of Henry Fein as a trustee on the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Directors.

20. APPROVED a provisional sanction for the 2012 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships; Dec. 9-13, 2011; East Lansing, Mich.; Lansing Skating Club.

21. ACCEPTED the following national resignations

- Patricia French, Mitchellville, Md. – National Dance Judge and Referee, National Synchronized Judge and Referee
- Aaron Parchem, Auburn Hills, Mich. – National Pairs Technical Specialist

22. APPROVED the following appointments and promotions:

From the Competitions Committee

- Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, Minn. – National Singles/Pairs Referee
- Michael Stafford, Tampa, Fla. – National Announcer
- Patricia French, Mitchellville, Md. – Honorary National Referee (Dance and Synchronized Skating)

From the Technical Panel Committee

- Alex Chang, Norwalk, Calif. – National Singles Technical Specialist
- Cynthia Stevenson, Southborough, Mass. – National Singles Technical Specialist
- Dorian Valles, Carlsbad, Calif. – National Singles Technical Specialist
- Scott Cudmore, Raleigh, N.C. – National Pairs Technical Specialist
- Brenda Kickertz, Rockford, Ill. – National Singles, Pairs and Dance Data Operator

23. APPROVED the nomination of Dann Krueger to take the exam for promotion to ISU synchronized skating judge.

24. ACCEPTED the Audit Report for the 2010 FY Financials through June 30, 2010.

December 14, 2010

25. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2011 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; July 21-24, 2011; Sun Valley, Idaho; Sun Valley FSC.

January 10, 2011

26. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2011 Skate America; Ontario, Calif.; Oct. 21-23, 2011.

27. **APPROVED** that U.S. Figure Skating will bid on holding the 2012 ISU Four Continents Championships.

28. **APPROVED** the following financial transaction: that \$250,000 be transferred from the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation to U.S. Figure Skating as approved in the 2010 budget by Governing Council for the purpose of funding the development of the Membership Management System.

February 12, 2011

29. **APPROVED** the 2011-12 budget, as amended at the meeting.

30. **APPROVED** the four-year business plan.

31. **APPROVED** to amend the minutes from November 6 to clarify that the approval of the dues increase was rescinded until the Feb. 12 board meeting and the board’s approval of the four-year business plan.

32. **APPROVED** the motion to submit the bylaw change to eliminate the USOC Representative position and to have the president represent U.S. Figure Skating in USOC matters.

33. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2012 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, Worcester, Mass., The SC of Boston, March 7-10 2012.

34. **APPROVED AS AMENDED (by the Governing Council on April 30)** the membership dues increases starting with FY 2012 (starting July 1, 2011) as discussed at the November 6 board meeting during the presentation of the preliminary draft of the four-year business plan and set forth in the table below.

<u>Proposed Membership Dues Increases</u>					
		<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>
	<u>Current</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Regular Membership					
First Family	\$40	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Subsequent Family	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Individual Membership					
First Family	\$85	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120
Subsequent Family	\$40	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52
Basic Skills Membership					
Basic Skills	\$10	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
Synchronized Teams	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$50	\$50
Theatre On Ice	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$50
Select Club dues are increased, beginning in Y1 as follows:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer than <u>50</u> – no increase (remains \$50) • <u>50</u> but fewer than <u>100</u> – \$100 • <u>100</u> but fewer than <u>200</u> – \$200 • <u>200</u> but fewer than <u>300</u> – \$300 • <u>300</u> but fewer than <u>400</u> – \$400 • <u>400</u> or more – \$500 					
- Collegiate club and school/affiliated member dues are not increased.					
- Introductory member dues are not increased.					
- Collegiate member dues are not increased.					

March 8, 2011

35. **APPROVED** the Athlete Selection Procedure for the 2012 Youth Winter Olympics.
36. **APPROVED** the Team Leaders Selection Procedure for the 2012 Youth Winter Olympics.
37. **APPROVED** the Olympic Team Leader Selection Procedure for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.
38. **APPROVED** the Standing Rules as amended in items 4 and 17-25.
39. **APPROVED** the board's submission to the Governing Council of proposed amendments to bylaw Article IX as discussed on the call.
40. **APPROVED** the board's submission to the Governing Council of proposed amendments to bylaw Article VII to change the address of the secretary to that of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.
41. **APPROVED** the provisional sanction for 2012 National Theatre On Ice to be hosted by the Greater Cleveland SC in Strongsville, Ohio (exact dates to be determined).
42. **APPROVED** the list of recommendations to the ISU's Frankfurt Seminar to test for technical panel appointments as follows:
- ISU technical specialist for singles: Jason Dungjen
 - International technical specialist for pairs: Whitney Gaynor
 - International technical controller for pairs: Deveny Deck
 - International technical controller for dance: Shawn Rettstatt
- Names will be submitted to the ISU for attendance at the Frankfurt Seminar and, if accepted, each must pass a test at the end of the seminar to receive his/her appointment.

April 4, 2011

43. **APPROVED** the nomination of Kevin Rosenstein to the ISU for the position of international singles/pairs judge as recommended by the International Judges and Officials Committee.
44. **APPROVED** changes to the 2012 Youth Winter Olympics athlete selection document recommended by the USOC.
45. **APPROVED** the amended Foundation Spending Policy.

April 27, 2011

46. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.
47. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the April 4, 2011, conference call.
48. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction, pending accepted contract, for the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; January 19-27, 2013; Omaha, Neb.; Omaha Sports Commission.
49. **ADOPTED** the Standing Rules.
50. **APPROVED** Myrtle Beach, S.C., as the site of the 2012 Governing Council meeting, May 2-6, 2012, pending accepted contract.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – LOMBARD, ILL., – APRIL 29-30, 2011

(Includes actions taken by the Board of Directors that were ratified)

51. **ADOPTED** the Standing Rules as amended in items 4 and 17-25 by the Board of Directors on March 8, 2011.
52. **APPROVED** suspension of the rules to not hold a candidates forum.
53. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda as amended.
54. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2010 Governing Council meeting held April 30-May 1, 2010, in Orange County, Calif.
55. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this meeting of Leslie Gianelli (chair), Heather Nemier (Rules Committee chair) and Brandon Forsyth (athlete member).
56. **AWARDED** the following provisional clubs full membership in U.S. Figure Skating:
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| Copper State SC | Gilbert, AZ |
| East Alton Skating Academy | East Alton, IL |
| FSC of Hunterdon | Flemington, NJ |
| Kingsgate SC | Kirkland, WA |
| Mosinee Silverblades | Mosinee, WI |
| Space City FSC | Friendswood, TX |
| Tri-State Toe Picks FSC | Onalaska, WI |
| Wind River SC | Pinedale, WY |

57. **ADOPTED – Exhibit A**

Amend **Article XV, Section 1**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to clarify who can vote for Nominating Committee members.

ARTICLE XV

Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year a 12-member Nominating Committee will be established consisting of:

A. Nine registered members, none of whom represent the same region, consisting of:

- (i) Three members (one from each section) elected in odd numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms; and
- (ii) Six members (two from each section) elected in even numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms.

58. **ADOPTED – Exhibits B, C and D**

Exhibit B: amend **Article XVI, Sections 1 and 3**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to add the Theatrical Skating Committee as a permanent committee of the Technical Group (Group 3).

Exhibit C: amend **Article XVI, Section 1**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to add the State Games Committee to the list of permanent committees.

Exhibit D: amend **Article XVI, Sections 1 and 3**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to add the Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee to the list of permanent committees in Section 1 and update the name from Special Olympics in Section 3.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 1 Permanent Committees. U.S. Figure Skating has the following permanent committees:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 17. Memorial Fund |
| 2. Athlete Development | 18. Pairs |
| 3. Athletes Advisory | 19. Parents |
| 4. Audit | 20. Program Development |
| 5. Coaches | 21. Rules |
| 6. Collegiate Program | 22. Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 7. Compensation | 23. Selections |
| 8. Competitions | 24. Singles |
| 9. Dance | 25. <u>Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating</u> |
| 10. Ethics | 26. <u>Sports Sciences and Medicine</u> |
| 11. Finance | 27. <u>State Games</u> |
| 12. Grievance | 28. Strategic Planning |
| 13. International | 29. Synchronized Skating |
| 14. International Judges and Officials | 30. Technical Panel |
| 15. Judges | 31. Tests |
| 16. Membership | 32. <u>Theatrical Skating</u> |

Section 3 Committee Groups. U.S. Figure Skating committees are organized into four committee groups:

- Group 1: Athlete Services: Athlete Development, Athletes Advisory, Coaches, International, Memorial Fund, Parents, and Sports Sciences and Medicine.
- Group 2: Membership Development: Collegiate Program, Membership, Program Development, Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating and State Games.
- Group 3: Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges and Officials, Judges, Pairs, Selections, Singles, Synchronized Skating, Technical Panel, ~~and Tests~~ and Theatrical Skating.
- Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Audit, Compensation, Ethics, Finance, Grievance, Rules, Sanctions and Eligibility, and Strategic Planning.

59. APPROVED – As part of Exhibit C

Amend **rule SGR 1.01 (page 110, Rulebook)** as follows:

SGR 1.01 The State Games Committee is a special permanent committee appointed by the president in accordance with pursuant to Article XVI, Section 4 1 of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

60. APPROVED – As part of Exhibit D

Update committee name to Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating in **rules SOCR 2.01 and SOCR 3.01 (page 109, Rulebook)**, and amend **rule SOCR 1.01 (page 109, Rulebook)** as follows:

SOCR 1.01 The Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee is a special permanent committee appointed by the president in accordance with pursuant to Article XVI, Section 4 1 of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

61. ADOPTED – Exhibit E

Amend **Article VIII, Section 4**, and **Article XI, Section 1**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and page 95 of the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook* to eliminate the USOC Representative position and have the president serve as U.S. Figure Skating's representative to the USOC National Governing Bodies Council.

**ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors**

Section 4 Ex-officio and Additional Members.

- A. The immediate past president, the appointed ISU Representative, ~~the USOC Representative (including the representative to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council)~~ and those officeholders on the ISU representing the sport of figure skating are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors who will have no vote as members of the board.

**ARTICLE XI
President**

Section 1 Duties. The president:

- A. Presides at all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors.
- B. Generally supervises the activities of U.S. Figure Skating; and
- C. Signs all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000.
- D. Appoints:
 - (i) The chairs of the permanent committees, with the exception of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee;
 - (ii) The representatives and delegates to the ISU, ~~the USOC~~ and such other organizations with which U.S. Figure Skating is affiliated;
- E. Serves as U.S. Figure Skating's representative to the USOC National Governing Bodies Council;
- ~~E.F.~~ Has the right to remove the chairs in (D)(i), subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Sections 2 and 4 of these bylaws, and the representatives in (D)(ii) with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, provided that such power does not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.

Olympic Representative*

The Olympic representative is a member who is appointed by the president and is thereby regularly empowered to attend meetings of the USOC and to exercise the voting rights of U.S. Figure Skating.

**This rule is on page 95 of the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. It has no rule number.*

62. ADOPTED – Exhibit F

Amend **Article VII, Sections 2 and 5**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to clarify where certain information directed to the secretary should actually be sent.

ARTICLE VII

Delegates to the Governing Council

Section 2 Appointment of Full Member Club Delegates. Each active full member club, by action of its duly constituted governing body, must appoint from among its registered home club members a number of delegates, based on the total number of registered members of such full member club during the preceding fiscal year, as shown in the following table.

A. These delegates must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1 of this article.

B. A certificate of appointment, duly signed by the authorized officer of such full member club must be filed with the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

Section 5 Vacancies. Full member clubs, athlete members and individual members may fill a vacancy among their delegates by filing the appropriate certificate of appointment or election with the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

63. APPROVED – As part of Exhibit F

Amend **rule MR 3.07 (page 83, Rulebook)** as follows:

MR 3.07 Prior to the annual meeting of the Governing Council, the chair of the Membership Committee ~~shall~~ will report and make recommendations of such provisional member club to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters. Such report and recommendations ~~shall~~ will be included in the notice for such annual meeting, at which meeting the Governing Council ~~shall~~ will either accept or reject the club as a full club member.

64. ADOPTED – Exhibit G

Amend **Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 (A)**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws as follows to remove duplication.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 1 Annual Meeting of the Governing Council. The annual meeting of the Governing Council:

A. Will be held during the months of April or May at the date, time and place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors not later than the preceding annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

~~**B.** Individual and school-affiliated members will be notified of such meeting.~~

~~**C.**~~ **B.** Is the annual meeting of the members for the purposes of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act as hereafter amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law.

~~**D.** Honorary members, individual members, members of member clubs and collegiate clubs, supportive members and rink management members, may attend such meeting in their individual capacities with the rights and privileges of observers as set forth in Article VII, Section 6 of these bylaws. However, such individuals are not entitled to personal notice of the date, time and place of such meeting.~~

65. ADOPTED – Exhibit H

Amend **Article IX, Section 3**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to remove duplication, differentiate between announcements and notices and propose cost-saving measures.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 3 Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council.

A. An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting will be sent posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website no fewer than four months prior to the date of the meeting. Once posted, an e-mail will be sent to all member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated members, honorary members, individual members, athlete delegates, committee chairs and to all members of the Board of Directors informing them that the information is available and of its location no fewer than four months prior to the date of the meeting.

B. ~~Written notice~~ Notice of meetings of the Governing Council will be ~~mailed to all member clubs~~ posted on the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website no fewer than 20 days or more than 60 days before the date of the meeting.

~~**C.** Collegiate clubs will be notified of meetings of the Governing Council by an announcement thereof posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website or published in an issue of SKATING magazine mailed no more than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting addressed or delivered to the member's or club's address shown in U.S. Figure Skating's current list of members.~~

~~**D.**~~ **C.** The written notices of meetings of the Governing Council will state:

- (i) The date, time and place of the meeting,
- (ii) The general character of the business proposed to be transacted, and
- (iii) A description of any matter for which approval of members is sought.

~~E.D.~~ The exact wording of any proposed action need not be stated, except that the specific text of any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be stated and the names and locations of all clubs to be proposed for full club membership will be stated.

~~F.~~ An additional announcement to individual members and collegiate clubs published with SKATING magazine or on the U.S. Figure Skating website no fewer than 20 days prior to the meeting, will state:

~~(i)~~ The date, time and place of the meeting;

~~(ii)~~ A description of any matter for which the approval of members is sought;

~~(iii)~~ That a copy of the written notice sent to member clubs may be obtained on request to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

66. ADOPTED – Exhibit I

Amend **Article IX, Section 12**, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws as follows to propose cost-saving measures and differentiate between announcements and notices.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 12 *Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Board of Directors.*

A. An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting will be sent e-mailed to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members) of the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the date of the meeting.

B. ~~Written notice~~ Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors will be e-mailed to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members) thereof:

(i) At least 20 days before the date of the meeting,

(ii) Stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the general character of the purposes of the meeting.

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

67. APPROVED – Athletes Advisory Committee

Add “Synchronized Management Subcommittee” to the list of U.S. Figure Skating bodies in **rule AACR 3.01 (1) (page 34, Rulebook)** that require an athlete to have competed in – (1) a championship (senior) or junior event at the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships or U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; or (2) An international competition as defined in Article XXI, Section 2, within the 10 years preceding election – in order to serve as an athlete representative.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

68. APPROVED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 10.02 (page 66, Rulebook)** to remove the International Judges and Officials Committee chair as an ex-officio member of the Synchronized Management Subcommittee and update the requirements for athlete members.

ICR 10.02 The Synchronized Management Subcommittee consists of the International Committee chair, the International Committee immediate past chair, the Synchronized Skating Committee chair, one international synchronized skating coach, three ~~international~~ synchronized skating athletes who are not actively competing, and five at-large members. In addition, the Synchronized Management Subcommittee immediate past chair; and the Synchronized Skating Committee immediate past chair, ~~and the International Judges and Officials chair shall be~~ are ex-officio members of this subcommittee.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

69. APPROVED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 6.04 (B) (page 64, Rulebook)** to update the selections criteria for the Four Continents Championships as follows:

B. Four Continents Championships:

The team ~~shall will~~ be selected from those athletes who are ISU senior age eligible. ~~Consideration shall be given the current U.S. champion in each discipline.~~ Selection to the U.S. Four Continents Team ~~shall will~~ be based upon the results of the two most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the most recent World Championship, the most recent Four Continents Championship and all other international events; however, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances. Exceptions to the age-eligibility rules which are granted by the ISU will always be allowed.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

70. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Program Development Committee

Propose to add the following new rules to define the authority, organization and responsibility of the Theatrical Skating Committee.

TSCR 1.00 Authority

TSCR 1.01 The Theatrical Skating Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

TSCR 2.00 Organization

TSCR 2.01 The Theatrical Skating Committee consists of a chair and the following members:

- A. National Vice Chair of Theatre On Ice
- B. National Vice Chair of Showcase/Artistic Skating
- C. Three Sectional Vice Chairs (one from each section)
- D. Two judge members
- E. Three athlete representatives
- F. Two coach representatives
- G. Up to four additional members
- H. Program Development Committee chair (ex-officio member)
- I. Competitions Committee chair (ex-officio member)
- J. Judges Committee chair (ex-officio member)

TSCR 3.00 Responsibility

TSCR 3.01 The Theatrical Skating Committee is responsible for:

- A. Creating objectives and program options to foster the growth, development and long-term success of artistic skating, Theatre On Ice and Showcase/Artistic athletes;
- B. The composition, conduct and manner of performance of all theatrical skating events;
- C. The marks and judging standards for theatrical skating;
- D. All matters related to theatrical skating in competition not otherwise delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

71. APPROVED – Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee

Amend **rules TR 11.01 and TR 11.02 (page 7, Tests Book)** to follow the adult test levels (with appropriate modifications) for moves in the field and free skate tests, to allow Special Olympics athletes to take dance tests up to and including the international level and to clarify where the guidelines and diagrams can be found.

TR 11.00 Special Olympics Test Rules

TR 11.01 A Special Olympics test may be given to any Special Olympics athlete who is registered with a Special Olympics program. Tests are to be judged on a “pass” or “retry” basis.

- A.** Moves in the field tests may be given ~~up to and including the novice test~~ at the levels of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. Any number of elements may be reskated at the request of the judge-in-charge. There is no focus for any element.
- B.** Free skate tests may be given ~~up to and including the novice test~~ at the levels of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. Any number of elements may be reskated at the request of the judge-in-charge.
- C.** Dance tests may be given ~~up to and including the gold dance test~~ at all levels specified in TR 40.01. Partners may be selected without regard to their dance test accomplishments. No solos are required.

TR 11.02 Guidelines and diagrams may ~~differ from the standard and adult tests set forth in these rules and should be obtained from usfigureskating.org~~ U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

72. APPROVED – Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee

Amend **rules SOCR 2.00-3.01 (page 109, Rulebook)** to make the rules match the current structure of the Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee.

SOCR 2.00 Responsibility

SOCR 2.01 It ~~shall~~ will be the responsibility of the Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee to:

- A. Develop rules and regulations and suitable programs for ~~submission to the~~ in accordance with Special Olympics ~~rules~~ Sports Rules Committee;
- B. Work in conjunction with Special Olympics, Inc., to encourage and promote figure skating within the Special Olympics concept.

~~**SOCR 3.00 Therapeutic Skating Subcommittee**~~

~~**SOCR 3.01**~~ The Therapeutic Skating Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Special Olympics Committee:

- ~~A.C.~~ The Therapeutic Skating Subcommittee is responsible for the development of Develop therapeutic skating programs; and educational materials, and for the ~~dissemination of~~ disseminate information on therapeutic skating.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

73. APPROVED – State Games Committee

Propose to amend **rules SGCR 7.01 (page 112, Rulebook)** and **SGCR 8.03 (page 112, Rulebook)** to reflect the current structure of the State Games Committee, which no longer has any state chair positions.

SGCR 7.00 Conduct of Competitions

SGCR 7.01 Specific rules for individual State Games figure skating competitions ~~shall~~ will be designed cooperatively by the State Games Committee ~~state chair and~~ respective sectional vice chair, the club hosting the competition, ~~the sectional vice chair, the national chair and~~ the State Games organization in the respective state.

SGCR 8.03 Within 50 days of the last day of competition, a summary report of the competition and a financial statement must be filed with the national chair of State Games, the appropriate sectional vice chair of State Games, ~~U.S. Figure Skating State Games chair for the state hosting the games~~ and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters. Failure to submit final reports and financial statements may result in the denial of a sanction the following year and any agreed upon assistance from the U.S. Figure Skating State Games budget.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

74. ACCEPTED the following national resignations

- Elaine DeMore, Cleveland, Ohio – National Singles/Pairs Judge, National Dance Judge
- Kathleen Dunn, Medford, N.Y. – National Singles/Pairs Judge
- Beth Sweiding-Sisofo, Cary, Ill. – National Synchronized Technical Specialist and Video Replay Operator
- Ida Tateoka, Salt Lake City, Utah – National Singles/Pairs Judge and National Dance Judge

75. APPROVED the following appointments and promotions:

From the Competitions Committee

- Janis Engel, Valencia, Calif. – National Singles/Pairs Referee
- James Kawano, Narberth, Pa. – National Accountant
- Gay Ann Louiselle, Coon Rapids, Minn. – National Accountant
- Elliot Schwartz, West Roxbury, Mass. – National Accountant

From the Judges Committee

- Marcia Chaffee, West Chester, Ohio – National Singles/Pairs Judge
- Elaine Demore, Cleveland, Ohio – Honorary National Judge
- Victoria Hildebrand, Williston, Vt. – National Dance Judge
- Whitney Luke, Columbus, Ohio – National Singles/Pairs Judge
- Goleen Samari, Los Angeles, Calif. – National Singles/Pairs Judge
- Ida Tateoka, Salt Lake City, Utah – Honorary National Judge

76. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee, Judges Committee and Technical Panel Committee

Amend the “Formal Complaints Against Officials” rules – amend **rules 3585 (page 220, Rulebook) and JR 10.00 (pages 77-78, Rulebook)** and add **new rules CR 8.00-8.07 [suggested numbers] (page 43, Rulebook) and TPCR 7.00-7.08 [suggested numbers] (page 117, Rulebook)** and renumber other rules as applicable – as follows:

3585 Formal Complaints Against Officials at a Competition

- A. Complaints concerning any official must be made in writing to one of the following: referee or judge must be filed in writing with the chair of the Competitions Committee and with the chair of the Judges Committee, within 30 days after the discovery of the cause of the complaints, but not later than 14 days prior to the conducting of a subsequent event at which the judge or referee might be scheduled to officiate.
- A. The joint resolution action issued by the chair of the Judges Committee and the chair of the Competitions Committee shall be considered final:
 - 1. Chief referee of the competition;
 - 2. Event referee at the competition;
 - 3. Technical panel captain at the competition, in the case of a complaint against a technical panel official;
 - 4. Chair of the Competitions Committee in the case of complaints against a referee, accountant, music coordinator, announcer or ice technician;
 - 5. Chair of the Judges Committee in the case of a complaint against a judge;
 - 6. Chair of the Technical Panel Committee in the case of a complaint against a technical panel official.
- B. A subcommittee will be formed to hear and act on formal complaints against U.S. Figure Skating officials. Details of the complaint process are located in the committee rules for competitions, judges, or technical panel officials as applicable.

CR 8.00 Formal Complaints Against Competition Officials

CR 8.01 Subcommittee to hear complaints

- A. In the case of complaints against any official (other than a judge or technical panel official) at a competition, a subcommittee will be appointed by the chair of the Competitions Committee and will consist of:
 - 1. The vice president from the official’s section;
 - 2. The national and sectional (from the official’s section) vice chairs from the appropriate category on the Competitions Committee;
 - 3. Athlete representative(s) who are athletes as defined in Article XXI, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to comprise at least 20 percent of the subcommittee, appointed by the chairs of the Competitions Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee;
 - 4. Such other members as the chair deems appropriate, not to exceed 10 members.
- B. Complaints must be made in writing to one of the persons identified in rule 3585 (A).
- C. Complaints are limited to repeated serious error by an official, repeated inconsistency in temperament, a pattern indicating a lack of mental or physical ability to perform effectively and reliably as an official, actions unbecoming an official or ineligibility under other U.S. Figure Skating rules.
- D. Complaints must be filed within 60 days of the incident and disposed of no later than 60 days after the meeting of the subcommittee following the complaint.
- E. Officials must be given a copy of the complaint and an opportunity to answer; and the opinion of the official’s appropriate sectional vice chair must be heard.

CR 8.02 After review of the complaint, the subcommittee will vote whether to absolve the official of the complaint or whether corrective action is necessary. If the majority vote is that corrective action is necessary, the subcommittee will consider whether or not a program of counseling and retraining will sufficiently address the complaint. The subcommittee will only vote to reprimand, demote, suspend or remove an official – or, in the case of national-level officials, recommend that the Board of Directors reprimand, demote, suspend or remove an official – where the subcommittee has deemed by majority vote that a program of counseling and retraining is not sufficient corrective action or where counseling and retraining has been identified, but the official in question has failed to complete the counseling and retraining program in a timely manner.

CR 8.03 In addition, to the extent the complaint involves an alleged ethical violation, the subcommittee will refer the complaint to the chair of the Ethics Committee for review and determination as to whether a disciplinary proceeding should be initiated per Article XXIV, Section 3 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

CR 8.04 Dispositions must be in writing and furnished to the official, the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair and the appropriate vice chair(s) of the Competitions Committee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

CR 8.05 The official will retain his/her right of appeal through the grievance procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.

CR 8.06 Confidentiality concerning the subject matter of a complaint and the parties involved must be maintained by all parties and participants until the process is finalized.

CR 8.07 An official demoted, suspended or removed in accordance with CR 8.00 may apply for reinstatement to their former or to a lower classification through the chair of the Competitions Committee only after the expiration of one

year from the effective date of demotion, suspension or removal. Upon receipt of such application, the chair of the Competitions Committee will consult with the subcommittee to determine whether reinstatement is appropriate. Action on the application by the subcommittee will be by majority vote. Upon action by the subcommittee, the chair will so notify the official. Copies of notices will be sent to the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair and appropriate vice chair(s) of the Competitions Committee, the members of the subcommittee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters; and in the event of favorable action by the subcommittee, the date thereof will constitute the effective date of reinstatement.

JR 10.00 Formal Complaints Against Judges

JR 10.01 ~~The committee shall hear and act on formal complaints against U.S. Figure Skating judges which pertain to acts of judging or issues directly related to judging activity: Subcommittee to hear complaints~~

~~**A.** In the case of complaints against a judge, a subcommittee will be appointed by the chair of the Judges Committee and will consist of:~~

- ~~1. The vice president from the official's section;~~
- ~~2. The sectional vice chair of the Judge's Committee in the appropriate discipline from the official's section;~~
- ~~3. The regional vice chair of the Judge's Committee in the appropriate discipline from the official's section;~~
- ~~4. The sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee from the official's section;~~
- ~~5. Athlete representative(s) who are athletes as defined in Article XXI, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to comprise at least 20 percent of the subcommittee, appointed by the chairs of the Judges Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee;~~
- ~~6. Such other members as the chair deems appropriate, not to exceed 10 members.~~

~~**A.B.** Complaints must originate with the chair of the Judges or Competitions Committee or a chief referee at a national, sectional or regional competition be made in writing to one of the persons identified in rule 3585 (A).~~

~~**B.C.** Complaints shall be are limited to markings indicating bias or serious error, repeated inconsistency in marking, a pattern of judging indicating a lack of judging temperament or mental or physical inability to perform effectively and reliably as a judge, repeated actions unbecoming a judge, and or ineligibility under other U.S. Figure Skating rules.~~

~~**C.D.** Complaints must be filed within 60 days of the incident and disposed of no later than 60 days after the meeting of the Judges Committee subcommittee following the complaint.~~

~~**D.E.** Judges must be given a copy of the complaint and an opportunity to answer; and the opinion of the judge's regional vice chair must be heard.~~

~~**E.** Dispositions must be formal and furnished to the judge, the appropriate club, U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters, and the appropriate regional vice chair of the Judges Committee.~~

JR 10.02 ~~The Judges Committee After review of the complaint, the subcommittee will shall first vote by majority whether or not to absolve the judge of the complaint or whether or not corrective action is necessary. If the majority vote is that corrective action is necessary, the subcommittee shall first will consider whether or not a program of counseling and retraining will sufficiently address the complaint. The subcommittee shall will only vote to reprimand, demote, suspend or remove a judge – or, in the case of national-level judges, recommend that the Board of Directors reprimand, demote, suspend or remove a judge – where the subcommittee has deemed by majority vote that a program of counseling and retraining is not sufficient corrective action or where counseling and retraining has been identified but the judge in question has failed to complete the counseling and retraining program in a timely manner.~~

JR 10.043 ~~In addition, to the extent the complaint involves an alleged ethical violation, the subcommittee will refer the complaint to the chair of the Ethics Committee for review and determination as to whether a disciplinary proceeding should be initiated per Article XXIV, Section 3 (B). Actions of the Judges Committee are subject to the grievance procedures of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.~~

JR 10.04 ~~Dispositions must be in writing and furnished to the judge, the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair and appropriate regional vice chair of the Judges Committee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.~~

JR 10.05 ~~The official will retain his/her right of appeal through the grievance procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.~~

JR 10.06 ~~Confidentiality concerning the subject matter of a complaint and the parties involved must be maintained by all parties and participants until the process is finalized.~~

JR 10.037 ~~Judges demoted, suspended or removed in accordance with JR 10.00 may apply to the appropriate sectional vice chair for reinstatement to their former or to a lower classification through the chair of the Judges Committee only after the expiration of one year from the effective date of demotion, suspension or removal. Upon receipt of such application, the chair of the Judges Committee will consult with the subcommittee to determine whether reinstatement is appropriate. Upon favorable action by the committee upon the application for reinstatement, the chair shall will so notify the judge. Action on the application by the subcommittee will be by majority vote. Upon action by the subcommittee, the chair will so notify the judge. Copies of notices shall will be sent to the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair of the Judges Committee, the members of the subcommittee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters and the judge's club; and in the event of favorable action by the subcommittee, the date thereof shall will constitute the effective date of reinstatement.~~

JR 10.058 The fact that a judge has voluntarily failed to comply with the minimum requirements set forth in JR 12.01 during the specified term, ~~shall~~ will be deemed reason for the sectional vice chair to remove such judge from the official lists of judges and, ~~in the case of competition judges~~, subject to review with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee (in the case of competition judges).

TPCR 7.00 Formal Complaints Against Technical Panel Officials

TPCR 7.01 Subcommittee to hear complaints

A. In the case of complaints against a technical panel official, a subcommittee will be appointed by the chair of the Technical Panel Committee and will consist of:

1. The vice president from the official's section;

2. The sectional vice chair of the Technical Panel Committee from the official's section;

3. The vice chair of the Technical Panel Committee in the appropriate discipline;

4. The sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee from the official's section;

5. Athlete representative(s) who are athletes as defined in Article XXI, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to comprise at least 20 percent of the subcommittee, appointed by the chairs of the Technical Panel Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee;

6. Such other members as the chair deems appropriate, not to exceed 10 members.

B. Complaints must be made in writing to one of the persons identified in rule 3585 (A).

C. Complaints are limited to repeated serious error by a technical panel official, repeated inconsistency in temperament, a pattern indicating a lack of mental or physical ability to perform effectively and reliably as a technical panel official, actions unbecoming a technical panel official or ineligibility under other U.S. Figure Skating rules.

D. Complaints must be filed within 60 days of the incident and disposed of no later than 60 days after the meeting of the subcommittee following the complaint.

E. Technical panel officials must be given a copy of the complaint and an opportunity to answer; and the opinion of the technical panel official's sectional vice chair must be heard.

TPCR 7.02 After review of the complaint, the subcommittee will vote whether to absolve the technical panel official of the complaint or whether corrective action is necessary. If the majority vote is that corrective action is necessary, the subcommittee will consider whether or not a program of counseling and retraining will sufficiently address the complaint. The subcommittee will only vote to reprimand, demote, suspend or remove a technical panel official – or, in the case of national-level officials, recommend that the Board of Directors reprimand, demote, suspend or remove an official – where the subcommittee has deemed by majority vote that a program of counseling and retraining is not sufficient corrective action or where counseling and retraining has been identified, but the technical panel official in question has failed to complete the counseling and retraining program in a timely manner.

TPCR 7.03 In addition, to the extent the complaint involves an alleged ethical violation, the subcommittee will refer the complaint to the chair of the Ethics Committee for review and determination as to whether a disciplinary proceeding should be initiated per Article XXIV, Section 3 (B) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

TPCR 7.04 Dispositions must be in writing and furnished to the technical panel official, the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair and appropriate vice chair(s) of the Technical Panel Committee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

TPCR 7.05 The official will retain his/her right of appeal through the grievance procedures of U.S. Figure Skating.

TPCR 7.06 Confidentiality concerning the subject matter of a complaint and the parties involved must be maintained by all parties and participants until the process is finalized.

TPCR 7.07 A technical panel official demoted, suspended or removed in accordance with TPCR 7.00 may apply for reinstatement to their former or to a lower classification through the chair of the Technical Panel Committee only after the expiration of one year from the effective date of demotion, suspension or removal. Upon receipt of such application, the chair of the Technical Panel Committee will consult with the subcommittee to determine whether reinstatement is appropriate. Action on the application by the subcommittee will be by majority vote. Upon action by the subcommittee, the chair will so notify the official. Copies of notices will be sent to the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the chair and appropriate vice chair of the Technical Panel Committee, the members of the subcommittee, and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters, and in the event of favorable action by the subcommittee, the date thereof will constitute the effective date of reinstatement.

TPCR 7.08 The fact that a technical panel official has voluntarily failed to comply with the minimum requirements set forth in TPCR 4.00 during the specified term will be deemed reason for the sectional vice chair to remove such technical panel official from the official lists of technical panel officials.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

77. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules TR 25.09, TR 25.11 and TR 25.12 (page 14, Tests Book)** to adjust the adult pre-bronze, silver and gold moves in the field test elements as follows:

TR 25.09 Adult Pre-Bronze Moves in the Field

1. Forward perimeter stroking
2. Basic consecutive edges
3. Forward and backward crossovers
4. Waltz eight
5. ~~Forward three-turns~~ Forward right and left foot spirals (*moved from adult silver test*)

TR 25.11 Adult Silver Moves in the Field

1. Eight-step mohawk sequence
2. Forward and backward free skating cross strokes
3. FO-BI three-turns in the field
4. FI-BO three-turns in the field
5. ~~Forward right and left foot spirals~~ Consecutive outside and inside spirals (*from preliminary test*)
6. Forward and backward power change of edge pulls

TR 25.12 Adult Gold Moves in the Field

1. Stroking: Forward power circle
2. Stroking: Backward power circle
3. Forward double three-turns
4. Backward double three-turns
5. ~~Inside slide chassé pattern~~ Backward circle eight (*from pre-juvenile test*)
6. Brackets in the field

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

78. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 3741 (page 251, Rulebook), rule 3751 (page 252, Rulebook) and rule 3761 (page 253, Rulebook)** to reduce the maximum number of spins allowed in the championship masters junior-senior, masters senior and masters junior well-balanced free skate events from four to three.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

79. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 3746 (page 251, Rulebook), rule 3771 (page 253, Rulebook) and rule 3776 (page 254, Rulebook)** to reduce the maximum number of jumps allowed in the championship masters intermediate-novice, masters novice and masters intermediate well-balanced free skate events from seven to six.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

80. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 3781 (page 255, Rulebook)** to reduce the maximum number of jump elements allowed in the championship adult gold and adult gold well-balanced free skate events from six to five.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

81. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend the following rules to allow the option of a choreographed step sequence or a choreographed spiral sequence as shown below:

- **Rule 3741, Championship Masters Junior-Senior, (page 251, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3746, Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice, (page 252, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3751, Masters Senior, (page 252, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3761, Masters Junior, (page 253, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3771, Masters Novice, (page 254, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3776, Masters Intermediate, (page 254, Rulebook); and**
- **Rule 3781, Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold, (page 255, Rulebook).**

Steps: A maximum of one choreographed step sequence (circular, straight line or serpentine) ~~or one spiral sequence (any pattern)~~ utilizing the full ice surface or one choreographed spiral sequence (consisting of either two three-second spirals or one six-second spiral). Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as a ~~step sequence elements~~ but will be counted in the free skate as transitions and marked as such.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

82. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend the following rules to allow the option of a choreographed step sequence or a choreographed spiral sequence as shown below:

- **Rule 4112, Championships Adult Pairs, (page 286, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 4116, Adult Masters Pairs, (page 287, Rulebook); and**
- **Rule 4121, Adult Gold Pairs, (page 288, Rulebook).**

Steps or Spiral Sequence: Maximum of one* choreographed step sequence (circular, straight line, serpentine) ~~or spiral sequence~~ utilizing the full ice surface or one* choreographed spiral sequence consisting of at least two spiral positions held by both partners for three seconds each or one spiral position held by both partners for six seconds. Both will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by judges in GOE only, provided they meet the minimum requirements. Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such (for exception to this, see “Additional Element”).

***Additional Element:** Maximum of one additional element chosen from the following:

- Pair spin if not already performed or pair combination spin if not already performed
- Pivot figure/death spiral (maximum two per program: must be different)
- Choreographed step sequence if not already performed
- Choreographed spiral sequence if not already performed

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

83. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Strike the language in current **rules 3810 through 3821 (page 258, Rulebook)** and replace with **new rules 3810 through 3851** as follows. (*Note: All references to adult interpretive will also be changed to reflect the new name.*)

3810 Dramatic Skate and Light Entertainment Skate Events

Competitors who qualify for more than one level based on the test requirements must compete in the highest level for which they qualify.

3820 Masters Dramatic Skate and Masters Light Entertainment Skate Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for at least the masters intermediate free skate event, any masters pairs event or have passed at least the complete pre-gold dance test (see rule 3810).

Program Duration Men and Ladies 1:40 max

3821 Program Requirements

All single jumps, including the Axel, may be included, but no double jumps or higher are allowed. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music, and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking.

3830 Adult Gold Dramatic Skate and Adult Gold Light Entertainment Skate Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult gold free skate event, any masters pairs event or have passed at least one pre-gold dance test but not the complete pre-gold dance test (see rule 3810).

Program Duration Men and Ladies 1:40 max

3831 Program Requirements

All single jumps including the Axel may be included, but no double jumps or higher are allowed. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking.

3840 Adult Silver Dramatic Skate and Adult Silver Light Entertainment Skate

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult silver free skate event, have passed the adult silver pair test or have passed at least one pre-silver dance test but no pre-gold dance tests (see rule 3810).

Program Duration Men and Ladies 1:40 max

3841 Program Requirements

No Axels or multi-revolution jumps. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking.

3850 Adult Bronze Dramatic Skate and Adult Bronze Light Entertainment Skate

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult bronze free skate event, have passed the adult bronze pair test or have passed at least the complete pre-bronze dance test but no pre-silver dance tests (see rule 3810).

Program Duration Men and Ladies 1:40 max

3851 Program Requirements

No Axels or multi-revolution jumps. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

84. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Make the following changes to the qualifying competition structure:

1. Have the four best-placed competitors in the intermediate and juvenile singles events in each region qualify to enter the appropriate sectional championship.
2. Replace the current U.S. Junior Championships stand-alone event with a smaller national competition for juvenile and intermediate athletes held in conjunction with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
3. Have the four best-placed competitors in all intermediate and juvenile events (singles, pairs and ice dancing) from each section qualify to enter the national competition mentioned in item 2 above.

Rules affected: JR 6.01 (J)(3), JR 7.01 (F)(3), JR 16.21, JR 16.36, SR 5.02 (D)(1), SCR 3.06, SCR 3.07, TMR 4.06, Trophy Listings, 1005, 1011, 1102, 1412, 1420, 1421, 1511 (A), 1512 (B), 1701, 2615, 2618, 2621, 3011, 3112, 3123, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3144, 3145, 3171, 3218, 3274, 3276, 3280, 3281, 3282, 3283, 3284, 3330, 3331, 3370, 3371, 3602, 4422 and 4432.

Implementation date: September 1, 2012

85. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule CR 2.01 (page 37, Rulebook)** to add a national vice chair for ice technicians and create a vice chair position for theatrical skating.

CR 2.01 The Competitions Committee ~~shall~~ will consist of the following chairs and vice chairs that are appointed in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws:

J. A national vice chair for theatrical skating competitions: oversees the operation and conduct of theatrical skating competitions in the United States.

K. A national vice chair for ice technicians

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

86. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules CR 7.02, CR 7.03 (A-C) and CR 7.08 (pages 39-41, Rulebook) to remove the appointment of regional dance referee, correct an omission from rule CR 7.02 and delete duplication from rule CR 7.08 regarding synchronized referees, and remove the requirement for referees to attend a school in order to be promoted.

CR 7.00 Appointment Process

CR 7.02 Recommendations for national, sectional and regional singles and pairs referees; national; and sectional ~~and~~ regional dance referees; national and sectional synchronized referees; and national, sectional and regional accountants may be made in writing by any of the following: (*Balance of rule remains unchanged.*)

CR 7.03 Recommendations for appointment for:

- A. National, sectional and regional singles and pairs referee ~~shall~~ should include:~~1. A~~ 1. A a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e., actual figure skating experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned figure skating competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).
~~2. In addition, the candidate must have attended at least one sanctioned referee school or seminar during the preceding four-year period;~~
~~3.1~~ Candidates for national referee must be a national judge to be appointed.
~~4.2~~ Candidates for sectional referee must be at least a sectional competition judge to be appointed.
~~5.3~~ Candidates for regional referees must be at least a regional competition judge to be appointed.
- B. National; and sectional ~~and~~ regional dance referee ~~shall~~ should include:~~1. A~~ 1. A a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e., actual ice dancing experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned dance competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).
~~2. In addition, the candidate must have attended at least one sanctioned dance referee school or seminar during the preceding four-year period;~~
~~3.1~~ Candidates for national dance referee must be a national judge to be appointed.
~~4.2~~ Candidates for sectional dance referee must be at least a novice sectional dance competition judge to be appointed.
~~5. Candidates for regional dance referees must be at least a regional dance competition judge to be appointed.~~
- C. National and sectional synchronized referee ~~shall~~ should include:~~1. A~~ 1. A a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e., actual figure skating experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned synchronized skating competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).
~~2. In addition, the candidate must have attended at least one sanctioned referee school or seminar during the preceding four-year period. (See, however, CR 7.26.)~~
~~3.1~~ Candidates for national synchronized skating referee must be a national synchronized skating judge to be appointed.
~~4.2~~ Candidates for sectional synchronized skating referee must be at least a senior sectional synchronized skating judge to be appointed.

CR 7.08 The recommendations for sectional and regional appointments should be sent:

- A. For sectional or regional singles and pairs referee or sectional dance referee: to the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee;
- B. For a sectional synchronized skating referee: ~~may be made in writing by the president or duly authorized officer of the candidate's home club~~ to the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee.
- C. For sectional or regional accountant: to the appropriate sectional vice chair for accountants of the Competitions Committee.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

87. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules CR 7.03 (D) (page 40, Rulebook), CR 7.22 (C) (page 42, Rulebook) and CR 7.27 (C) (page 43, Rulebook) to institute Continuing Education Units for accountants.

CR 7.03 Recommendations for appointment for:

- D. National, sectional and regional accountant, national music coordinator, national announcer and national ice technician ~~shall~~ should include:~~1. A~~ 1. A a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e., experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.)
~~2.1. In addition, the A candidate for national; or sectional or regional accountant must have attended at least one sanctioned accountant's school or seminar or maintained the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required by the Competitions Committee during the preceding four-year period.~~
~~3.2.~~ A candidate for regional accountant must have attended a sanctioned accountant's school.

CR 7.22 Schools

- C. Accountants must attend at least one sanctioned accountants' school or maintain the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required by the Competitions Committee during any four consecutive years.

1. Failure to attend a school or maintain the number of CEUs required by the Competitions Committee may constitute adequate reason to deny selection to officiate at sanctioned competitions.
2. A second failure may constitute adequate reason for removal from the official list of accountants.

CR 7.27 Examination:

C. Accountants ~~shall~~ will take an annual examination or maintain the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required by the Competitions Committee.

1. Failure to submit a satisfactory examination by the deadline or maintain the number of CEUs required by the Competitions Committee may constitute adequate reason to deny selection to officiate at sanctioned competitions.
2. A second failure may constitute adequate reason for removal from the official list of accountants.
3. In every case, the deficient accountant ~~shall~~ will be advised of the failure and the proposed action, and ~~shall~~ will be given an opportunity to explain in writing the reasons for the failure. The final decision relating to approval of the use of the accountant ~~shall~~ will rest with the chair of the Competitions Committee pending action by the Board of Directors.
4. Following action under CR 7.27 (C)(1) and CR 7.27 (C)(2), the chair of the Competitions Committee ~~shall~~ will notify, in writing, ~~of such action~~ the three vice presidents and the vice chairs of the Competitions Committee of such action.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

88. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1014 (C) (Page 132, Rulebook)** to include the chair of the Competitions Committee and the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee in certain decisions regarding the size of the ice surface used at qualifying competitions.

1014 For all U.S. Figure Skating Championships and qualifying competitions as defined in rule 1005, ice surfaces measuring not less than 85 feet by 185 feet ~~shall~~ will be used whenever possible:

- A. For U.S. Figure Skating Championships, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the Board of Directors and the chair of the Competitions Committee.
- B. For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the Board of Directors and the chair of the Competitions Committee after consultation with the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee.
- C. For other competitions, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee after consultation with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee.
- D. It is preferred that sites for sectional and regional competitions have, whenever possible, two ice surfaces available for competition.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

89. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1512 (page 140, Rulebook)** to change the dates by which the competition announcements must be available for sectional championships for figure skating, synchronized skating and adults, and the U.S. Adult Championships; and reformat the rule for consistency as follows:

1500 Announcements

1510 Qualifying Competitions

1512 The announcements must be made available as follows:

Competition	Announcement Made Available By
U.S. Collegiate Championships	May 15
Regional Championships	July 15
Sectional Championships	<u>July 15</u>
U.S. Junior Championships	Oct. 1
U.S. Championships	<u>By the conclusion of sectional championships</u>
Sectional Synchronized Championships	<u>Oct. 15</u>
U.S. Synchronized Championships	<u>By the conclusion of sectional synchronized championships</u>
Adult Sectional Championships	Dec. 15
U.S. Adult Championships	Dec. 15

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

90. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1018 (page 133, Rulebook)** as follows:

1018 Entry fees paid to the LOC for appropriate qualifying competitions are based on entries (net of byes, four or fewer, processing fees, etc.) as of close of entries. Entry fees paid to the LOC will be determined as outlined in Rule 3218.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

91. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3218 (page 171, Rulebook)** to clarify which competitions have entry fees and change who is responsible for setting them.

3218 The entry fees for all regional, sectional, synchronized sectional and adult sectional and regional championships, the U.S. Collegiate Championships and the U.S. Adult Championships are ~~shall be approved~~ determined by the ~~appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee in consultation with the sectional vice chairs and approved by the Board of Directors.~~ No entry fee ~~shall will~~ be charged for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships.

A. Competitors who qualify for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships by virtue of having competed at adult sectionals in championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult pairs and championship adult dance ~~shall will~~ not be charged an entry fee for those specific events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

92. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1431 (C) (page 139, Rulebook)** and delete **rule 4242 (page 296, Rulebook)** to update the dance events at the U.S. Collegiate Championships.

1430 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships

1431 The U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships ~~shall~~ will consist of the following events:

C. Dance ~~shall~~ will consist of ~~two pattern dances~~ a short dance and a free dance.

~~**4242** For the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, the senior and junior pattern dances will be the same as those drawn under rule 4241.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011 (so this can be used for the 2011 U.S. Collegiate Championships)

93. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Revise **rules 1700-1701 (page 143, Rulebook)** to clarify trial judge fees as follows:

1700 Trial Judges

1701 Trial judges who have been approved in accordance with JR 16.00 and who have not been assigned as an official of the competition may be charged reasonable fees by the host organization to cover administrative ~~and hospitality~~ costs.

- Such fees may not exceed \$20 total for a sectional, regional or approved trial judge nonqualifying competition. No more than \$30 for a sectional or regional;
- No administrative fees may be charged for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, U.S. Synchronized Championships, U.S. Junior Championships or U.S. Collegiate Championships. No more than \$50 for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships.

1702 Such trial judges may also be charged reasonable fees by the host organization to cover the cost of meals if meals are provided.

- Such fees may not exceed the lesser of the actual cost of the meals provided or the daily per diem amount specified in the current, approved U.S. Figure Skating Travel and Expense Policy, available online at usfigureskating.org.
- Each trial judge must be given the option to decline the meals, not pay the fee and eat elsewhere during the competition.

1703 If a trial judge is also an official judge at the competition, no fees may be charged.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

94. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2201 and 2202 (page 149, Rulebook)** to add assignment of technical panel officials to competition events to the duties of the chief referee.

2200 Duties of the Chief Referee (Page 149, Rulebook):

2201 The referee’s interpretation of the rules and decisions on all questions not covered by these rules ~~shall be~~ is final.

2202 The referee ~~shall~~ will:

D. Together with the technical panel captain, assign technical panel officials to the events for qualifying competitions (see TPCR 3.01 (G));

E. Assign technical panel officials to events (nonqualifying competitions)

(Balance of rule remains unchanged except that items will be re-lettered as necessary.)

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

95. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2203 (page 150, Rulebook)** to update the information required in the referee report.

2203 Within 30 days after a qualifying competition, the referee will complete a report:

A. Including the following:

1. Any deviations from or comments regarding:
 - a. Rules governing competitions
 - b. The official schedule
 - c. Proper conduct of judges
2. Any adverse comments or particularly favorable comments regarding:
 - a. Rink conditions
 - b. Housing
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Music
 - e. Rinkside IJS computer equipment (IVR system)
3. Any protests, accidents or unusual happenings
4. Any accidents that also must be reported to the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee
5. A record of the initial and final placements in each event ~~which shall be in the form of signed copies of component and cumulative results (if applicable) for each event.~~
6. A judges’ assignment sheet (Form 104)
7. CEU/activity report of officials (judges, referees, technical panel)

B. Which will be sent as follows:

TO:	Items 1-4 Referee’s Report	Item 5 Component/ Cumulative Results	Item 6 Judges’ Officials’ Assign Sheet (Form 104)	Item 7 <u>Officials CEU Report</u>
President	√	√ (A)	√	
Chair, Competitions Committee	√	√ (B)	√	
Chair, Judges Committee	√	√	√ (C)	
<u>Chair, Technical Panel Committee</u>	√	√	√ (C)	
Appropriate Sectional VC Competitions Committee	√ (C)	√ (C)	√ (C)	
Appropriate Sectional VC Judges Committee for: Singles, Pairs, Dance, Synchronized	√ (C)	√ (C)	√	
<u>Appropriate Sectional VC Technical Panel Committee</u>	√ (C)	√ (C)	√	
U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters	√	Sent by accountants	√	√

- Footnote: (A) - Send for U.S. Championships only
(B) - Send for sectionals and U.S. Championships only
(C) - Send for regionals and sectionals only

Note: The requirements listed in items 5 and 6 in the chart may be fulfilled via e-mail at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

96. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2501 (A)(1) (page 153, Rulebook)** to include the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships and U.S. Collegiate Championships in the list of competitions using the IJS system.

2501 Use of the ~~The~~ International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system ~~to~~ will be used as follows:

A. The IJS system will be used:

1. At all regional; and sectional championships, the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for all levels and disciplines;

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

97. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2501 (A)(2) and (B)(1) (page 153, Rulebook)** to add adult pre-gold dance to the list of events judged using the international judging system and remove it from the list of events judged using the 6.0 system at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. And to use the IJS system for the championship, masters and gold level singles events at adult sectional championships.

2501 Use of the ~~The~~ International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system ~~to~~ will be used as follows:

A. The IJS system will be used:

2. At all adult sectional championships for the championship, masters and gold levels of singles (mini system not required), and at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the championship, masters and gold levels of singles, and pairs, and the championship, masters, gold and pre-gold levels of dance (including masters open dance);

B. The 6.0 system will be used:

1. At adult sectional championships for ~~all events~~ the adult silver and below singles events and for all pairs, dance and interpretive events, and at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the adult silver and below singles, and pairs and dance events ~~and the adult pre-gold and lower dance events~~ and for all interpretive events.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

98. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2615 (page 154, Rulebook)** to remove the assistant referee as a required official at qualifying synchronized competitions as follows:

2615 Referees and Accountants

In all qualifying synchronized competitions, in addition to the referee, there ~~shall~~ will be an ~~assistant referee~~ and assistant ice-level referee for each event; ~~Either the assistant referee or The assistant ice-level referee shall be at~~ will be rinkside during the skating events. ~~Their specific duty is to monitor the ice conditions for the safety of the skaters.~~

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

99. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Delete **rule 2616 (page 171, Rulebook).**

~~**2616** If referees in a qualifying competition are presiding over an event for which they are not qualified to judge, they must appoint an official substitute judge who will judge and mark the event and substitute for any official judge who is unable to continue. Substitute judges will be appointed only from the group of judges selected for the competition.~~

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

100.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2618 (page 155, Rulebook)** to update the level and number of judges used at qualifying competitions to match the events offered at those competitions.

2618 Level/Number of Judges for Competitions - Singles, Pairs and Dance

Competition	Judge requirements, singles and pairs	Judge requirements, dance	Number of judges on a panel in the 6.0 system (not applicable to HS)
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National	National dance	9 or 7 9 is recommended for championship and junior events
U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National dance Sectional dance	At least 7
Sectional championships	National Sectional	National dance Sectional dance Novice sectional dance* *Novice and lower events only	At least 5 7 is recommended for senior and junior events.
Regional championships	National Sectional Regional	National dance Sectional dance Novice sectional dance	At least 5, but under unusual circumstances 3 may be used
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National dance Sectional dance	At least 7

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

101.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3046 (page 160, Rulebook)** to clarify the requirements for competing at the U.S. Collegiate Championships.

3045 Eligibility to Compete — U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships

3046 Eligibility to compete in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships ~~shall~~ will be in accordance with rule 3030 subject to the following college attendance requirements:

- A. Singles events: Competitors ~~shall~~ will be qualified to compete by virtue of providing written proof of their having a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate in addition to one of the following:
 1. their Written proof of being enrolled full-time in a college or university degree program for the upcoming semester/quarter;
 2. Written proof of having been graduated in the preceding graduating from a college or university between March 1 and July 31 of the current academic calendar year; or
 3. by Written proof of being currently admitted to a full-time college or university degree program for the upcoming semester/quarter academic year.
- B. Dance and pair events: Competitors ~~shall~~ will be qualified to compete by ~~virtue of the partners~~ providing written proof of both partners having a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate in addition to one of the following:
 1. Written proof of their being enrolled a minimum of half-time in a college or university degree program,
 2. Written proof of having been enrolled in such a program the previous academic year, or
 3. by Written proof of being admitted to a half-time college or university degree program for the coming academic year.

If only one partner is so enrolled, a request for an exception to ~~this rule~~ subparagraphs 1, 2 or 3 must be forwarded to the national vice chair for collegiate championships with the entry form for a determination of eligibility no later than the closing date for entries. ~~However, both partners must have a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

102. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3061 (page 161, Rulebook)** to clarify the requirements for returning U.S. skaters.

3060 Eligibility of U.S. Citizen Competing for Another ISU Member

3061 Returning U.S. skater:

- A. In order to ~~again~~ compete at a national, sectional or regional championship, after having competed for another country, an applicant must complete the “Returning U.S. Citizen Application to Compete” (available online at usfigureskating.org), submit it to the chair of the Competitions Committee at least seven calendar days before close of entries as provided in rule 3212 and include: ~~apply for permission to the chair of the Competitions Committee before the close of entries as provided in rule 3212.~~
1. Show Written proof that applicant has resided in the United States for one year or has a valid U.S. passport;
 2. ~~Has included a~~ A copy of the applicant’s domestic and international competitive record in its entirety;
 3. Written proof that applicant is ~~is~~ a current member of U.S. Figure Skating-;
 4. A signed release from the foreign federation for which applicant competed.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

103. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Add new subparagraph to **rule 3068 (page 161, Rulebook)** to clarify non-U.S. citizen rules for adult competitions.

3065 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in National, Sectional or Regional Championships in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating

3068 The application and supporting documentation, including release from the previous federation, competitive history, and a copy of the applicant’s valid passport from the country of citizenship, must be submitted in English no later than seven calendar days before the deadline for registration for the competition the skater is seeking to enter.

- A. Non-U.S. citizens wishing to compete in any qualifying (championship) events at an adult sectional or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships who have competed internationally for another national skating federation must make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee as stated above; however, such skaters do not need a release from the previous federation.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

104. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3066**, add **new rule 3071**, and renumber current **rules 3071 and 3072 (pages 161-162, Rulebook)** to clarify the citizenship requirements for international competitions.

3065 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in National, Sectional or Regional Championships in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating

3066 Non-U.S. citizens who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have never competed internationally for another national skating federation may enter U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions ~~and higher~~ if qualified by test level.

~~3071~~ 3071 Notwithstanding the provisions of 3073, a pairs or ice dance couple may represent the United States in an international competition if the non-citizen partner has complied with rules 3065-3070. In addition, the non-citizen partner must be in full compliance with all applicable ISU rules pertaining to applicant’s participation in any international or world competition.

~~3071~~ 3072 Except as otherwise provided, only citizens of the United States are eligible for selection to the U.S. Olympic Team, the U.S. World Team, the U.S. World Junior Team or U.S. Figure Skating Team.

~~3072~~ 3073 All non-U.S. citizens who have at any time skated in United States national, sectional or regional competition and subsequently represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition will not be eligible to compete in United States national, sectional or regional competitions unless they reapply for permission to compete as provided for under the provisions of rule 3065.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

Note: This item supersedes the changes made by the board on June 1, 2010 (item 4 in this Combined Report of Action).

105. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Add a **new rule 3074 [suggested number] (page 162, Rulebook)** to address the level at which international competitors can enter qualifying competitions in the United States if they've competed in ISU events.

3065 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in National, Sectional or Regional Championships in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating

3074 For singles, pairs and dance events, non-U.S. citizens who have competed internationally for another country must compete in the U.S. at the same level. They may, however, apply as follows for permission to begin competing one level lower than the level at which they competed for the other country.

A. For singles events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Singles Committees.

B. For pairs events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Pairs Committees.

C. For ice dancing events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Dance Committees.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

106. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3102 (page 163, Rulebook)** and delete **rule 3105 (page 164, Rulebook)** to clarify the competitive regions and sections as follows.

3101 Registration for Regional Competitions

3102 ~~Skaters novice and above must compete at the regional championship held in the region in which their home club is located. Determining a skater's/couple's competitive region:~~

~~A. Intermediate and juvenile singles skaters must compete in the region where legal residence is established or where the principal training center is located as listed on the qualifying competition entry form indicated during the online registration process (see definitions below).~~

~~B. Pair and dance teams with different home clubs may choose to compete in the sectional championship of either partner's home club.~~

~~B. Singles skaters novice and above must compete at the regional championship held in the region in which their home club is located.~~

~~C. All pair and dance couples bypass the regional championships and go directly to the sectional championships. Teams with different home clubs may choose to compete in the sectional championships of either partner's home club.~~

~~i. Skaters entering a singles event in addition to a partnered event, must enter a regional championship within the section they have chosen for the partnered event.~~

~~**3105** All pair and dance couples bypass the regional championships and go directly to the sectional championship held in the section in which they chose to compete.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

107. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3104 (page 164, Rulebook)** and **rule 3132 (page 165, Rulebook)** to clarify the rules regarding international byes for regional and sectional competitors.

~~**3104** A competitor who participates in an international or open-type competition that conflicts with their regional championship will automatically receive a bye to their his/her sectional championship from the chair of the Competitions Committee if: the competitor actually competes at the event.~~

~~A. The competitor is a member of the United States Figure Skating Team as defined in ICR 4.01;~~

~~B. The competitor is assigned to and competes in a singles, pairs and/or ice dancing event in an international competition; and~~

~~C. The competition mentioned in (B) conflicts with the competitor's regional championship.~~

~~**3132** A competitor who is participates in an international or open-type competition that conflicts with their sectional championship will automatically receive a bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships from the chair of the Competitions Committee if: the competitor actually competes at the event.~~

~~A. The competitor is a member of the United States Figure Skating Team as defined in ICR 4.01;~~

~~B. The competitor is assigned to and competes in a singles, pairs and/or ice dancing event in an international competition; and~~

~~C. The competition mentioned in (B) conflicts with the competitor's sectional championships.~~

D. Furthermore, to receive a bye in a singles event:

1. The competitor must place in the top four at his/her regional championship;

a. Such byed competitors would not displace competitors who would have otherwise placed in the top four at their regional championship. In this situation, more than four competitors would qualify for the appropriate sectional championships.

2. And, if competing internationally in a pairs and/or ice dancing event, the competitor must also have competed at the previous year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a singles event.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

108. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3201 (D) (page 169, Rulebook)** to remove the vice presidents from the group that determines byes for synchronized sectional championships and add the vice chair of the Synchronized Management Subcommittee to maintain an odd number.

3200 Byes — Synchronized Skating

3201 D. A bye ~~shall~~ will be granted to bypass a sectional championship with the approval of a majority of the chairs of the Competitions Committee, the chair of the Synchronized Skating Committee, the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee, the vice chair of the Synchronized Management Subcommittee and the appropriate sectional vice chair and the appropriate vice president.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

109. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3212 (C) (page 171, Rulebook)** regarding withdrawals for qualifying competitions.

3211 Entries — Qualifying Competitions

3212 C. Once entered all withdrawals are considered final, and a skater/team may not reenter the qualifying competition system for the season even if it is before the entry deadline. However, if a new pairs or dance team is formed by either member of a withdrawn team before the entry deadline, then this new team may enter.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

110. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3272 (E) and (F) (page 175, Rulebook)** to clarify the point at which qualifying groups at regional championships can no longer be reseeded.

3270 Seeding and Qualifying Rounds at Regional Championships

3271 Seeding — Singles

3272 Notification:

E. ~~Once groups and seeding have been established, an alternate for a withdrawn skater will be assigned to the withdrawn skater's group.~~ Any skaters who are added to an event due to unforeseen circumstances will be added to one of the groups (which group will be at the discretion of the chief referee) up to 48 hours before the start of the first qualifying group in that event. No reseeding or reassignments between groups will be made after the ~~initial draw is posted on the LOC website~~ competitors are notified of their qualifying groups.

F. Posting of the starting order must be at the arena or on the LOC website.

F.G. The official schedule of events will be posted at the competition.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

111. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3313 (page 179, Rulebook)** to expand the qualifying round chart for synchronized sectional championships.

3313 Qualifying Round Chart - Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships

Number of teams	Qualifying round (QR) groups	Number of places advancing	Championship round (CR) group
Event level: Juvenile and masters			
1-18	-	-	18
19-3634	2	9	18
37-54	3	6	18
Event level: Senior, junior, novice, intermediate, collegiate and adult			
1-24	-	-	24
25-31	2	9	18
32-38	2	12	24
39-45	3	8	24
All other event levels			
1-12	-	-	12
13-15	2	4	8
16-18	2	5	10
19-24	2	6	12
25-31	3	4	12
32-45	4	3	12
46-59	5	2	10

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

112. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3340-3342**, delete **rule 3351**, and renumber **rules 3352-3354 (pages 181-182, Rulebook)** to change the requirements for posting starting orders at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and clean up other language and formatting.

3340 **Draws, Starting Orders and Resurface Groups — Synchronized Skating Competitions**

3341 At the sectional championships, all draws for starting order ~~shall~~ will be closed. See rule 3321.

3342 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships:

- A. All draws for starting order in the first segment of each event will be ~~closed draws~~ drawn in a closed draw by the referee or accountant in the presence of at least two other officials at any convenient time after the closing of entries. The drawn starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first event of the competition.
- B. Draws following the short program for the senior and junior levels ~~shall~~ will be an open draw announced in advance. The team captain of each team should attend this draw. The referee ~~shall~~ will designate someone to draw for teams not attending.
- C. Promptly following these draws, the starting order for the free skate ~~shall~~ will be posted.

~~3350 Initial Starting Orders — Synchronized Skating Championships~~

~~3351~~ In all competitions starting numbers for synchronized skating short program events and for synchronized skating events consisting of free skate only ~~shall~~ will be drawn in a closed draw by the referee or accountant in the presence of at least two other officials at any convenient time after the closing of entries. The skating order shall be announced and posted at the first official practice session. Notice shall be given of the starting time for each event.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

113. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Propose to delete **rule 3430 (B) (page 187, Rulebook)** as follows:

3430 IJS General Information — All Skating Disciplines

B. Planned program content sheet

1. Each skater, pair, couple or team will submit a form (the “Planned Program Content Sheet”) for each segment of their competitive event indicating the elements planned for the program, listed in the order to be skated.
- ~~2.~~ The planned program content sheet must list the approximate time in the program when each element occurs.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

114. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3562 (page 219, Rulebook)** to allow sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim to be used in moderation by collegiate teams in addition to junior and senior teams.

3560 Clothing - Synchronized Skating

3562 Sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim may be used in moderation on the clothing of senior, ~~and junior~~ and collegiate synchronized skating teams only. This adornment is allowed on the bodice only. Sleeves and skirts are to be void of adornment. Feathers or other materials that could be dislodged upon contact are not allowed. The use of adornments at all other levels is prohibited.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

115. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3572 (B) (page 219, Rulebook)** to allow teams competing at the U.S. Synchronized Championships to practice at sessions not provided by the organizers of the event up until the start of the first official practice for that team's event.

3570 Conduct of Competitors - Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating

3572 Practice Ice

B. ~~After the posting of the starting order at For~~ the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, ~~teams are not allowed to practice, with the exception of the official~~ after the first official practice for an event has begun, no team in that event may practice for any length of time on any ice surface outside of the practice ice provided by the organizers.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

116. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3680 (page 244, Rulebook)** to adjust the age requirements for juvenile and open juvenile as follows:

3680 Juvenile Singles and Open Juvenile Singles

Test and Age Requirements

Open Juvenile age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the regional championships: ~~13~~ 14 years of age or older

Juvenile age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the regional championships: Under age ~~13~~ 14

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

117. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Change the name used to describe those accountants who are specially trained to set up and operate the automated IJS scoring system from "system specialist" back to "technical accountant".

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

118. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule TR 40.02 (A) (page 32, Tests Book)** to allow solo dance track tests to qualify skaters for solo dance competitions.

TR 40.02 The standard, adult and masters categories of solo dance track tests are divided into seven classes to be taken in the following order, except as otherwise provided herein:

A. Solo dance track tests (standard, adult and masters) are a separate series of tests and are not related to dance tests skated with a partner. Therefore, the passing of a lower level solo dance track test (standard, adult or masters) does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard, adult or masters partnered dance test. These tests do not meet the requirements for the dance competition levels of senior down through pre-juvenile per rules 4300-4440 and adult dance events per rules 4450-4510. However, these tests do meet the requirements for solo dance events at nonqualifying competitions and adult solo dance events per rules 4520-4540.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

119. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 41.03 (B) (page 33, Tests Book) and add a new rule TR 49.09 [suggested number] (page 39, Tests Book) to allow skaters to test selected international dances as part of the solo dance track tests as shown below.

TR 41.03 Candidates may not take any dances in a higher test level until they have passed all of the dances in the preceding test level. See exceptions below.

A. After passing the pre-gold dance test, dancers may take the following pattern dance tests in any order: gold dance test or international dance test.

Note: The international dance test is not a requirement for any competitive level.

B. Standard, adult and masters dancers may take the international dance tests. ~~There are no solo dance track tests for the international dances.~~

TR 49.09 International Solo Dance Track Test: Standard, Adult and Masters

The candidate must give a superior performance displaying accurate timing, appropriate style and expression, and precise technique. While absolute perfection is not required, the candidate will be expected to give a performance of very high quality, and only a limited amount of error will be acceptable. For masters and adult categories, see TR 46.05 and TR 46.06.

DANCES: Cha Cha Congelado, Rhumba, Silver Samba, Tango Romantica, Yankee Polka

<u>Passing Average</u>	<u>Technique</u>	<u>Timing/Expression</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Standard</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>9.6</u>
<u>Adult</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>9.0</u>
<u>Masters</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>8.4</u>

Judging panel required: Standard, adult and masters — One or three gold dance test judges who are certified to judge international dance tests.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

120. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 45.01 (page 34, Tests Book) to read as follows:

TR 45.01 Skaters may take begin solo dance track tests at the level ~~that they have completed at which they are currently qualified to test~~ in the partnered tests series, or they may go back to the beginning of the solo dance track tests. For example, a skater who is qualified to test at the silver level of the partnered series may start at the silver level of the solo test track series.

A. No partnered tests may count towards completing a level in the solo test track series.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

121. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 47.02 (page 36, Tests Book) to adjust requirements for reskating pattern dances.

TR 47.02 If a candidate is required to ~~perform additional patterns of a dance,~~ reskate a dance, either with the same or another partner (see TR 47.01) or on the required solo or the solo dance track tests, the judge-in-charge will: request the candidate to dance two patterns of the dance after such period of rest as the judge-in-charge will determine:

- Decide whether one or two sequences of the dance will be performed;
- Indicate the location of the start of the reskate;
- Determine the appropriate period of rest; and
- Inform the skater of these details.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

122. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 52.04 (A)(4)(b) and (B)(9) (page 42, Tests Book) to treat errors made on twizzles in novice free dance tests as serious errors rather than quality errors.

TR 52.04 Requirements for Passing Free Dance Tests

A. Serious errors for free dance tests are:

4. Synchronized Twizzles:

b. Execution of turn incorrect (junior novice and above)

Note: Item 4.b.) provides acknowledgement that twizzles are a developmental element. Juvenile and intermediate competitors are not always competent with these turns. It would be over penalizing a test skater to ask for proficiency of a turn that is probably too early in their development to master.

B. Quality errors for free dance tests not necessitating failure are:

9. Execution of twizzle incorrect (~~novice~~ intermediate and below)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

123.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 3436 (A)(2)(d)(ii), Marking the Pattern Dances, (page 201, Rulebook); rule 4412, Novice Dance Pattern Dances, (page 313, Rulebook); rule 4422, Intermediate Dance Pattern Dances, (page 315, Rulebook); and rule 4432, Juvenile Dance Pattern Dances, (page 317, Rulebook)** such that if there is an incorrect tempo for the music in a “skater’s choice” event, the judging panel only will be responsible for reflecting this in the timing component mark.

3436 IJS - Marking - Ice Dance

A. Marking the Pattern Dances

2. Components Score

d. Timing

ii. Criteria:

- Correctness of the rhythm(s) and/or range of tempo of the music chosen (if skaters provide their own music)

4412/4422/4432* Selection of Pattern Dances

Each couple will provide their own music for the asterisked dance. Couple’s chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals. If the tempo of the chosen music is incorrect, it must be reflected by each judge in the Timing component.

**This language is the same for rules 4412, 4422 and 4432.*

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

124.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 4271 (F) and (G) (pages 304-305, Rulebook)** to have the novice free dance follow the music requirements for junior and senior as opposed to intermediate, juvenile and adult and to update U.S. Figure Skating music requirements to match those of the ISU.

4270 Free Dance Rules

4271 General Requirements:

F. For ~~novice~~, intermediate, juveniles and all adult free dance events the music may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. (*Balance of rule remains unchanged.*)

G. The music for free dance at the senior, ~~and junior~~ and novice levels must be suitable for ice dance as a sport discipline and must have the following characteristics:

i. Must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone, and may be vocal. It may be without an audible rhythmic beat for up to 10 seconds at the beginning or end of the program and up to 10 seconds during the program.

ii. Must have at least one change of tempo and/or expression. This change may be gradual or immediate, but in either case it must be obvious.

iii. All music including classical music must be cut/edited, orchestrated or arranged in a way that it creates an interesting, colorful and entertaining dance program with different dance moods or a building effect.

iv. Must be suitable for the couple’s skating skills and technical ability.

~~v. Must be selected so that if there is any story or theme in the routine it has to be clearly understandable to the audience.~~

~~vi. Must have an uplifting effect.~~

Free dances that do not adhere to these guidelines will be severely penalized as outlined in rule 3437 (A)(1)(v).

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

125.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 4412 (page 313, Rulebook)** to adjust the way novice pattern dances are judged to mirror the judging of the pattern dance elements in the junior and senior short dance.

Guidelines for evaluating the novice pattern dances:

- Four key points in each sequence/section of the dance will be assessed by the technical panel to establish the level of the whole sequence/section as one unit, and judges will give one GOE for the whole sequence/section.
- The key points will be taken into consideration by the technical panel to establish the level of each sequence/section of the dance.
- The key points will be determined by the ISU. If the ISU has not already assigned key points for a dance to be skated in an upcoming season, they will be determined by the U.S. Figure Skating Dance Committee.
- The key points and calling specifications will be announced at the Governing Council meeting prior to the start of the season.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

126.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 4415 (page 314, Rulebook)** to replace the lift requirements for the novice free dance with those shown below:

4415 Elements for Novice Free Dance

LIFTS	<p>Max 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 different types of lifts • 1 may be a Long Lift (maximum 12 seconds) • Short Lifts are maximum 6 seconds <p><u>There is a choice for required lifts</u></p> <p><u>Option with long lift</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 short lift and 1 long lift <p><u>Option with Short Lifts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 short lifts – only 1 type may be repeated <p><u>Long lifts are maximum 12 seconds. Short lifts are maximum 6 seconds.</u></p>
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Implementation date: June 1, 2011

127.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule TR 54.03, Novice Free Dance Test, (page 44, Tests Book)** to mirror the rule changes presented in item 353 for the novice free dance competition requirements (rule 4415, page 314, Rulebook).

TR 54.03 Novice Free Dance Test

Lifts: Three different types of lifts, but no more. A maximum of one long lift (not to exceed 12 seconds) is allowed and can be chosen from the following: reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift. The remaining lifts are to be selected from the list of short lifts (not to exceed six seconds). They are stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift. Either one short lift and one long lift or three short lifts. If three short lifts are used, only one type of lift may be repeated. A long lift (not to exceed 12 seconds) can be chosen from the following: reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift. The short lifts (not to exceed six seconds) are stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

128.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Add a **solo free dance test track** for juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels. For the detailed requirements see the following **new rules TR 60.00-64.05**.

TR 60.00 Classification of Solo Free Dance Tests

TR 60.01 The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes to be taken in the following order:

<u>Solo free dance test</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>
<u>Juvenile solo free dance</u>	<u>Complete preliminary pattern dance test, (partnered or solo) or juvenile MIF test</u>
<u>Intermediate solo free dance</u>	<u>Complete bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or intermediate MIF test and juvenile solo free dance test or juvenile partnered free dance test</u>
<u>Novice solo free dance</u>	<u>Complete pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or novice MIF test and intermediate solo free dance test or intermediate partnered free dance test</u>
<u>Junior solo free dance</u>	<u>Complete silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or junior MIF test and novice solo free dance test or novice partnered free dance test</u>
<u>Senior solo free dance</u>	<u>Complete gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or senior MIF test and junior solo free dance test or junior partnered free dance test</u>

- A.** Any solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required prerequisite pattern dance test (standard or adult) or moves in the field test and free dance test as shown above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- B.** A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- C.** Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

TR 61.00 Requirements for Solo Free Dance Tests

TR 61.01 General Requirements:

- A.** A solo free dance is the skating of a creative dance program blending dance steps and movements expressing the character/rhythm(s) of the dance music chosen by the skater.
- B.** The solo free dance must contain combinations of new or known dance steps and movements including required elements composed into a well-balanced, whole unit displaying excellent skating technique and the personal creativity of the skater in concept, arrangement and expression.
- C.** The choreography should clearly reflect the dance character, accents and nuances of the chosen dance music, distinct changes of mood and pace with variations in speed and tempo. The program must utilize the full ice surface.
- D.** The skater is allowed to finish their program within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. The time must be reckoned from the moment when the skater begins to move or skate until arriving at a complete stop.
- E.** Music for the solo free dance may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. A program that displays a change in tempo and a well-balanced use of melody, rhythmic beat and musical accents and not melody alone is considered to be of a higher quality because it shows a greater variety of dancing skills. The skater should skate primarily in time to the rhythmic beat and not to the melody alone. Skating out of time or out of phase with the music must be penalized. The music must be suitable for the skater's skating skills
- F.** All steps and turns are permitted. Deep edges and intricate footwork displaying skating skill, difficulty, variety and originality that constitute the distinct technical content of the dance must be included in the program and performed by the skater.
- G.** All elements and movements are allowed provided that they are appropriate to the character of the music.
- H.** Full stops, with a maximum duration of five seconds, in which the skater remains stationary on the ice while performing body movements, twisting, posing and the like are allowed.
- I.** The program must be developed through skating quality rather than through non-skating actions such as sliding on one knee or use of toe steps, which should be used only to reflect the character of the dance and underlining rhythm and nuances of the chosen music. Touching the ice with the hand(s) is not allowed. Kneeling or sliding on two knees, or sitting on the ice is not allowed, and it will be considered a fall. Lying on the ice is also not permitted.
- J.** Jumps of more than one revolution are not permitted.

Description of Edge Elements:

Short Edge Elements:

A short edge element is a movement where the skater must hold a continuous sustained edge in any selected position. A change of position is allowed within the element. A short edge element must be held for at least three (3) seconds but not more than six (6) seconds. Turns are not permitted except on the entry or exit of the element. The primary focus is on the quality of edge, and the secondary focus is on the position attained.

Some examples include but are not limited to:

- One foot glide in attitude position
- Shoot the duck
- Crouch with both knees bent
- Crouch with one leg extended
- Spiral with full split while holding boot
- Spread eagle
- Ina bauer
- Spirals in varied positions
- Hydroblade movements
- Biellmann with boot above head gliding on a curve
- Donut gliding in a straight line or on a curve with blade within one-half blade length to head
- Charlotte (a one foot glide in a full split position)

Long Edge Elements:

A long edge element consists of two or more short edge elements performed consecutively with a change in direction between each to form a serpentine-like pattern. Each edge must be held for at least three seconds, but a long edge element may not exceed 12 seconds. A change of position is not required for each portion of the long edge element. A turn of no more than one-half revolution is allowed between each short edge element. A change of foot is permitted between each short edge element. A turn on the entry or exit is permitted. The primary focus is on the quality of edge for each part, and the secondary focus is on the positions attained.

Definition of Twizzle Series: At least two twizzles executed in succession with up to three steps between twizzles.

TR 62.00 Marking of Solo Free Dance Tests

TR 62.01 Free dance tests must be marked by each judge for technical merit and presentation on a scale from 0 to 6 in accordance with TR 1.20.

TR 62.02 For all solo free dance tests, the following information is listed:

A. Passing total: the total points which must be obtained for the test from an individual judge in order to obtain a “pass” from that judge.

B. Passing average: the mark that, if obtained in each division of a test, would result in a passing total for the test.

TR 62.03 In a solo free dance test, a fall or other error(s) in a required element does not indicate a mandatory retry of the test.

TR 62.04 Requirements for Passing Solo Free Dance Tests

In order to pass a test, a candidate must have received a passing total or a “pass” for the entire test from a majority of the judges. If only one serious error is present after the test has been skated, judges can use the second mark to pass the test (if warranted) or request a reskate (see TR 63.00). No serious errors, as defined below, may be present following reskated elements.

A. Serious errors for free dance tests are:

1. All required elements:

a. Omission of a required element

b. A fall or stumble entering into or during a required element causing any portion of the element to be missing or the element not to be completed

c. A touchdown of the free foot or hand needed to save the skater from falling

2. Edge Elements:

a. No edge attained

b. Incorrect type of edge element

3. Spins:

a. Collapse of a spin

b. Execution on two feet by test candidate upon entering the spin or after the commencement of the spin

c. Fewer than required rotations if short by one or more rotations

d. Re-centers spin completely (combination spin)

4. Step Sequences:

a. Pattern incomplete

5. Twizzles/Twizzle Series:

a. Less than required rotations

b. Execution of turn incorrect (novice and above)

Note: Item 5.b. provides acknowledgement that twizzles are a developmental element. Juvenile and intermediate skaters are not always competent with these turns. It would be over penalizing a test skater to ask for proficiency of a turn that is probably too early in their development to master.

- B.** Quality errors for free dance tests not necessitating failure are:
1. Awkward pose(s) within edge elements or spin
 2. Speed lacking or diminishing within element(s)
 3. Little variety in dance steps (taking into consideration test level)
 4. More than three steps in between twizzles in the twizzle series
 5. Incidental touchdown of free foot during spin or twizzle
 6. Fewer than required number of rotations in spin if less than one rotation
 7. Execution of twizzle incorrect (intermediate and below)

TR 63.00 Reskating of Any Element of a Solo Free Dance Test

TR 63.01 At the completion of any solo free dance test and before any other test is conducted, the judge-in-charge must ask the other two judges individually if they wish any required element reskated before the judges turn in their marking sheets. Should the judges wish a reskate, they will indicate to the judge-in-charge what they wish reskated. This must be done privately without conference. If a majority of the panel requests a reskate, the judge-in-charge will direct the skater to reskate the agreed-upon element. If the judges wish a reskate and do not agree on which element(s) to reskate, the judge-in-charge will decide. A brief rest and warm-up period is permitted before the reskate is performed.

A. After a solo free dance test, up to two different elements may be reskated.

B. Upon a request for a reskate, the skater may choose to complete any element that fulfills the stated requirement.

C. A skater who omitted or substituted for a required element in the test may use one of their reskates to fulfill the stated requirement.

TR 64.00 Schedule of Solo Free Dance Tests

TR 64.01 Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test

The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning dancers to learn the fundamentals of free dance. General requirements outlined for the preliminary pattern dance test apply equally to the juvenile solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display fairly good edges and some evidence of good form. A juvenile solo free dance must include the following required elements:

- **Edge Elements:** One or two different short edge elements (not to exceed six (6) seconds).
- **Spin:** One dance spin but no more. Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot. Spin combination not permitted.
- **Step Sequence:** One sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. Must fully cover the ice. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns and mohawks. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops must not be included in any step sequence.
- **Twizzle:** One twizzle. Minimum one (1) revolution.
- **Other:** One full stop, not exceeding five (5) seconds, is permitted.

Duration: 1:40 +/-10

Passing Average: 3.0 **Passing total:** 6.0

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance judges; or one silver or higher rank dance judge.

TR 64.02 Intermediate Solo Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the bronze pattern dance test apply equally to the intermediate solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display moderately good edges and moderately good form. An intermediate solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

- **Edge Elements:** One or two different short edge elements (not to exceed six (6) seconds)
- **Spin:** One dance spin, but no more, selected from the following types:
 - a. Spin:** Minimum three (3) revolutions.
 - b. Spin Combination:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot.
- **Step Sequence:** One sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. Must fully cover the ice. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks and brackets. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops must not be included in any step sequence.
- **Twizzle Series:** One twizzle series. Minimum one (1) revolution on each foot. No more than three steps between twizzles.
- **Other:** One full stop, not exceeding five (5) seconds, is permitted.

Duration: 2:00 +/-10

Passing Average: 3.2 **Passing total:** 6.4

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance judges; or one silver or higher rank dance judge.

TR 64.03 Novice Solo Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the pre-silver pattern dance test apply equally to the novice solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. While technically a basic program demonstrating fundamental dance moves, it should have good edges and flow, good timing, some expression and display good form. A refined presentation is not expected but can be rewarded and reflected in the judges' second mark. A novice solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

- **Edge Elements:** One long edge element (not to exceed 12 seconds) and one short edge element (not to exceed six (6) seconds).
- **Spin:** One dance spin, but no more, selected from the following types:
 - a. Spin:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot.
 - b. Spin Combination:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot.
- **Step Sequence:** One sequence from the following list: circular, midline, diagonal or serpentine. Must fully cover the ice. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks, brackets and counters. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops must not be included in any step sequence.
- **Twizzle Series:** One twizzle series. Minimum of two (2) revolutions on each foot. No more than three steps between twizzles.
- **Other:** One full stop, not exceeding five (5) seconds, is permitted.

Duration: 2:20 +/-10

Passing Average: 3.5 **Passing total:** 7.0

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance judges.

TR 64.04 Junior Solo Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the silver pattern dance test apply equally to the junior solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules set forth for solo free dance. It must be moderately difficult, contain a good variety of movements, and be well composed and well placed on the ice surface. A junior solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

- **Edge Elements:** One long edge element (not to exceed 12 seconds) and two different short edge elements (not to exceed six (6) seconds).
- **Spins:** One or two dance spins, but no more, selected from the following types:
 - a. Spin:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot.
 - b. Spin Combination:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot.
- **Step Sequences:** Two different types of sequences, one selected from group A) and one selected from group B):
 - Group A) Straight Line Step Sequences:**
 - Midline: skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
 - Diagonal: skated as fully corner to corner as possible.
 - Group B) Curved Step Sequences (counterclockwise or clockwise):**
 - Circular: utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink.
 - Serpentine: commences in either direction at the center (long) axis at one end of the rink and progresses in three bold curves or in two bold curves (s-shaped), utilizing the full width of the ice surface, and ends at the center (long) axis of the opposite end of the rink.

Each sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers and chock-taws. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.
- **Twizzle Series:** One or two twizzle series but no more. If more than one series is executed, the second series must be different than the first. Minimum two (2) revolutions on each twizzle. No more than three steps between twizzles.
- **Other:** Two full stops are permitted. Neither stop may exceed five (5) seconds.

Duration: 2:50 +/-10

Passing Average: 4.0 **Passing total:** 8.0

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank dance judges.

TR 64.05 Senior Solo Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the gold pattern dance test apply equally to the senior solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules set forth for solo free dance. It must be difficult, varied and display originality. Choreography, expression and utilization of space must be excellent. A senior solo free dance test must include the following required elements:

- **Edge Elements:** Two different long edge elements and two different short edge elements. (Short edge elements must not exceed six (6) seconds and long edge elements must not exceed 12 seconds.)
- **Spins:** One or two dance spins, but no more, selected from the following types:
 - a. Spin:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot
 - b. Spin Combination:** Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot.

Note: If more than one spin is executed, it must be different than the first. So if the first spin is a spin combination, then the second spin must be a dance spin. The same logic follows with the spins being executed in the opposite order.
- **Step Sequences:** Two different types of sequences, one selected from group A) and one selected from group B):
 - Group A) Straight Line Step Sequences:**
 - Midline: skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
 - Diagonal: skated as fully corner to corner as possible.
 - Group B) Curved Step Sequences (counterclockwise or clockwise):**
 - Circular: utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink
 - Serpentine: commences in either direction at the center (long) axis at one end of the rink and progresses in three bold curves or in two bold curves (s-shaped), utilizing the full width of the ice surface, and ends at the center (long) axis of the opposite end of the rink.

Each sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers, choctaws and twizzles. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.
- **Twizzle Series:** Two twizzle series but no more. The second series must be different than the first. Minimum two (2) revolutions on each twizzle. No more than three steps between twizzles.
- **Other:** Two full stops are permitted. Neither stop may exceed five (5) seconds.

Duration: 3:20 +/-10

Passing Average: 4.5 **Passing total:** 9.0

Judging panel required: Three gold dance judges.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

129.APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule TR 49.03 (page 37, Tests Book) and JR 7.01 (B)(3)(a) (page 73, Rulebook) to allow a silver or higher rank dance test judge to single panel bronze pattern dances.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

130.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4061, Novice Pairs Short Program, (page 281, Rulebook) to alternate between the solo spin and the pair spin each season. The requirement for 2011-12 would be the pair spin.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

131.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4061, Novice Pairs Short Program, (page 281, Rulebook), such that one step sequence will be required each year, and the spiral sequence will no longer be required in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

132.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4062, Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate, (pages 282-283, Rulebook), such that one spiral sequence will be required each year, and the step sequence will no longer be a requirement in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

133.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4071, Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate, (pages 283-284, Rulebook)** to allow a pivot figure as an option for the death spiral element.

Death Spiral: Maximum one death spiral or pivot figure with a regular hand hold. In the pivot figure, the man performs a pivot while the lady circles around him on one foot in a spiral, attitude or similar position. The pivot figure is not eligible for features. In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position. In the death spiral, the lady must simultaneously skate on a clean edge with her body and head close to the ice surface; however, she must not touch the ice or assist herself with any part of the body.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

134.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.08, Senior Free Skate Test (steps), (page 22, Tests Book)** to change the step and spiral sequence requirements to require advanced difficulty covering the full ice surface for the step sequence and remove language requiring full ice coverage for the spiral sequence.

TR 32.08 Senior Free Skate Test

Steps:

Ladies: One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence, covering the full ice surface. See rule 3643 (G) and (I) for description.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

135.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3662, Novice Ladies Short Program (steps), (page 242, Rulebook)** to replace the fixed base value spiral sequence with a leveled step sequence.

3662 Novice Ladies Short Program

A. Technical elements are:

- ~~6. One spiral sequence consisting primarily of spirals. A spiral is a position with one blade on the ice and free leg (including knee and foot) higher than the hip level. Spiral positions are classified according to the skating leg (right, left), edge (outside, inside), direction (forward, backward) or position of the free leg (backward, forward, sideways). There must be at least two spiral positions not less than three seconds long. In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the spiral sequence will have no value. The spiral sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by judges in GOE only. One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface (straight line, circular or serpentine).~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

Note: This item supersedes the changes made by the board on June 22, 2010 (item 7 in this Combined Report of Action).

136.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (steps), (pages 242-243, Rulebook)** to replace the option of a fixed base value spiral or a fixed base value choreographed step sequence with a leveled step sequence.

3663 The Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Steps: Maximum of one step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface ~~or one spiral sequence.~~

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Senior Free Skate,” except as provided below.

- ~~**D. Step Sequence:** Maximum of one fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface or one fixed base value (ChSp) spiral sequence. The fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE only. The sequence can have any pattern (straight line, circular or serpentine) while fully utilizing the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral positions are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element. They will be counted in the novice free program as transitions and marked as such. The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element. They will be counted in the novice free program as transitions and marked as such.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

Note: This item supersedes the changes made by the board on June 29, 2010 (items 10 and 11 in this Combined Report of Action).

137.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3671, Intermediate Short Program (steps), (page 243, Rulebook)** to replace the leveled step sequence with a fixed base value choreographed step sequence.

3671 Intermediate Short Program

A. Technical elements are:

6. ~~Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) utilizing the full ice surface. Fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence fully utilizing the entire ice surface. The fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE only. The sequence can have any pattern (straight line, circular or serpentine) while fully utilizing the ice surface.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

138.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3672, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (steps), (page 244, Rulebook)** to replace the leveled step sequence with a fixed base value choreographed step sequence.

3672 The Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Novice Free Skate,” except as provided below.

- D. **Step Sequence:** ~~The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Maximum of one fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface. The fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE only. The sequence can have any pattern (straight line, circular or serpentine) while fully utilizing the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element. They will be counted in the intermediate free program as transitions and marked as such.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

139.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (steps), (page 245, Rulebook)** to replace the leveled step sequence with a fixed base value choreographed step sequence.

3681 The Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Novice Free Skate,” except as provided below.

- E. **Step Sequence:** ~~The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Maximum of one fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface. The fixed base value (ChSt) step sequence will always be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE only. The sequence can have any pattern (straight line, circular or serpentine) while fully utilizing the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element. They will be counted in the juvenile and open juvenile free program as transitions and marked as such.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

140.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3661, Novice Men Short Program (spins), (page 241, Rulebook)** to require a change of foot in the camel or sit spin.

3661 Novice Men Short Program

A. Technical elements are:

4. Camel or sit spin with one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump (minimum of 6 ½ revolutions on each foot). ~~No change of foot permitted.~~ May not have flying entry.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

141.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3672, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (page 244, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry.

3672 The Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Spins: Maximum of ~~three~~ two spins of a different nature (one of which must be ~~a flying spin, one~~ a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one a spin in one position with no change of foot ~~and no flying entry~~).

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Novice Free Skate,” except as provided below.

C. Spins: In the intermediate free skate, ~~both spins may have a flying entry, only the flying spin and the combination spin may begin with a flying entry, may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the intermediate free skate is five, two of which must be in the landing position. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin must have a minimum of is eight revolutions total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. The minimum number of revolutions in the spin in one position is five with no change of foot. and no flying entry.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

142.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.05, Intermediate Free Skate Test (spins), (page 20, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement from three to two.

TR 32.05 Intermediate Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended ~~two~~ three to include:

1. Flying spin (minimum 5 revolutions in position)
2. Spin combination consisting of at least one change of foot and at least of change of position (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

143.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (page 245, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry:

3681 The Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Spins: Maximum of ~~three~~ two spins of a different nature (one of which must be ~~a flying spin, one~~ a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one a spin in one position with no change of foot ~~and no flying entry~~).

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Novice Free Skate,” except as provided below.

D. Spins: ~~The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the juvenile or open juvenile free skate is five, a minimum two of which must be in the landing position. The In the juvenile or open juvenile free skate, both spins may have a flying entry. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin is eight total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. The minimum number of revolutions in the spin in one position is five with no change of foot. and no flying entry.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

144.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.04, Juvenile Free Skate Test (spins), (page 20, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement from three to two, remove the forward sit spin requirement and change the spin with a change of foot requirement to also include one change of position with a choice of two positions from camel, sit or upright.

TR 32.04 Juvenile Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended ~~two~~ three to include:

- ~~1.~~ Forward sit spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)
- ~~2.~~ 1. Ladies: Layback or attitude spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)
Men: Forward camel spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)
- ~~3.~~ 2. One spin combination with one change of foot and at least one change of position ~~optional~~ (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot). Must include two ~~one~~ of the following positions: camel, sit or upright ~~attitude~~.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

145.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3691, Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (pages 245-246, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position (minimum six revolutions total), and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot (minimum four revolutions). Both spins may have a flying entry.

3691 The Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Spins: Maximum of ~~three~~ two spins of a different nature (one of which must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one a spin in one position with no change of foot).

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Intermediate Free Skate,” except as provided below.

D. Spins: ~~The minimum number of revolutions for the spins in the pre-juvenile free skate is three. In the pre-juvenile free skate, both spins may begin with a flying entry. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin is six total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. The minimum number of revolutions in the spin in one position with no change of foot is four.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

146.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.03, Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test (spins), (page 19, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement from three to two, remove the front scratch to back scratch spin requirement and adjust the combination spin requirement.

TR 32.03 Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended ~~two~~ three to include:

1. One camel spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
2. One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional. No change of foot (minimum 6 revolutions combined in forward sit and camel positions)
3. ~~Front scratch to back scratch – exit on spinning foot (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot)~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

147.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.02, Preliminary Free Skate Test (spins), (page 19, Tests Book)** to change the one foot backspin to a front scratch to back scratch spin.

TR 32.02 Preliminary Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended two to include:

1. Front scratch to back scratch – exit on spinning foot not mandatory (minimum 3 revolutions on each foot) ~~One-foot backspin – entry optional (3 revolutions)~~
2. Sit spin – in recognizable sit position (3 revolutions)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

148.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.07, Junior Free Skate Test (jumps), (page 21, Tests Book)** to change the jump sequence requirement as follows:

TR 32.07 Junior Free Skate Test

Jumps: Recommended eight jump elements for men and seven jump elements for ladies, which must include the following:

3. ~~One jump sequence consisting of small jumps, followed by any double jump~~ One series of one or more non-listed jump(s) and one double jump. The non-listed jump(s) will precede the double jump while maintaining the cadence of the jumping rhythm. Non-listed jumps may include but are not limited to: waltz jump, inside Axel, half flip, half loop, split jump, walley, stag jump, bunny hop, mazurka, ballet hop, side toe hop and falling leaf.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

149.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (jump repetitions), (page 242, Rulebook)** to allow one additional double Axel or triple jump to be repeated for men and to limit each double and triple jump to appear no more than twice (i.e. skater can repeat as many doubles as he/she likes, but each can appear no more than two times in a program).

3663 The Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Remarks: See generally “Remarks: Senior Free Skate,” except as provided below.

B. Jump repetitions:

Ladies: A total of two jumps with 2 1/2 or 3 revolutions may be repeated, and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or sequence.

Men: One double Axel and two different triple jumps may be repeated, and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or jump sequence.

Ladies and Men: No more than two of the same type of double or triple jump may be attempted.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

150.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend the following rules to limit the number of jump combinations or jump sequences to a maximum of two:

- **Rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 248, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3691, Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Pages 245-246, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3701, Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 246, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3711, Pre-Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 247, Rulebook); and**
- **Rule 3721, No Test Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 247, Rulebook).**

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

151.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend the following rules to limit the number of jumps in jump combinations to two jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence will remain unlimited:

- **Rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 248, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3691, Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Pages 245-246, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3701, Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 246, Rulebook);**
- **Rule 3711, Pre-Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 247, Rulebook); and**
- **Rule 3721, No Test Well-Balanced Free Skate, (Page 247, Rulebook).**

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

152.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4681 (page 362, Rulebook)** to give novice teams the option of choosing between a circle step sequence and a block step sequence in the novice well-balanced free skate requirements.

4681 Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate

A well-balanced novice free skate must contain the following ~~nine~~ eight elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One no hold step sequence
- ~~H. One block step sequence~~
- ~~I. One circle step sequence~~
- H. One element selected from a block step sequence or a circle step sequence

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

Note: This item supersedes the changes made by the board on July 7, 2010 (item 12 in this Combined Report of Action).

153.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4691 (page 362, Rulebook)** to remove one intersection from the intermediate well-balanced free skate requirements.

4691 Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate

A well-balanced intermediate free skate must contain the following ~~nine~~ eight elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ One intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One block step sequence
- H. One circle step sequence

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

Note: This item supersedes the changes made by the board on July 7, 2010 (item 12 in this Combined Report of Action).

154.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rules TPCR 4.01 (I), 4.02 (J), 4.03 (H) and 4.04 (H) (page 115, Rulebook)** as shown below:

TPCR 4.01 Technical controller qualifications

- I. Must adhere to the ethics policies established by the Technical Panel Committee in order to serve in any qualifying event.

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- J. Must adhere to the ethics policies established by the Technical Panel Committee in order to serve in any qualifying event.

TPCR 4.03 Data operator qualifications:

- H. Must adhere to the ethics policies established by the Technical Panel Committee in order to serve in any qualifying event.

TPCR 4.04 Video replay operator (for events using video replay) qualifications:

- H. Must adhere to the ethics policies established by the Technical Panel Committee in order to serve in any qualifying event.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

155.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rules TPCR 4.02(A)(3) (pages 115-116, Rulebook)** as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- A. Sectional and national singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist (~~except as stated in TPCR 4.02(B) below~~) must be either:
 - 3. A national level judge in the discipline in which they serve.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

156.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule TPCR 4.02(B)(1) and 4.02(C)(1) (pages 115-116, Rulebook)** to require regional and nonqualifying technical specialists who qualify based on competitive history to meet such criteria within the discipline in which they serve.

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- B. Regional singles technical specialist must either be:
 - 1. A former senior, junior or novice competitor in the discipline in which they serve at a sectional championship that qualifies competitors to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships;
- C. Nonqualifying singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:
 - 1. A former senior, junior or novice competitor in the discipline in which they serve at either a regional championship (singles, pairs and dance) or a sectional synchronized skating championship (synchronized skating);

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

157.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Add **new rules TPCR 6.00-6.04 [suggested numbers] (page 117, Rulebook)** to address inactive status for technical panel officials as follows:

TPCR 6.00 Inactive Status

TPCR 6.01 A Technical Panel official who has not served on a technical panel at a competition, or attended a National Technical Panel Seminar or continuing education school in the preceding two skating seasons (July 1 to June 30) will be considered inactive and must recertify at a National Technical Panel Seminar.

TPCR 6.02 Inactive status for a one-year period may be granted by the appropriate sectional vice chair for the Technical Panel Committee upon written request by a technical panel official. Such inactive status may be extended for one year, if requested, but inactive status may not exceed two years.

TPCR 6.03 During the period of inactive status a technical panel official will remain on file at U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters as an inactive technical panel official and will receive all communications directed to technical panel officials. A technical panel official is not eligible to serve as a technical panel official at competitions while registered in inactive status.

TPCR 6.04 Upon written request of an inactive technical panel official for reinstatement to active status, an official must attend a National Technical Panel Seminar, and the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Technical Panel Committee will designate the activity needed for the candidate to regain full active status as a technical panel official.

TCPR 6.05 If an inactive technical panel official does not request reinstatement to active status after two years, said official will be deemed to have resigned his/her appointment(s) as a technical panel official and will be removed from the list of technical panel officials accordingly.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEVAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

158.APPROVED – Ethics Committee

Amend rule **ECR 3.00, Disciplinary Proceedings, (pages 51-52, Rulebook)** by deleting the following rules – **ECR 3.03, ECR 3.04, ECR 3.05, ECR 3.08, ECR 3.09, and ECR 3.10** – and renumbering the balance as necessary.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

159.WITHDREW – Ethics Committee

Move rules **GR 1.01, Code of Ethics; GR 1.02 and GR 1.03, Code of Conduct; and GR 1.04, Consequences of Violation, (pages 28-30, Rulebook)** from the General Rules (GR) to the Ethics Committee Rules (ECR) (**pages 51-53, Rulebook**), renumber the GR and ECR sections as necessary and correct all references.

160.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Grievance Committee

Amend rule **GCR 3.02 (C)(2) (page 56, Rulebook)** to read as follows:

2. Forward a copy of the Grievance Statement and any attachments to the Respondent(s); ~~and, at the person's last known address or the address maintained in the U.S. Figure Skating database or to the person's representative, if such representative is known to U.S. Figure Skating.~~ This will constitute "notice". The person responsible for sending the documents to the Respondent must use any expeditious delivery system that provides reasonable evidence of delivery to the addressee, which will constitute proof that notice of the grievance was given to the Respondent; and

Implementation date: Immediately at the conclusion of Governing Council

161.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Grievance Committee

Add new rule **GCR 10.00 [suggested number] (page 62, Rulebook)** as follows:

GCR 10.00 Reciprocity with other organizations

A. Duly imposed disciplinary decisions of another organization against a member of U.S. Figure Skating will be honored by U.S. Figure Skating, except on a case-by-case basis if necessary in order to comply with any applicable law, rule or requirement to which U.S. Figure Skating is subject, including the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act or the Bylaws of the United States Olympic Committee; or unless there are extenuating circumstances or compelling reasons for U.S. Figure Skating not to follow the disciplinary action of the other organization.

B. The disciplinary decision will be reviewed by the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the Grievance Committee chair, and the Ethics Committee chair, to determine if any of the exceptions to granting reciprocity apply.

C. In the event the disciplinary decision is granted reciprocity, the person who is subject to the decision may appeal under the provision of Article XXIV, Section 3 (C), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

162. APPROVED – Nominating Committee

Amend rule NCR 3.01 (page 93, Rulebook) as follows:

NCR 3.01 The Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ will organize soon after the conclusion of the annual meeting of the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council but ~~shall~~ will elect its chair no later than July 1. The most recent eligible past chair not currently sitting on the Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ will convene the committee to elect the incoming chair. At least two meetings ~~shall~~ will be held prior to the next annual meeting of the Governing Council. Additional meetings ~~shall~~ will be held as necessary as determined by the committee. When practical, in-person meetings are preferable to telephone conferences. A meeting may be called by the chair, or by any five members, with suitable notice ~~or by any five members~~. All committee deliberations ~~shall~~ must be kept strictly confidential, and each Nominating Committee member ~~shall~~ must sign annually a confidentiality agreement.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

163. APPROVED – Nominating Committee

Amend rule NCR 3.04 (pages 94-95, Rulebook) as follows:

NCR 3.04 Annually, the committee ~~shall~~ will:

- A. Publish on the U.S. Figure Skating website a listing of the positions that will be considered by the Nominating Committee, as such may be known at the time, and send the list to member clubs. A job description and qualifications for all positions will be included with this posting on the website. The committee ~~shall~~ will also develop annual written guidelines for its operation and publish these guidelines on the website.
- B. Solicit from the president, the Board of Directors and others, suggestions for positions to be filled for the following year and a list of appropriate candidates.
- C. Solicit from the president and the Board of Directors the business plan objectives of U.S. Figure Skating, including, but not limited to, a list of the most important issues facing U.S. Figure Skating and the programs most in need of attention the following year.
- D. Obtain a statement of qualifications and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (on U.S. Figure Skating approved form) from all candidates being considered for nomination by the Nominating Committee and otherwise nominated in accordance with the provisions stated below.
- E. Notify those incumbents whose positions the committee has decided to fill with a new candidate prior to the next annual meeting of the Governing Council.
- F. By March 1, ~~the Nominating Committee will~~ publish on the U.S. Figure Skating website the slate of nominees ~~that the Nominating Committee recommendeds~~ for election as U.S. Figure Skating officers and directors and for appointment as U.S. Figure Skating committee chairs.

~~G.1.~~ ~~The~~ This slate of nominees ~~recommended by the Nominating Committee shall will~~ also be published in the Governing Council meeting book.

~~H.2.~~ These publications ~~referred to in paragraphs (F) and (G)~~ will include a resumes ~~of for the candidates~~ and statement of purpose from each of the candidates.

~~I.G.~~ Will accept nominations for candidates; other than those recommended by the Nominating Committee, ~~shall be accepted as follows, but must be provided they are~~ submitted in writing to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters no later than April 15. No other nominations ~~after that date~~, including nominations from the floor of the Governing Council, will be permitted.

1. Duly qualified delegates to the current Governing Council may nominate alternative candidates by submitting a resume and statement of purpose from the nominated candidate, accompanied by the signatures of officers of three U.S. Figure Skating member clubs.
2. Individual members of U.S. Figure Skating may nominate alternative candidates by submitting a resume and statement of purpose from the nominated candidate, accompanied by the signatures of 10 duly qualified delegates to the current Governing Council. A record of all qualified delegates to the current Governing Council will be available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

The Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ will obtain a statement of qualifications and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (on U.S. Figure Skating approved form) from all candidates so nominated as referred to in paragraph D, above.

~~J.H.~~ ~~The Nominating Committee shall have Headquarters include in the delegates' registration packets~~ Ensure the names of all other properly nominated candidates for election along with the candidate's statement of qualifications and statement of purpose are published on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

~~K.L.~~ ~~There shall be~~ If there are one or more contested positions, hold a candidates' forum prior to the election ~~start of the Governing Council~~ so that the delegates to the Governing Council can meet all the nominated candidates who choose to appear at the forum.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

164. APPROVED – Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Amend rule JR 9.03 (page 75, Rulebook) to clarify that the required written exam must not only be taken but also passed in order for one to be appointed or promoted as a judge.

JR 9.03 Application forms are available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters and online at usfigureskating.org and are required for all appointments of judges. Applications may be originated by the test chair of a member club for club members; by the applicant's monitor; by chair of the Judges Committee; or by the regional or sectional vice chairs of the Judges Committee. A written exam must be taken and passed to qualify for promotion. When a candidate submits an application for appointment to the appropriate regional or sectional vice chair of the Judges Committee, an exam will be sent to the candidate once all other requirements as set forth in the Judges Committee Guidelines have been met. Upon receipt, the exam is to be completed and returned to the vice chair of exams of the Judges Education and Training Subcommittee (JETS) within 30 days.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

165. APPROVED – Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Amend rule JR 6.01 (G)(5) (page 72, Rulebook) to allow gold singles/pairs test judges to judge all levels of singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions.

G. Gold singles/pairs test judges:

5. Competitions

- a. ~~Novice and lower and all adult free skate~~ All levels of single and pair events of at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

166. APPROVED – Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Amend rule JR 7.01 (C)(4) (page 74, Rulebook) to allow gold dance test judges to judge all levels of ice dancing events at nonqualifying competitions.

C. Gold dance test judge:

4. Competition

- a. ~~Intermediate and lower and adult silver and lower~~ All dance events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

167. APPROVED – Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Delete rule 1222 (B)(2) (page 136, Rulebook) as follows:

1222 For all sanctioned, nonqualifying competitions, the local organizing committee shall select the following officials:

B. Judges:

- ~~2. Judges may serve at one level higher than that for which certified in the official lists, as specified in JR 6.00 and 7.00.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

168. APPROVED – Submitted by Heather Nemier, Rules Committee Chair

Amend rule 2501 and delete rules 2503 and 2504 (page 153, Rulebook) to clarify the judging system requirements for nonqualifying competitions.

2501 Use of the The International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system ~~to will~~ be used as follows:

C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS system, the 6.0 system or a combination of both.

1. If using the 6.0 system, the closed 6.0 system should be used except for synchronized skating events, which have the option of using the closed 6.0 system or the open 6.0 system of judging.

2502 In both systems of judging, a judge's marks may not be changed after posting due to a mistake made by the judge.

~~**2503** The closed (or written) system of judging shall be used for all other events. (Moved to 2501 (C)(1).)~~

~~**2504** In all sanctioned nonqualifying synchronized skating competition events, either the closed system or the open system of judging may be used for all levels. (Moved to 2501 (C)(1).)~~

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

169.APPROVED – Submitted by Heather Nemier, Rules Committee Chair

Amend **rule 1521 (page 141, Rulebook)** to add item I regarding judging systems at nonqualifying competitions.

1520 Nonqualifying Competitions

1521 Announcements for nonqualifying competitions shall contain the following information:

- A. Place
- B. Dates
- C. Projected days of conducting the different events
- D. Date of closing of entries
- E. Amount of entry fee
- F. Where entry is to be sent
- G. Form and size of the rink
- H. Character, nature and requirements of the different events
- I. System of judging (IJS or 6.0) to be used; and if both will be used, which events will be judged under each system
- ~~H.~~J.Supplementary conditions of any kind, including the following information:
Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

170.DID NOT APPROVE – Submitted by Lynn Goldman, Austin FSC

Delete **rule TR 3.10 (page 3, Tests Book)** to remove the requirement to send free rulebooks to test chairs on request.

~~**TR 3.10**—U.S. Figure Skating will send complimentary rulebooks and directories to test chairs upon request from their club.~~

171.APPROVED – Submitted by Gloria Lewis, Atlanta FSC

Amend **rule 4470 (page 322, Rulebook)** to remove the restrictions related to testing before the age of 21.

4470 Adult Gold Dance Event

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters pre-gold dance. Any skater who has passed one or more pre-gold dance(s) prior to age 21 or has competed in any standard track qualifying dance event at sectionals or higher before or after the age of 21 will be ineligible to compete in this event.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

172.DID NOT APPROVE – Submitted by Becky Jobling, Brazos Valley FSC

Add a **new rule [number and location to be determined by the Rules Committee]** to require that any competition using the international system of judging (IJS) must use that system for open juvenile events (if such events are offered). This would include regionals.

173.REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – Submitted by Susan Keogh, Greenwich SC, Inc.

To review the specific dollar amount and percentage part of the Foundation Spending Policy as it applies to future years.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

174.APPROVED the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

175.APPROVED to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year except those actions rescinded, referred or amended by the Governing Council.

176.ELECTED the following members of the board of directors:

- President – Patricia St. Peter
- Midwestern and First Vice President – Kathy Slack
- Pacific Coast and Second Vice President – Jessica Gaynor
- Eastern and Third Vice President – Ann O’Keefe
- Secretary – Samuel Auxier
- Treasurer – Warren Naphtal

Athlete Services Group Coordinator – Justin Dillon
Membership Development Group Coordinator – Lainie DeMore
Technical Group Coordinator – Hal Marron
Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator – Winston Burbank
Coaching Member – Brittney Bottoms
Coaching Member – Mark Mitchell

177.ANNOUNCED the athlete members of the Board of Directors as elected by the athletes

Brandon Forsyth (Dance)*
Mark Ladwig (Pairs)
Cathleen Renzi (Synchronized)
Lindsey Weber (Singles)
*non-voting member of the Board of Directors

178.The President **ACCEPTED** the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

Adult Skating – Gail Sombati
Athlete Development – Benjamin “Ben” Miller
Coaches – Alex Chang
Collegiate Program – Michelle Zeles-Hahn
Competitions – Lynn Goldman
Dance – John Millier
Ethics – Karen Terry Perreault
Grievance – Gretchen Bonnie
International – Doug Williams
International Judges and Officials – Kristina Lundgren
Judges – Kathleen Harmon
Membership – Elizabeth Harty
Memorial Fund – Susan Bonn
Pairs – Nancy Ruedebusch
Parents – Gordon Benson
Program Development – Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Rules – Heather Nemier
Sanctions and Eligibility – Melissa Dillenbeck
Selections – Kitty DeLio LaForte
Singles – Kim Heim
Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating – Sandy Lamb
Sports Sciences and Medicine – Jennifer Burke
State Games – Bonnie Boaz
Strategic Planning – Terri Levine
Synchronized Skating – Karin Sherr
Technical Panel – Wendy Enzmann
Tests – Diana Wisner

179.The President **ANNOUNCED** the following appointments:

ISU Representative – Gale Tanger
Theatrical Skating Committee Chair – Judith “Judy” Edmunds

180.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2011-12:

Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term
John Cole (SA) Kristy Panos (EGL) Kevin Rosenstein (CP)

Elected by the Governing Council in 2010 to serve a two year term (this is year two)
Elliot Schwartz (NE) Kim Moore (SW) Larry Kriwanek (SWP)
Anne Cammett (NA) Kathleen Krieger (UGL) Phillip Deaver (NWP)

Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term
Cathleen Renzi (E) Lindsey Weber (M) Angela Nikodinov (P)

181.ANNOUNCED that the 2012 Governing Council meeting will be held at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, S.C., on the dates of May 2-6, 2012.