



## **Nonqualifying Dance Competition Judge Appointment Guidelines**

### **General Comments**

1. A Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointment is **not** a pre-requisite to obtaining a Novice Sectional Dance Competition Appointment.
2. It is understood that judges with Nonqualifying Competition Appointments will be actively working toward obtaining a Bronze Test Appointment, if they have not obtained one already.
3. Judges with Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointments are qualified to judge all levels in ice dance at nonqualifying competitions.
4. A minority of a judging panel at a nonqualifying competition event can consist of judges with only a Nonqualifying Competition Appointment.

### **Criteria to Obtain Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointment**

1. **Dance:** Must be a current or former ice dance competitor at the novice, junior or senior level at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or a current or former ice dance competitor at the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships.

A candidate may not take the nonqualifying competition appointment test unless they have met the above criteria.

### **Guidelines to Obtain Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointment**

To apply for this appointment, the candidate must complete **one of the following**:

1. **Judges School:**
  - a. Attend a judges school approved by the Judges Committee for that purpose **and**
  - b. Pass a proficiency test with a minimum passing grade of 80%. The test will cover all aspects of competition judging, including but not limited to ethics, element identification, 6.0 rules and IJS rules.

**OR**

2. **Trial Judging:**
  - a. Trial judge a minimum of six segments at a competition approved by the Judges Committee for trial judging,
    - i. Each segment must consist of at least six teams.
    - ii. Must include at least one segment of each of the following:
      1. Compulsory dance
      2. Original dance
      3. Free dance
    - iii. If a 6.0 event is available at the competition, the candidate is required to trial judge at least one 6.0 event.
  - b. If the JET determines that the candidate is eligible to take the exam, a proficiency test will thereafter be sent to the candidate. That test must be passed with a minimum passing grade of 80%. The test will cover all aspects of competition judging, including but not limited to ethics, element identification, 6.0 rules and IJS rules.