



Nonqualifying Singles & Pairs Competition Judge Appointment Guidelines

General Comments

1. A Nonqualifying Competition Appointment is **not** a pre-requisite to obtaining a Regional Singles & Pairs Competition Appointment.
2. It is understood that judges with a Nonqualifying Competition Appointment will be actively working toward obtaining a Bronze Test Appointment, if they have not obtained one already.
3. Judges with Nonqualifying Singles & Pairs Competition Appointments are qualified to judge all levels in singles and pairs 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 Singles & Pairs Competition Appointment

1. **Singles & Pairs**: Must be a current or former singles or pairs competitor at the novice, junior or senior level at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or a current or former singles or pairs 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 Singles & Pairs Competition Appointment

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

1. **Judges School & Test**:
 - 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 eight skaters in singles or six teams in pairs.
 - ii. Must include at least one event judged under the 6.0 system and at least one event judged under IJS.
 - iii. Must include both short program and free skate events.
 - 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.