

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

taken by the

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Colorado Springs, Colorado – October 29-30, 2004

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Meetings - various dates

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Facsimile ballots - various dates

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Columbus, Ohio - May 4, 2005

V. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Columbus, Ohio – May 6-7, 2005

The actions contained in this document reflect all business transacted by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors and Governing Council for the 2004/2005 season and will be reflected in the 2006 edition of the rulebook. This combined report is an effort to simplify the reporting process in that you will need only refer to one document for the final actions. All approved actions will go into effect Sept. 1, 2005 (Test Rules go into effect Sept. 2, 2005) unless otherwise stated in the action

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OCTOBER 2004:

- 1. ACCEPTED** the Standing Rules for the conduct of the Board of Directors meeting as presented.
- 2. RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the Board of Directors meeting held in San Diego, California on May 5, 2004 approving the Minutes.
- 3. ANNOUNCED** the following future meetings of U.S. Figure Skating:
 - 2005 Spring Board of Directors meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio on May 4, 2005
 - 2005 Governing Council meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio on May 6-7, 2005
 - 2005 Annual [fall] meeting of the Board of Directors, World Arena Doubletree in Colorado Springs, Colorado - October 28 and 29, 2005
- 4. APPROVED** the recommendation of the Executive Committee to elect the following persons to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees:
 - Susan Keogh – 2 year term
 - Robert Shmalo (athlete member) – 3 year term
- 5. APPROVED** to accept a new trophy for the juvenile boys event at the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships. The trophy is being donated by the Broadmoor Skating Club in memory of Annette Cramer, mother of national and World competitor Scott Cramer.
- 6. APPROVED** to accept a new trophy for the centennial dance event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. The trophy is to be named for and donated by Stanley and Sally Urban. The Urbans were World competitors in dance in the 1960s and returned to competitive dance in 2000 in championship adult dance.
- 7. APPROVED** the following sanctions:
 - Final**
 - Marshalls International Figure Skating Challenge
 - Site TBD following the U.S. Championships, April 5, 2005
 - 2005 U.S. Collegiate Championships
 - Hawaii FSC - Honolulu, Hawaii, August 9-12, 2005
 - 2005 North American Challenge Skate
 - Silver Blades FSC – Overland Park, Kan., August 25-28, 2005
 - 2006 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
 - Heartland Interclub Association - St. Louis, Mo., January 7-15, 2006
 - Provisional**
 - 2006 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
 - Detroit Metro Council – Grand Rapids, Mich., February 22-25, 2006
 - 2006 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships
 - Rocky Mountain FSC – Westminster, Colo., Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 2005

8 REFERRED the following request for a provisional sanction back to the Competitions Committee with a requirement for Ann Dougherty (NVC for Adult Competitions) to report back to the Board of Directors with the following information:

- The composition of the LOC leadership team
- Proof of financial ability to host this competition
2006 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships - Dallas FSC – Frisco, Texas, Date TBD

9 ACCEPTED the resignation of Oscar T. Iobst as a national referee and national dance referee.

10. APPROVED the appointment of Oscar T. Iobst as an honorary referee of U.S. Figure Skating.

11. APPROVED the following national promotions:

National Referee

Theodore Clarke, North Weymouth, Massachusetts

National Dance Referee

Theodore Clarke, North Weymouth, Massachusetts

National Announcer

Daniel P. Heslin, Murietta, California

National Music Coordinator

Alan Davis, Caledonia, Michigan

Jeffery Davis, Colorado Springs, Colorado

12. ACCEPTED the resignation of Oscar T. Iobst as a national judge and national dance judge.

13. APPROVED the appointment of Oscar T. Iobst as an honorary national judge for U.S. Figure Skating.

14. APPROVED the following national promotions:

National Singles/Pairs Judge

Theodore Clarke, North Weymouth, Massachusetts

Dr. Richard Kern, Peoria, Illinois

National Dance Judge

Theodore Clarke, North Weymouth, Massachusetts

Diana Wisner, Wilmington, Delaware

National Synchronized Skating Judge

Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, Georgia

David Sargent, Shirley, Massachusetts

15. APPROVED a U.S. Figure Skating Olympic Team selection process as developed by the athlete members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Athlete Services Group Coordinator.

U.S. Figure Skating Olympic Team Selection Process

The United States Olympic Figure Skating Team shall include the current U.S. Figure Skating Champion in each discipline. The remaining selections in each discipline for the U.S. Olympic Team will be selected by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, taking into consideration the results of events in the following order of importance:

1. Current U.S. Figure Skating Championships
2. Most recent Senior Grand Prix Final
3. Most recent World Figure Skating Championships
4. Most recent Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
5. Most recent World Junior Figure Skating Championships and Junior Grand Prix Final

Skaters meeting the above criteria who did not compete or complete competition in the current U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury or illness, verified by U.S. Figure Skating or United States Olympic Committee (USOC) personnel, may be considered for selection. In addition, U.S. Figure Skating or USOC medical personnel must verify that the athlete(s) will be physically ready to compete at the Olympic Games.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE DATES OF August 6-7, 2004, August 30, 2004, December 10, 2004, February 26, 2005, April 9, 2005, May 1, 2005, May 3, 2005

16. **APPROVED** to recommend the following individuals to the Board of Directors for election to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees: Rob Shmalo for a three-year term and Susan Keogh for a two-year term.
17. **CONCURRED** with the proposed election of Jerry Grossman and Troy Goldstein to additional terms on the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees.
18. **APPROVED** that U.S. Figure Skating move ahead as quickly as possible to implement the ISU Judging System in our domestic competitions, including the training of our officials and technical support personnel in that system.
19. **APPROVED** that there be a moratorium on new competition judging appointments, at the junior level and above, until the ISU Judging System domestic implementation plan is in place.
20. **APPROVED** that there be a moratorium on all existing JETS (Judges Education and Training) programs, until the ISU Judging System domestic implementation plan is in place.
21. **APPROVED** to establish a Technical Panel Committee to be responsible for the recruitment, training and regulation of ISU Judging System technical panel members and authorized the President to appoint the chair.
22. **APPROVED** to set the U.S. Figure Skating budget for 2005-2006 at \$13 million and for 2006-2007 at \$12 million.
23. **APPROVED** to reduce the grant for the U.S. Collegiate Championships to \$1000, beginning in Budget Year 2006-2007.
24. **APPROVED** to proceed with the bid process for the 2005-2006 North American Challenge Skate and to allocate a minimum of \$65,000 for the event.
25. **APPROVED** to establish a registration fee of \$50 for Governing Council Meeting delegates and/or proxy holders, beginning in 2005.
26. **APPROVED** to establish a registration fee of \$75 for those attending Governing Council Meetings as observers, beginning in 2005.
27. **APPROVED** to establish an Audit Committee and the proposed Audit Committee Charter, as outlined on 7/1/2004, with the following change to II. A: The four-member committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
28. **APPROVED** Biggs Kofford of Colorado Springs, Colorado to conduct the annual audit of U.S. Figure Skating and prepare financial statements for the fiscal years ending in 2004, 2005, and 2006.
29. **APPROVED** the proposed check signing policy as outlined on 7/23/2004.
30. **ENDORSED** the proposed Strategic Business Plan operating principles and priority areas of focus, along with assigned responsibilities and recommended directions, as amended, to serve as the basis for allocating budget expenditures for FY 2005-2006.
31. **AUTHORIZED** the Athletes Advisory Committee to investigate the eligibility rules for athletes who wish to serve as athlete representatives in the governance of our Association.
32. **APPROVED** to reduce U.S. Figure Skating's contribution to its employee retirement plan from 10% to 7.5%, effective January 1, 2005, and directed the interim executive director to promptly notify staff of this action.
33. **APPROVED** to unanimously recommend to the Board of Directors that Val Belmonte be elected executive director of U.S. Figure Skating, effective immediately.

- 34. APPROVED** that the moratorium on new competition appointments at the junior level and above be removed, as the ISU Judging System domestic implementation plan is now in place.
- 35. APPROVED** that the moratorium on all existing JETS (Judges Education and Training) programs be removed, as the ISU Judging System domestic implementation plan is now in place.
- 36. APPROVED** to recommend to the Board of Directors that a provisional sanction be granted to the Dallas FSC to host the 2006 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Frisco, Texas.
- 37. APPROVED** that the treasurer be authorized to transfer up to \$4 million to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation.
- 38. APPROVED** to expand the U.S. Figure Skating Bonus Plan to include the World Synchronized Team Skating Championships, with \$15,000 to be awarded to a team finishing in first place, \$10,000 for second place and \$5000 for third place.
- 39. RESCINDED** actions #10 and #11 [now items 25 and 26 in this combined report] taken by the Executive Committee on August 6, 2004 establishing Governing Council registration fees for delegates and observers. This is effective immediately.
- 40. APPROVED** that an independent accounting firm be engaged to oversee and certify the results of the election of U.S. Figure Skating's Officers and Board of Directors at the 2005 Governing Council Meeting.
- 41. APPROVED** the following check signing policy, as recommended in the management letter prepared by U.S. Figure Skating's current audit firm: Any one signature from among the executive director, assistant executive director for finance & administration or senior financial officer is required for checks of less than \$10,000 and any two of these signatures for checks of \$10,000 or more.
- 42. AUTHORIZED** the acting president and executive director to finalize a television consulting agreement between U.S. Figure Skating and Eddie Einhorn, with approval signatures from the acting president and secretary.
- 43. APPROVED** the terms of an Agreement by which Executive Director Val Belmonte terminated his employment with U.S. Figure Skating.
- 44. APPROVED** that the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee, in conjunction with the Membership Committee and Basic Skills Subcommittee, move forward with the Basic Skills performance approval policy change outlined in the memorandum presented, and prepare a recommended course of action and any related rule changes prior to the fall Board of Directors Meeting.
- 45. APPROVED** Portland, Oregon as the site for the 2007 Governing Council Meeting.

III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DATES OF June 23, 2004, December 13, 2004, February 8, 2005, March 9, 2005, April 11, 2005

- 46. APPROVED** the nomination of Joan Gruber to the ISU as an international judge.
- 47. ACCEPTED** the recommendation of the Executive Committee to issue a provisional sanction to the Dallas Figure Skating Club to host the 2006 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- 48. APPROVED** that NCR 3.04 (F), on page 359, ONLY as it applies to the 2004-2005 Nominating Committee and the slate of officers, directors and recommendations for appointment as U.S. Figure Skating committee chairs that would otherwise be due on March 1, 2005, is amended, effective immediately, to read as follows:
- “F. No later than **April 1, 2005**, the Nominating Committee will publish on the USFSA web site the slate of nominees that the Nominating Committee recommends for election as USFSA officers and directors and for appointment as USFSA committee chairs.”
- 49. APPROVED** that Will Smith be nominated to the ISU in April 2005 as championship referee in singles/pairs.
- 50. APPROVED** that Joe Inman be nominated to the ISU in April 2005 as championship referee in singles/pairs.

51. **SANCTIONED** the 2006 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships to be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on January 23-29, 2006.

52. **ELECTED** Ron Hershberger as President of U.S. Figure Skating, effective immediately, to fill the un-expired term of former President Chuck Foster.

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MAY 2005:

53. **APPROVED** the Convention Standing Rules with the addition of the procedures for ballot voting.

54. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.

55. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the Board of Directors meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on October 29-30, 2004.

56. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee of Deveny Deck (E), Ann Dougherty (M), and Laurie Johnson (P). Deveny Deck will serve as chair.

57. **ADOPTED** the auditor's report.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEM A

58. **APPROVED** the following requested changes to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Bylaws:

A. The Trustees requested the following change to Section 3.4 of its Bylaws to permit the Annual Meeting of the Foundation to be held at a time that is not necessarily coincident with the US Figure Skating Annual Board of Directors Meeting. This change would provide greater planning flexibility and reflects the current practice of the Foundation.

Section 3.4 *Regular Meetings.* A regular annual meeting of the board of trustees shall be held at a time and place determined by the board, for the purpose of electing trustees and officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The board of trustees may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or outside Colorado, for the holding of additional regular meetings.

B. The Trustees requested the following change to Section 3.6 of its Bylaws to permit the use of email or other electronic delivery of notice of meetings, thus allowing a more expeditious manner of notification to trustees and reflecting common business practice in today's world.

Section 3.6 *Notice.* Notice of each meeting of the board of trustees stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be given to each trustee at the trustee's business address at least five (5) days prior thereto by the mailing of written notice by first class, certified or registered mail, or at least two (2) days prior thereto (i) by personal delivery of written notice, or (ii) by delivery of written notice by telegraphic, teletype, electronically transmitted facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication (and the method of notice need not be the same as to each trustee). If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, with postage thereon prepaid. If telegraphed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. If transmitted by telex, facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication, such notice shall be deemed to be given when the transmission is completed. Any trustee may waive notice of any meeting before, at or after such meeting. The attendance of a trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the board of trustees need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting unless otherwise required by statute.

C. The Trustees requested the following change to Section 3.7 of its Bylaws, to reduce the quorum for voting at any meeting of the board from two-thirds to a majority of the voting trustees. This change would facilitate the conduct of Foundation business, and at the same time, reflect common business practice in today's world.

Section 3.7 *Quorum and Voting.* A majority of the voting trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board of trustees, and the vote of a majority of the voting trustees present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the board of trustees. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the voting trustees present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. No trustee may vote or act by proxy at any meeting of trustees.

D. The Trustees requested the following correction to the last sentence of Section 3.14(b) of its Bylaws, to accurately reflect the intent of the original text.

Section 3.14(b) Reliance on Certain Information and Other Matters [in Section 3.14 entitled Standard of Conduct for Trustees and Officers]. The designated persons or whom a trustee or officer are entitled to rely are:

(iv) a committee of the board of trustees on which the trustee or officer does not serve if the trustee reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

59. APPROVED - Competitions Committee - promotions

National Accountant

Lexie Kastner, Deerwood, Minnesota
Jim Morris, Dallas, Texas
Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

National Dance Event Referee

Jenny Mast, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

60. ACCEPTED - Competitions Committee - resignations

National Accountant

Lewis Mattson, The Colony, Texas

61. APPROVED - Competitions Committee - competition sanctions

Final

2006 U.S. Junior Championships, Rocky Mountain FSC
Westminster, Colorado Nov 28-Dec 3, 2005
2006 U.S. Adult Championships, Dallas FSC
Dallas, Texas March 29-April 1, 2006
2006 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, Detroit Metro Council
Grand Rapids, MI February 22-25, 2006
2007 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Spokane FSC, Lilac City FSC & Inland Northwest FSC
Spokane, Washington January 21-28, 2007
U.S. Figure Skating Fall Challenge, October 8
U.S. Figure Skating Winter Challenge, December 8, 9 or 10

Provisional

U.S. Figure Skating Spring Challenge, April 2006
2006 Skate America, SC of Hartford
Hartford, Connecticut October 24-29, 2006 (dates subject to change)

62. APPROVED - Judges Committee - promotions

National Singles/Pairs

Lisa Erle, Dublin, California
Jennifer Hartley, New York, New York
John LeFevre, Colorado Springs, Colorado

National Dance

Cynthia Drayton, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
John LeFevre, Colorado Springs, Colorado

National Synchronized Skating

Charles Cope, Dearborn, Michigan
Karin Sherr, San Diego, California

New Business of the Board of Directors

63. APPROVED that the following policy statement be inserted in the front of the rulebook immediately preceding the bylaws:

Please be advised that with respect to U.S. Figure Skating competitive events conducted under the ISU Judging System (IJS), as adopted and modified and clarified from time to time by U.S. Figure Skating, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU to the IJS pertaining to the scale of values for singles, pairs, dance or synchronized team skating or to any other rule pertaining to the method by which the scores are calculated. Likewise, should the ISU issue clarifications to its rules governing the IJS, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to adopt those clarifications. The revisions or clarifications made to ISU Judging System by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. Any of the adopted modifications and clarifications shall be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website, and when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

64. APPROVED Phyllis Howard as an honorary member of the Board of Directors

65. APPROVED to recommend that the following nominations be submitted to the ISU for the 2006-07 competition season:

1. Shawn Rettstatt, international dance referee, subject to activity as dance referee at a 2006 sectional or national championship.
2. Charles Cyr, international dance referee, subject to completion of an ISU Referee Seminar

Proviso: that these candidates fulfill the required activities by 4/15/06

V. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – MAY 2005 (INCLUDES ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MODIFIED AND/OR RATIFIED)

66. ADOPTED the Convention Standing Rules to include the procedures for voting.

67. RECEIVED the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2004 Governing Council meeting held May 7 and 8, 2004 in San Diego, California.

68. ANNOUNCED that the 2006 Governing Council meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Coronado Springs Resort, May 5-6, 2006.

69. APPOINTED the new Minutes Committee of Deveny Deck (E), Ann Dougherty (M), and Laurie Johnson (P). Deveny Deck will serve as chair.

70. ELECTED the following provisional clubs to full membership in U.S. Figure Skating:

The SC of Andover	Lawrence, MA
Arctic FSC	Canton, MI
Aspen Ice FSC	Randolph, NJ
Elite Training Academy	Haverhill, MA
Empire State FSC	Rochester, NY
Gate City FSC	Nashua, NH
Hampton Roads FSC	Chesapeake, VA
Ice Skate USA FSC	Houston, TX
Jordan Valley FSC	Springfield, MO
The FSC of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Scranton, PA
Point Mallard FSC	Decatur, AL
Sooner SC of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, OK
FSC of Southern California	El Segundo, CA
South Texas ISC	Laredo, TX
TSX Skating Academy	Taylor, MI

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

EXHIBIT A

71. APPROVED to strike the exception in Article IV, Section 2 (page 2) of the bylaws and for all rules that place Casper, Wyoming, in the Midwestern Section. This will also change the description of the Southwestern Region in rule 3005 (B) and the description of the Northwest Pacific Region in rule 3006 (B)

ARTICLE IV Jurisdiction

Section 2 *Geographical Divisions*. For the purposes of regulation and control, the geographical area under the jurisdiction of the USFSA shall be divided into three sections as follows:

Eastern Section: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and all possessions or territories in the Atlantic Ocean area.

Midwestern Section: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, ~~and Casper, Wyoming.~~

Pacific Coast Section: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, ~~with the exception of Casper,~~ and all possessions or territories in the Pacific Ocean area.

For synchronized team skating only, the geographical divisions are as follows:

Eastern Section: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and all possessions or territories in the Atlantic Ocean area.

Midwestern Section: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, ~~and Casper, Wyoming.~~

Pacific Coast Section: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, ~~with the exception of Casper,~~ and all possessions or territories in the Pacific Ocean area.

EXHIBIT B

72. APPROVED to strike all references to possessions and territories in Article IV (page 2) of the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV Jurisdiction

Section 1 *Jurisdiction*. The USFSA shall have jurisdiction of figure skating activities on ice in the United States, ~~its possessions and territories.~~

Section 2 *Geographical Divisions*. For the purposes of regulation and control, the geographical area under the jurisdiction of the USFSA shall be divided into three sections as follows:

Eastern Section: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, ~~Puerto Rico,~~ Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia ~~and all possessions or territories in the Atlantic Ocean area.~~

Midwestern Section: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Casper, Wyoming.

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Eastern Section: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, ~~Puerto Rico,~~

Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia ~~and all possessions or territories in the Atlantic Ocean area.~~

Midwestern Section: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Casper, Wyoming.

Pacific Coast Section: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, with the exception of Casper, ~~and all possessions or territories in the Pacific Ocean area.~~

EXHIBIT C

73. APPROVED to establish a procedure for the removal of a member of the Board of Directors by inserting a new Section 14 to Article VIII (page 5-6) and renumbering the subsequent section.

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 14. Removal. Members of the Board of Directors may be removed as follows:

(a) Officers. Officers may be removed in the manner set forth in Article XI, Section 7 of these Bylaws.

(b) Athlete Members. An athlete member of the Board of Directors (including an athlete member of the Executive Committee) may be removed at any time for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Athletes Advisory Committee (excluding the vote of the affected athlete); provided, however, that (i) due notice of the meeting of the Athletes Advisory Committee (or of the proposal that the Athletes Advisory Committee take action without a meeting) has been given to the affected athlete and (ii) the affected athlete is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Athletes Advisory Committee or to submit a written statement to the Athletes Advisory Committee prior to action by the Athletes Advisory Committee.

(c) Other Voting Members of the Board. Members of the Board of Directors other than described in subsections (a) and (b), above, may be removed at any time for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the Governing Council entitled to vote; provided, however, that (i) due notice of the meeting of the Governing Council (or of the proposal that the Governing Council take action without a meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 23 of these Bylaws) has been given to the affected director and (ii) the affected director is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Governing Council or to submit a written statement to the Governing Council prior to action by the Governing Council.

EXHIBIT D

74. APPROVED to establish a procedure for the removal of an officer by inserting a new Section 7 to Article XI (page 10) and renumbering the subsequent section.

ARTICLE XI Officers

Section 7 Removal. Any officer may be removed at any time for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors (excluding the vote of the affected officer); provided, however, that (i) due notice of the meeting of the Board (or of the proposal that the Board of Directors take action without a meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 24 of these Bylaws) has been given to the affected officer and (ii) the affected officer is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Board or to submit a written statement to the Board prior to action by the Board of Directors. Such action by the Board of Directors shall be final and binding and, therefore, shall not be subject to action by the Governing Council as otherwise provided by Article VIII, Section 12 of these Bylaws.

EXHIBIT E

75. APPROVED to amend Article XVII, Section 1, page 14, by adding the Tests Committee to the list of permanent committees. This also required an amendment to TR 1.01.

ARTICLE XVII Committees

Section 1 *Permanent Committees*. There shall be the following permanent committees of the USFSA:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 13. Judges |
| 2. Athlete Development | 14. Membership |
| 3. Athletes Advisory | 15. Memorial Fund |
| 4. Coaches | 16. Parents |
| 5. Collegiate Program | 17. Program Development |
| 6. Competitions | 18. Rules |
| 7. Dance | 19. Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 8. Ethics | 20. Singles and Pairs |
| 9. Finance | 21. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 10. Grievance | 22. Strategic Planning |
| 11. International | 23. Synchronized Team Skating |
| 12. International Judges and Officials | <u>24. Tests</u> |

76. APPROVED to amend Article XIX page 15, by adding the jurisdiction of the Test Committee.

ARTICLE XIX Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of the USFSA and to the control of the Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below:

Tests: The administration of the test rules, testing procedures, the conduct of all tests, test fees, test records, certificates and emblems, rule violations, and all other matters common to tests not specifically delegated to other committees.

EXHIBIT F

77. APPROVED to amend Article XVII, Section 1, page 14, by striking the Singles and Pairs Committee and inserting a separate Singles Committee and adding a separate Pairs Committee to the list of permanent committees. The adoption of this amendment also required the amendment of TR 1.021, TR 1.04 (page 255), ADCR 2.01 (page 329); it will delete the SPCR (page 365); it will add new Pairs Committee Rules (PCR) and Singles Committee Rules (SICR).

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| 4. Coaches | 16. Parents |
| 5. Collegiate Program | <u>17. Pairs</u> |
| 6. Competitions | 17. <u>18.</u> Program Development |
| 7. Dance | 18. <u>19.</u> Rules |
| 8. Ethics | 19. <u>20.</u> Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 9. Finance | 20. <u>21.</u> Singles and Pairs |
| 10. Grievance | 21. <u>22.</u> Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. International | 22. <u>23.</u> Strategic Planning |
| 12. International Judges and Officials | 23. <u>24.</u> Synchronized Team Skating |

78. APPROVED to amend Article XVII, Section 3 *Committee Groups, page 15*, by striking Singles and Pairs and inserting them as separate committees:

Group 3 – Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges & Officials, Judges, Pairs, Selections, Singles ~~and Pairs~~, Synchronized Team Skating and Tests.

79. APPROVED to amend Article XIX, pages 15-17, by striking references to the Singles and Pairs Committee and inserting a separate Singles Committee and a separate Pairs Committee:

ARTICLE XIX

Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of the USFSA and to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below:

Adult Skating: encourage and support the growth of figure skating for adults by creating and encouraging the creation of programs addressing the needs of the adult skating community as a whole; the composition and manner of performance of all singles, pairs, and dance tests of adult skaters not specifically delegated to the Singles, ~~and Pairs and Dance Committees~~; and all matters pertaining to adult skating competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

~~*Pairs:* the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all pair tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all pair tests, and all matters relating to pair skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

~~*Singles:* the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all singles tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all singles tests, and all matters relating to single skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

~~*Singles and Pairs:* the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all singles and pair tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all singles and pair tests, and all matters relating to single and pair skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

EXHIBIT G

80. REFERRED to the Rules Committee the motion to amend as Article VIII Section 3 (page5) and Article XVII Section 2 (14) to redefine who can serve as the Group Coordinators and to report back to the 2006 Governing Council:

EXHIBIT H

81. DID NOT APPROVE the motion to create a new permanent committee named the Presidents' Council

EXHIBIT I

82. DID NOT APPROVE the motion to add qualifications for members of the Nominating Committee

EXHIBIT J

83. APPROVED the following amendments to redefine the governance structure of U.S. Figure Skating:

NOTE: PROVISIO – *This entire motion to take effect at the conclusion of the May 2006 Governing Council:*

ARTICLE II

Objects

Mission: As the national governing body, the mission of the United States Figure Skating Association is to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice, and particularly:

(i) through (x) – **no change**

(xi) To select members of the Board of Directors, ~~members of the Executive Committee~~ and athlete representatives without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin;

Balance remains the same

ARTICLE VI Government

Section 1 Governing Council. **No change**

Section 2 Board of Directors. The management of the affairs of the USFSA, including in particular the granting of sanctions for national and international championships and competitions, shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall consist of the persons specified in Article VIII, Section 2 hereof.

~~*Section 3 Executive Committee.* In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, an Executive Committee consisting of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 2 hereof shall have the authority to manage the day-to-day affairs of the USFSA.~~

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 1 Powers and Duties. **No change**

Section 2 Composition and Qualifications. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist ~~of the 29 voting members of~~ (i) the president, (ii) the three vice presidents each representing a different section, (iii) the secretary, (iv) the treasurer, (v) four group coordinators as specified in Article XVII section 3, (vi) two coaches actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, and (vii) three athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 who meet the definitions in Article XXIII, Section 2 and GR 3.00, specified in Section 3 of this article, each of whom must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, be a registered member of the USFSA and otherwise be qualified in accordance with the official rules of the USFSA. In addition, honorary members elected in accordance with Section 5 of this article and those officeholders specified in Section 6 of this article shall also be non-voting ex officio members.

~~*Section 3 Voting Members.* The elected voting members of the Board of Directors shall be the nine fifteen voting members of the Executive Committee as specified in Article IX, four committee group coordinators as specified in Article XVII, Section 3 and sixteen at large members. The at large members shall include three each from the Eastern Section, the Midwestern Section and the Pacific Coast Section respectively. Three at large members must be actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice. One of these coaching members shall represent singles and pairs, one shall represent ice dancing, and one shall represent synchronized team skating. The remaining four at large members must be athletes as defined in Article XXIII, Section 2 and GR 3.00 at the time of their election. Two of these athletes shall represent singles and pairs, one shall represent ice dancing, and one shall represent synchronized team skating.~~

~~*Section 4 Terms.* The elected members of the Board of Directors, other than the officers and the athlete members of the Board and the Executive Committee, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year each and may hold office for no more than three (3) consecutive terms. The terms of service for officers shall be as specified in Article XI, Section 2 of these Bylaws.~~

~~*Section 5 Non Voting Members.* The appointed nonvoting members of the Board of Directors shall include the immediate past president, the ISU Representative and the Olympic Representative. The Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks shall each name an individual from among their memberships to serve as nonvoting members of the Board of Directors.~~

~~*Section 6 Honorary Members.* An honorary member of the Board of Directors shall be a person elected as such by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present in-person at a meeting for such term as the Board of Directors may specify in said vote. Honorary members of the Board of Directors shall have no vote therein as such, provided, however that they may serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position in the USFSA and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to such office or position. Honorary members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.~~

~~*Section 7 Ex Officio Members.* Those officeholders of the ISU and USOC (including its Athletes Advisory Council) representing the sport of figure skating shall and the immediate past president shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors by reason thereof, but shall have no vote therein as such. Such office-holders may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and when present will be accorded the privileges of the floor.~~

~~*Section 8 Representatives from other Figure Skating Sports Organizations.* The USFSA will provide for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any sports organization which, in the sport for which~~

recognition is sought, conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of eligible athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition, a national program, or regular national amateur athletic competition, and ensures that such representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of such amateur sports organization in relation to all other such programs and competitions in such sport in the United States.

Section 9 § Attendance by Permanent Committee Chairs. The chairs of the permanent committees specified in Article XVII hereof may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, if present, shall be accorded the privileges of the floor but shall have no vote therein.

Section 10 Chair of the Board. Renumber

Section 11 Voting Rights Renumber

Section 12 Reports of Action. Renumber

Section 13 12 Non-discrimination. Members of the Board of Directors ~~and members of the Executive Committee~~ shall be selected without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

Section 14 13 Vacancies. Renumber

ARTICLE IX

Executive Committee

~~*Section 1 Powers and Duties.* In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to manage the day-to-day affairs, except that it shall not have the authority to alter or cancel any action adopted by the full board. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to supervise the activities of the Executive Director of the USFSA, and to oversee the operations of the USFSA Headquarters, the Memorial Fund and the publication of SKATING magazine.~~

~~*Section 2 Composition.* The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, the three vice presidents, the secretary, the treasurer, the immediate past president, and two athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XVI, Section 2 who meet the definitions in Article XXIII, Section 2 and GR 3.00.~~

~~*Section 3 Chair of the Executive Committee.* The president shall act as the chair of the Executive Committee.~~

~~*Section 4 Voting Rights.* Each member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to only one vote on said committee.~~

~~*Section 5 Reports of Action.* All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors not later than seven (7) days after such action or actions have been taken. Such action or actions shall be subject to cancellation by the Board of Directors if the directors, having received a proper report thereof, as provided herein, evidence their objection in writing to the chair of the Executive Committee by action of the board taken without a meeting (in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of Article X of these bylaws) not later than twenty one (21) days after such action or actions have been taken by the Executive Committee. Further, such action or actions shall be subject to alteration or cancellation by the Board of Directors at its next ensuing meeting, provided that no rights or acts of third parties shall be adversely affected thereby. The action or actions of the Executive Committee shall be deemed to be the action or actions of the Board of Directors as altered, canceled or ratified by it.~~

ARTICLE X IX

Meetings of Governing Council ~~and~~

Board of Directors ~~and Executive Committee~~

Section 1 Annual Meeting of the Governing Council. No change

Section 2 Special Meetings of the Governing Council. No change

Section 3 Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council. No change

Section 4 Presiding Officer of the Governing Council. No change

Section 5 Quorum of the Governing Council. No change

Section 6 Proxies in the Governing Council. No change

Section 7 Voting in the Governing Council. No change

Section 8 Voting Requirements in the Governing Council. No change

Section 9 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. No change

Add new section 10 and renumber the balance

Section 10 Meeting of the Board of Directors in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Governing Council. In addition to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, an additional in-person meeting of the Board will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Governing Council. The Board of Directors will also hold up to ten (10) other regular meetings during the year, anticipated to be on a monthly a basis and preferably to be held by telephone conference call.

~~Section 11~~ Section 11 *Special Meetings of the Board of Directors.* Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called upon the request of three members thereof or by the president. A special meeting shall be preceded by at least two (2) days' notice which shall state the date, time and place of the meeting but need not describe the purpose of the meeting.

~~Section 12~~ Section 12 *Notices of Meetings of the Board of Directors.* **Renumber**

~~Section 13~~ Section 13 *Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors.* **Renumber**

~~Section 14~~ Section 14 *Quorum in the Board of Directors.* **Renumber**

~~Section 15~~ Section 15 *Voting in the Board of Directors.* **Renumber**

~~Section 16~~ Section 16 *Voting Requirements in the Board of Directors.* **Renumber**

~~Section 16~~ Section 16 *Meetings of the Executive Committee.* Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time upon the written request of five members thereof or by the president. All members of the Executive Committee shall be notified as much in advance of all meetings of the Executive Committee as circumstances permit.

~~Section 17~~ Section 17 *Presiding Officer of the Executive Committee.* The president, or in the president's absence, inability or refusal to act, the vice presidents in their order, shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

~~Section 18~~ Section 18 *Quorum in the Executive Committee.* The presence of at least five of the members of the Executive Committee in-person or present in a teleconference shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

~~Section 19~~ Section 19 *Voting in the Executive Committee.* Voting in the Executive Committee shall be as provided in Article IX, Section 4 hereof.

~~Section 20~~ Section 20 *Voting Requirements in the Executive Committee.* If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee present in-person and/or present in a teleconference is necessary for the taking of any action by the Executive Committee, except in those instances in which a greater percentage is required by these bylaws or by law.

~~Section 21~~ Section 21 *Rules of Order at Meetings of the Governing Council and*, the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee.~~ The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all meetings of the Governing Council ~~and~~, the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~ in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

~~Section 22~~ Section 22 *Telephonic Meetings by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.* The Board of Directors, ~~in the case of a meeting of the Board, and the Executive Committee, in the case of meeting of the Executive Committee,~~ may permit any director ~~or member of the Executive Committee, as the case may be,~~ to participate in a regular or special meeting thereof through the use of any means of communication by which all Directors ~~or Executive Committee members, as the case may be,~~ can hear each other during the meeting. A person participating in a meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in-person at the meeting.

~~Section 23~~ Section 23 *Action by the Governing Council Without a Meeting.* Between meetings, votes of the Governing Council may be taken by mail and/or by facsimile at the direction of the president, if a written ballot is delivered by the USFSA to every member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. Any solicitation for votes by written ballot shall indicate the number of responses necessary to meet the quorum requirements, state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than the election of directors, specify the time by which the ballot must be received by the USFSA in order to be counted and be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person voting to reach an informed decision. Written ballots may not be revoked.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action required or permitted by these bylaws or other provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Governing Council may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members of the Governing Council entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. To be effective action, all such signed written consents must be received by the USFSA within sixty (60) days after the date the earliest dated writing describing and consenting to the action is received by the USFSA.

~~Section 24~~ Section 20 *Action by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee Without a Meeting.* Between meetings, votes of the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~ may be taken by mail and/or by facsimile at the direction of the president. Such action without a meeting may be taken if every member of the Board of Directors ~~and Executive Committee, as the case may be,~~ in writing either (i) votes for such action or (ii) votes against such action or abstains from voting and waives the right to demand that a meeting be held. Action is taken only if the affirmative votes for such action equals or exceeds the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors ~~or Executive Committee members, as the case may be,~~ then in office were present and voted. The action shall only be effective if there are writings which describe the action, signed by all of the directors, ~~or Executive Committee members, as the case may be,~~ received by the USFSA and filed with the minutes of the respective body. Any such writings may be received by electronically transmitted

facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication providing the USFSA with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature. Actions taken shall be effective when the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by the USFSA unless the writings set forth a different date. Any director ~~or member of the Executive Committee~~ who has signed a writing may revoke it by a writing signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked. However, such writing must be received by the USFSA before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received. All such action shall have the same effect as action taken at a meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action required or permitted by these bylaws or other provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~ may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members of the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee, as the case may be~~, entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

Section 2521 Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given by law, or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or these bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ X Officers

Section 1 Elected Officers. No change

Section 2 Terms. No change

Section 3 Executive Director. The executive director shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for and shall manage the operations of USFSA Headquarters and the publication of SKATING magazine and such other operations of the USFSA as may from time to time be assigned to the executive director by the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~.

Section 4 Establishment of Other Offices. No change

Section 5 Qualifications of Officers. No change

Section 6 Officers of other National Governing Bodies. No change

Section 7 Vacancies. No change

ARTICLE ~~XII~~ President

Section 1 Presiding Officer. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Council, and the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~. The president shall generally supervise the activities of the USFSA and shall, with the secretary, sign all agreements and contracts made by the USFSA.

Section 2 Powers of Appointment and Removal. With the exception of the Finance Committee, the president shall appoint the chairs, the representatives and delegates to the ISU, the USOC and such other organization with which the USFSA is affiliated and shall have the right to remove them, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Sections 2 and 3 hereof, provided that such power shall not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.

Section 3 Membership on Committees. No Change

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ Vice Presidents

Renumber Article

ARTICLE ~~XI~~ II Secretary

The secretary shall keep the records of the USFSA and of all meetings of the Governing Council and, the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~; shall prepare minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and, the Board of Directors, ~~and the Executive Committee~~; shall issue notices of all meetings of the Governing Council, the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~; and shall, with the president, sign all agreements and contracts made by the USFSA if so directed by the Governing Council or the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~.

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ Treasurer

Section 1 Supervision of Finances and Budget. No change

Section 2 Books. The treasurer shall cause to be kept full and correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures and of the property of the USFSA in books belonging to the USFSA and shall cause to be deposited all monies received in the name and to the credit of the USFSA in such depositories as the treasurer or the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~ may designate from time to time.

Section 3 Disbursements, Investments. The treasurer shall disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of the USFSA and, with the approval of the ~~Executive Committee~~Board of Directors, shall have authority to invest and reinvest funds and to sell, exchange, assign and transfer securities and other investment assets belonging to the USFSA.

Section 4 Reports. The treasurer shall render to the president, the Governing Council, and the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~, whenever requested by any of them, an account of all the transactions as treasurer and shall present a full financial report each year to the annual meeting of the Governing Council.

ARTICLE XVI Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (ii) three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on USFSA committees set forth in Article XVII, Section 6 hereof. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of the three vice presidents, each serving a one-year term, one member from each section elected to a one-year term by the Governing Council at its annual meeting and one member elected from each section by the Board of Directors to serve two-year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee with the following exceptions: (1) Athlete members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible to be nominated for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors, ~~Executive Committee~~, and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee; and (2) Vice Presidents shall be eligible for nomination to the office of Vice President or President. The three vice presidents may not serve the Nominating Committee as chair. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the three registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

Section 2 Nominations for Officers and Directors. **No change**

Section 3 Other Nominations. **No change**

Section 4 Elections.

- (a) The Governing Council shall, by majority vote of the delegates present in-person or by proxy at the meeting of the Governing Council, elect:
 - (i) A president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer to hold office for a term specified in Article ~~XV~~ X, Section 2, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and
 - (ii) The Athletes Advisory Committee shall conduct elections to elect the appropriate number of athlete members of the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~ to achieve the number of votes on the Board of Directors ~~and Executive Committee, respectively~~, equaling not less than twenty (20%) percent of the total votes of the Board of Directors and ~~Executive Committee~~Board of Directors, respectively.
 - (iii) Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section ~~3~~ 2 hereof for a term specified in Article VIII, Section ~~4~~ 3 hereof, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.

PROVISO – *The following takes effect at the close of the 2005 Governing Council:*

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (ii) three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on USFSA committees set forth in Article ~~XVII~~ XVI, Section 6 hereof. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of six members (two from each section) elected by the Governing Council at its annual meeting to serve two-year terms, and the three members elected by the Board of Directors in the preceding year who are serving the second year of their two-year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee with the following exception: Athlete members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for service as an

athlete member of the Board of Directors, ~~Executive Committee~~, and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the three registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as chair of the committee.

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ARTICLE XVI Committees

Section 1 Permanent Committees. No change

Section 2 Chairs of Permanent Committees. No change

Section 3 Committee Groups. No change

Section 4 ISU and Olympic Representatives No Change

Section 5 Special and Ad Hoc Committees. The president, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~, may from time to time designate and appoint or abolish special and ad hoc committees and chairs thereof and special offices and officers, each with such duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~ or by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors ~~or Executive Committee~~. The chairs of special and ad hoc committees and any officers appointed pursuant to this section may, upon the invitation of the president, attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 6 Athlete Representation. No change

Section 7 Ex officio members. No change

Section 8 Reports of Action. No change

ARTICLE XVII Duties of Permanent Committees

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XVIII Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XIX Composition of Permanent Committees

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XX USFSA Memorial Fund

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXI

Official Rules

Section 1 Rules and Regulations. The Governing Council, and in the intervals between meetings of the Governing Council, the Board of Directors, may adopt, publish, enforce and change rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of these bylaws for the regulation and carrying out of the purposes, government and management of the affairs of the USFSA. Such rules and regulations shall be entitled “Official Rules of the USFSA” and may be adopted by either body on its own motion or as a result of reports of one or more of the committees specified in Article XVII, Sections 1 and 4 hereof and shall be published in such manner and become effective at such time as is provided in Section 3 of this article. In the absence of such rules and regulations, the powers and duties of carrying out the purposes, government and management of the affairs of the USFSA remain vested in the Governing Council ~~and~~, Board of Directors ~~and Executive Committee~~ as herein provided.

Section 2 Publication of Rulebook, Contents. The USFSA shall publish each year, as soon after July first as is practicable, an annual rulebook containing the bylaws, the official rules of the USFSA and such other matters as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~.

Section 3 Effectiveness. **No change**

ARTICLE XXII

Prerequisites to Participation in USFSA Activities and the Definition of Athlete

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXI

Registration

Section 1 Registration Requirement Generally. A registered member is a person registered in accordance with this article who is a member of a member club, a collegiate club, an individual member, or an honorary member. Every officer, committee member and member of the Board of Directors ~~and the Executive Committee~~ and every delegate to the Governing Council, every referee, judge and accountant or other official in figure skating, and figure skaters who are members of a member club, collegiate club, or an honorary or individual member shall be registered annually with the USFSA.

Section 2 Registration Procedure. **No change**

Section 3 Registration Cards. **No change**

Section 4 Registration Monies. **No change**

ARTICLE XXIV

[Reserved]

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXV

Resignations

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXVII

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges

Section 1 Delinquent Financial Obligations. **No change**

Section 2 Expulsion of Delinquent Members. **No change**

Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings. All grievance and disciplinary procedures shall be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from USFSA Headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

(a) Grievance Proceedings: **No change**

(b) Disciplinary Proceedings: **No change**

(c) Appeal from Regular Grievance or Disciplinary Proceedings: (For appeals from Expedited Hearings, refer to Article XXVII Section 3(d) (below) and the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).

(i) Notice of Appeal: Either the Grievant or the Respondent may appeal the decision of the Hearing Panel for either a grievance or disciplinary matter to the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors excluding the involved vice president (the “Appellate Panel”) by filing a written notice of appeal, including statement of the grounds for such appeal, with the chair of the Grievance

Committee within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the Hearing Panel's decision. Upon receiving written notice of appeal, the chair of the Grievance Committee shall promptly notify in writing and deliver a copy of the notice of appeal to the members of the Appellate Panel, the chair of the Hearing Panel, and all other parties to the proceeding. Other parties to the proceeding may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of appeal, submit a written statement in response to the appeal which statement shall be delivered to all other parties to the proceeding and the chair of the Grievance Committee. The chair of the Hearing Panel shall cause the record of the hearing to be promptly delivered to the USFSA secretary after receipt of the notice of appeal.

(ii) Appeal Guidelines: An appeal of a decision of a Hearing Panel will be based solely upon an allegation that such panel acted erroneously, and must include the allegation that the Hearing Panel incorrectly interpreted or applied the applicable USFSA Bylaws or Rules, or erred in the analysis of such bylaws or rules as applied to the facts at hand. The Appellate Panel's decision on the appeal must be based solely on the record of the hearing delivered by the Hearing Panel. No new evidence may be presented. The Appellate Panel members shall each receive a copy of the record of the hearing and, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the record of the hearing, the Appellate Panel will meet in-person or by telephone conference call to review the appeal.

(iii) Appellate Panel's Decision: The Appellate Panel will issue its written decision within ten (10) days of the conclusion of its meeting pursuant to Section 3(c)(ii). The decision shall be delivered to the parties to the proceeding and to the chair of the Grievance Committee. The decision of the Appellate Panel will not be subject to reporting to or action of the ~~Board of Directors~~ Governing Council as otherwise required by the provisions of Article ~~IX~~ VIII, Section ~~5~~ 11 of the USFSA Bylaws and, therefore, shall be final on its terms, unless the decision arises from a controversy involving recognition of the USFSA as a national governing body or involves the opportunity of any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition as protected by the USOC Constitution, in which event, upon demand of the affected person, the decision of the Appellate Panel may be submitted to arbitration by any party in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such arbitration shall be conducted at the office of the American Arbitration Association nearest to the headquarters of the USFSA unless the parties shall otherwise agree. The decision of the American Arbitration Association and any charges of the arbitrator shall be borne by the party against whom the decision of the arbitrator is rendered except as otherwise agreed by the parties.

(d) Expedited Proceedings: **No change**

ARTICLE XXVII **Indemnification**

Section 1 Indemnification Generally. The USFSA declares that any person who serves at its request as an officer, employee, member of the Governing Council, member or agent of the Board of Directors ~~or the Executive Committee~~, chair or member of any USFSA committee or as an elected or appointed official of the USFSA shall, in such capacity, be subject to indemnification under the provisions of this article in accordance with and to the fullest permitted by the provisions of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as hereafter amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law (for purposes of this article referred to as the "Act" and the indemnification provisions of which are incorporated herein by this reference). Any such person shall be indemnified by or on behalf of the USFSA against expenses (including attorneys fees), liability, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the USFSA) by reason of such service if such person:

(i) acted in good faith,

(ii) reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in an official capacity with the USFSA, that the conduct was in the best interests of the USFSA and, in all other cases, that the conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the USFSA and

(iii) with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

Section 2 Prohibited Indemnification. **No change**

Section 3 Determination of Right to Indemnification. **No change**

Section 4 Insurance. **No change**

Section 5 Survival of Indemnification. **No change**

ARTICLE XXIX
Disposition of Assets

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXX
Dissolution

Renumber Article

ARTICLE XXXI
Amendments to Bylaws

Renumber Article

84. APPROVED the amendment of Article 6th of the Articles of Incorporation as reflected in the following:

NOTE: PROVISIO – *The following takes effect at the close of the 2006 Governing Council:*

SIXTH: ~~Board of Directors and Executive Committee.~~ Subject to the rights and authority of the Governing Council with respect to the government of the corporation as provided in the bylaws of the corporation from time to time in force, the management of the business and affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors ~~and executive committee of the board.~~ The number of directors ~~and executive committee members,~~ their classification, if any, their power and duties, their term of office, the manner of their election or appointment and their voting rights and manner of acting, shall be determined according to the bylaws.

EXHIBIT K

85. APPROVED to amend as follows:

ARTICLE II
Objects

(xii) To submit to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association in any controversy involving its recognition as a national governing body, as provided for in Section 205 and successor sections of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act ~~of 1978 (Public Law 95-606)~~ 36 USC 220501 et seq., or involving the opportunity of any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition, as provided for in the ~~Constitution and~~ Bylaws of the USOC;

ARTICLE VI
Government

Section 2 Board of Directors. The management of the business and affairs of the USFSA, including ~~in particular~~ the granting of sanctions for national and international championships and competitions, shall be vested in and exercised by or under the authority of a Board of Directors which shall consist of the persons specified in Article VIII, Section 2 hereof.

Section 3 Executive Committee. In the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, an Executive Committee consisting of the persons specified in Article IX, Section 2 hereof shall have the authority to manage the day-to-day affairs of the USFSA.

ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors

Section 1 Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall possess all the powers and duties necessary or desirable for the management of the business and affairs of the USFSA, except such powers and duties as are reserved solely for the Governing Council or otherwise limited by these ~~b~~Bylaws.

Section 2 Composition and Qualifications. The Board of Directors shall consist of the 29 voting members specified in Section 3 of this article, each of whom must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, be a registered member of the USFSA and otherwise be qualified in accordance with the official rules of the USFSA. In addition, those persons

specified in Section 5 of this Article and honorary members elected in accordance with Section 5 of this article and those officeholders specified in Section 6 of this article shall also be non-voting ex officio members.

Section 5 Non Voting Members. The appointed ~~nonvoting members of the Board of Directors shall include the~~ ISU Representative and the ~~Olympic~~USOC Representative (including the representative to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council) shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks shall each name an individual from among their memberships to serve as nonvoting members of the Board of Directors. Nonvoting members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 6 Honorary Members. An honorary member of the Board of Directors shall be a person elected as such by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present in person at a meeting for such term as the Board of Directors may specify in said vote. Honorary members of the Board of Directors shall have no vote therein as such, provided, however that they may serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position in the USFSA and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to such office or position. Honorary members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 7 Ex Officio Members. Those officeholders of the ISU and USOC (including its Athletes Advisory Council) representing the sport of figure skating shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors by reason thereof, but shall have no vote therein as such. Such office holders may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and when present will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 87 Representatives from other Figure Skating Sports Organizations. The USFSA will provide for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any sports organization which, in the sport for which recognition is sought, conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of eligible athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition, a national program, or regular national amateur athletic competition, and ensures that such representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of such amateur sports organization in relation to all other such programs and competitions in such sport in the United States. Representatives from other Figure Skating Sports Organizations may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 98 Attendance by Permanent Committee Chairs. The chairs of the permanent committees specified in Article XVII hereof may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, if present, shall be accorded the privileges of the floor but shall have no vote therein.

Renumber all subsequent sections of Article VIII.

ARTICLE X Meetings of Governing Council, Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Section 11 Notices of Meetings of the Board of Directors. An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting shall be sent to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) months prior to the date of the meeting. Written notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members) thereof at least twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the general character of the purposes of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI Officers

Section 6 Officers of other National Governing Bodies. No officer shall simultaneously serve as an officer of any other amateur sports organization which is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as a national governing body NGB.

Section 7 Vacancies. All vacancies in the elected officer positions shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors. An officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the un-expired term of such officer's predecessor in office.

ARTICLE XII
President

Section 2 Powers of Appointment and Removal. With the exception of the Finance Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee, the president shall appoint the chairs of the permanent committees, the representatives and delegates to the ISU, the USOC and such other organizations with which the USFSA is affiliated and shall have the right to remove them, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Sections 2 and 3 hereof, provided that such power shall not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.

Section 3 Membership on Committees. The president shall be a member of all committees.

ARTICLE XV
Treasurer

Section 2 Books of Account. The treasurer shall cause to be kept full and correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures and of the property of the USFSA in books belonging to the USFSA and shall cause to be deposited all monies received in the name and to the credit of the USFSA in such depositories as the treasurer or the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may designate from time to time.

ARTICLE XVI
Nominations and Elections of
Officers and Board of Directors

PROVISO – The following takes effect for the 2005-2006 Nominating Committee ~~September 1, 2005~~:

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (ii) three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on USFSA committees set forth in Article XVII, Section 6 hereof. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of the three vice presidents, each serving a one-year term, one member from each section elected to a one-year term by the Governing Council at its annual meeting and one member elected from each section by the Board of Directors to serve two-year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee with the following exceptions: (1) Athlete members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible to be nominated for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee; and (2) Vice Presidents shall be eligible for nomination to the office of Vice President or President. The three vice presidents may not serve the Nominating Committee as chair. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the three registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

Section 2 Nominations for Officers and Directors. The Nominating Committee shall present to the annual meeting of the Governing Council in the immediately following year the names of the qualified persons nominated by it for officers and for such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to provisions of Article VIII, Section 3 hereof. The Nominating Committee shall designate one of the nominees for vice president as first vice president, one as second vice president and one as third vice president. The Athletes Advisory Committee shall deliver to the Nominating Committee the names of the athletes elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of this Article XVI for presentation to the Governing Council. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the written notice of meetings of the Governing Council as described in Article X, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

Section 3 Other Nominations. Other nominations for such offices and for the Board of Directors may be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Nominating Committee Rules.

Section 4 Elections.

(a) The Governing Council shall, by majority vote of the delegates present in person or by proxy at the meeting of the Governing Council, elect:

(i) A president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer to hold office for a term specified in Article XI, Section 2, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and

(ii) The Athletes Advisory Committee shall conduct elections to elect the appropriate number of athlete members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee to achieve the number of votes on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, respectively, equaling not less than twenty (20%) percent of the total votes of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, respectively.

(iii) Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section 3 hereof for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 4 hereof, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.

PROVISO – The following takes effect for the 2006-2007 Nominating Committee ~~September 1, 2006~~:

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (ii) three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on USFSA committees set forth in Article XVII, Section 6 hereof. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of six members (two from each section) elected by the Governing Council at its annual meeting to serve two-year terms, and the three members elected by the Board of Directors in the preceding year who are serving the second year of their two-year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee with the following exception: Athlete members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the ~~three~~six registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as chair of the committee.

PROVISO – The following takes effect for the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee ~~September 1, 2007~~:

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (ii) three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on USFSA committees set forth in Article XVII, Section 6 hereof. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of one member elected in odd-numbered years from each section by the Board of Directors to serve two-year terms, and six members (two from each section) elected in even-numbered years by the Governing Council to serve two-year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of that Committee with the following exception: Athlete members of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the ~~four~~six registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

ARTICLE XVII **Committees**

Section 2 Chairs of Permanent Committees. With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee, the chairs of the permanent committees shall be appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be elected by athletes from among the athlete representatives to the Board of Directors pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 hereof. With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee, the chair of a permanent committee may be removed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XX **Composition of Permanent Committees**

Section 1 General Provisions. Each permanent committee, except the Finance Committee, the Rules Committee and the Sports Medicine Committee, shall consist of no fewer than nine voting members. The Rules and Sports Medicine

Committees may consist of no fewer than three voting members. The Finance, Grievance and International Judges and Officials Committees shall be of such size as specified below. The members insofar as practical shall be evenly divided between the three sections. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 hereof, the chairs of said committees, except the Finance Committee and the Athletes Advisory Committee, shall be appointed annually by the president to hold office for one (1) year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office. The members of said committees, except the Finance Committee, the Grievance Committee, and the International Judges and Officials Committee, shall be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Said chairs may remove such members with the concurrence of the president.

Section 2 Specific Committee Provisions. The following committees shall be composed as indicated and all members of such committees will hold office for one (1) year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.

(a) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of the treasurer (as chair), the immediate past treasurer and six members appointed by the chair for their financial business experience. The Executive Director, the Associate Executive Director, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of the USFSA shall be ex officio members of the Finance Committee.

(b) Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee shall consist of a chair annually appointed by the president, and thirty-four members appointed for three-year terms as follows: three USFSA members from each region appointed by the appropriate sectional vice president, and seven athletes as defined in Article XXIII, Section 2, appointed by the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee (herein called “Athlete Members of the Grievance Committee”). This committee will constitute the member pool from which at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of any Hearing Panel will be drawn. Each year one-third (1/3) of the committee will be appointed for a three-year term.

(c) International Judges and Officials Committee. The International Judges and Officials Committee shall consist of the chair, the chairs of Competitions, International, and Judges Committees, the ISU representative, the USFSA vice presidents and such other members as the president may appoint.

ARTICLE XXIV

Registration

Section 2 Registration Procedure. Member clubs and collegiate clubs shall be responsible for the collection of registration fees from their members, the issuance of registration cards thereto, and the submission of lists of their registered members together with the amount of the fees therefor to the USFSA. Registration of individual members shall be in accordance with, and the annual fee therefor shall be included in the dues collected pursuant to the Membership Rules Article XXV, Section 5 hereof.

ARTICLE XXVII

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges

Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.

(d) Expedited Proceedings:

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the USFSA Bylaws or Rules to the contrary, when compliance with regular procedures contained in this Section 3 would not, in the discretion of the chair of the Grievance Committee, be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision to do justice to the affected parties, including, but not limited to matters affecting an ongoing, scheduled or impending USFSA qualifying competition or any competition protected by the USOC ~~Constitution~~ Bylaws or the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the matter may be summarily heard and decided on an expedited basis in accordance with provisions of applicable USFSA Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).

EXHIBIT L

86. APPROVED to add an Audit Committee as a permanent committee of USFSA and, therefore, to amend Articles XVII, XIX and XX (and, as a consequence, Article XII) as follows:

ARTICLE XII President

Section 2 Powers of Appointment and Removal. With the exception of the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, the president shall appoint the chairs, the representatives and delegates to the ISU, the USOC and such other organizations with which the USFSA is affiliated and shall have the right to remove them, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Sections 2 and 3 hereof, provided that such power shall not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.

ARTICLE XVII Committees

Section 1 Permanent Committees. There shall be the following permanent committees of the USFSA:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 13. International Judges and Officials |
| 2. Athlete Development | 14. Judges |
| 3. Athletes Advisory | 15. Membership |
| <u>4. Audit</u> | 16. Memorial Fund |
| 5. Coaches | 17. Parents |
| 6. Collegiate Program | 18. Program Development |
| 7. Competitions | 19. Rules |
| 8. Dance | 20. Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 9. Ethics | 21. Singles and Pairs |
| 10. Finance | 22. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Grievance | 23. Strategic Planning |
| 12. International | 24. Synchronized Team Skating |

Section 2 Chairs of Permanent Committees. With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, the chairs of the permanent committees shall be appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be elected by athletes from among the athlete representatives to the Board of Directors pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 hereof. With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee, the chair of a permanent committee may be removed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Committee Groups. USFSA committees shall be organized into four committee groups:

Group 1 –Athlete Services: Athletes Advisory, Athlete Development, Coaches, International, Memorial Fund, Parents, and Sports Sciences and Medicine.

Group 2 –Membership Development: Membership, Collegiate Program, Collegiate Skating Institute, Program Development, Special Olympics and State Games.

Group 3 – Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges and Officials, Judges, Selections, Singles and Pairs, Synchronized Team Skating and Tests.

Group 4 – Administrative/Legal: Audit, Ethics, Finance, Grievance, Protocol, Rules, Sanctions and Eligibility, and Strategic Planning.

Coordinators of each committee group shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Governing Council for election.

ARTICLE XIX Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of the USFSA and to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below:

Insert the following into appropriate order:

Audit: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving the financial reporting, internal control, auditing, tax return and related legal compliance functions of USFSA, including oversight activities pertaining to (i) the integrity of the USFSA financial statements and financial and tax reporting, including review of the financial reporting and accounting standards and principles of USFSA, (ii) the qualifications, selection,

engagement and independence of the USFSA independent auditors and (iii) the performance of the USFSA independent and internal audit functions.

ARTICLE XX

Composition of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, except the Finance Committee, the Audit Committee, the Rules Committee and the Sports Medicine Committee, shall consist of no fewer than nine voting members. The Rules and Sports Medicine Committees may consist of no fewer than three voting members. The members insofar as practical shall be evenly divided between the three sections. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 hereof, the chairs of said committees, except the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, shall be appointed annually by the president to hold office for one (1) year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office. The members of said committees, except the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee, the Grievance Committee, and the International Judges and Officials Committee, shall be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Said chairs may remove such members with the concurrence of the president. The Finance Committee shall consist of the treasurer (as chair), the immediate past treasurer and six members appointed by the chair for their financial business experience. The Executive Director, the Associate Executive Director, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of the USFSA shall be ex officio members of the Finance Committee.

The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, a majority of whom shall not be members of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must (i) be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment and (ii) meet any other requirements for independence, expertise or qualifications set forth in the Audit Committee Rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Audit Committee. The members of the Audit Committee shall designate the Chair of the Committee.

Remaining portion of Article XX to remain as stated.

EXHIBIT M

87. APPROVED to add a Compensation Committee as a permanent Committee of USFSA and, therefore, to amend Articles XVII, XIX and XX as follows:

ARTICLE XVII Committees

Section 1 Permanent Committees. There shall be the following permanent committees of the USFSA:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 13. International Judges and Officials Judges |
| 2. Athlete Development | 14. Judges |
| 3. Athletes Advisory | 15. Membership |
| 4. Coaches | 16. Memorial Fund |
| 5. Collegiate Program | 17. Parents |
| 6. Competitions | 18. Program Development |
| <u>7. Compensation</u> | 19. Rules |
| 8. Dance | 20. Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 9. Ethics | 21. Singles and Pairs |
| 10. Finance | 22. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Grievance | 23. Strategic Planning |
| 12. International | 24. Synchronized Team Skating |

Section 3 Committee Groups. USFSA committees shall be organized into four committee groups:

Group 1 –Athlete Services: Athletes Advisory, Athlete Development, Coaches, International, Memorial Fund, Parents, and Sports Sciences and Medicine.

Group 2 –Membership Development: Membership, Collegiate Program, Collegiate Skating Institute, Program Development, Special Olympics and State Games.

Group 3 – Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges and Officials, Judges, Selections, Singles and Pairs, Synchronized Team Skating and Tests.

Group 4 – Administrative/Legal: Compensation, Ethics, Finance, Grievance, Protocol, Rules, Sanctions

and Eligibility, and Strategic Planning.

Coordinators of each committee group shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Governing Council for election.

ARTICLE XIX

Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of the USFSA and to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below:

Insert the following into appropriate order:

Compensation: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving (i) the selection of the Executive Director, (ii) the compensation structure and evaluation process for the Executive Director, and (iii) policies concerning compensation and benefit programs offered to USFSA employees.

ARTICLE XX

Composition of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, except the Finance Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Rules Committee and the Sports Medicine Committee, shall consist of no fewer than nine voting members. The Rules and Sports Medicine Committees may consist of no fewer than three voting members. The members insofar as practical shall be evenly divided between the three sections. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 hereof, the chairs of said committees, except the Finance Committee, shall be appointed annually by the president to hold office for one (1) year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office. The members of said committees, except the Finance Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Grievance Committee, and the International Judges and Officials Committee, shall be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Said chairs may remove such members with the concurrence of the president. The Finance Committee shall consist of the treasurer (as chair), the immediate past treasurer and six members appointed by the chair for their financial business experience. The Executive Director, the Associate Executive Director, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of the USFSA shall be ex officio members of the Finance Committee. The Compensation Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must (i) be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment and (ii) meet any qualifications set forth in the Compensation Committee Rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Compensation Committee.

Remaining portion of Article XX to remain as stated.

ATHLETE SERVICES – GROUP 1

88. APPROVED - Athlete Development Committee

ADCR 2.01 Authority (page 329) to amend as Exhibit F was approved:

The Athlete Development Committee shall consist of a chair, the chairs of each of the listed committees plus additional members as necessary to conduct the business of the committee. The committee may not exceed twenty (20) members in total:

1. Athletes Advisory
 - a. Two additional athletes
2. Coaches
 - a. Five additional coaches (two of these coaches should be involved with PSA Educational Development)
3. Dance
4. International
5. Pairs
6. Parents
7. Singles ~~and Pairs~~
8. Sports Sciences and Medicine

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - GROUP 2

89. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 2.04 (B) Definitions (page 231) amend by adding the underlined to the last sentence:

Clubs in violation of this rule shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee including omission of said Principal Skating Headquarters from the USFSA Directory.

90. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 3.02 Applications (page 232) delete in its entirety

91. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 3.03 Applications (page 232) amend as shown

Applications by Theatre on Ice/Teams, or by schools, colleges and universities for School-Affiliated or Collegiate Club Membership can be made at any time and shall be forwarded to ~~the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee~~ USFSA Headquarters.

92. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 4.01 Qualifications for Provisional Club Membership (page 233) amend as shown

The applicant club must submit, with its application, payment of ~~the annual dues specified for provisional member clubs under Article XXV of the USFSA Bylaws~~ \$50. Upon approval, such club shall receive a copy of the current rulebook as well as general information and assistance helpful to new clubs.

93. APPROVED item 205 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Membership Committee**] with modification

MR 5.01 Dues (page 234) amend as shown

The annual dues of ~~Active Member Clubs, both active and inactive and of Collegiate clubs,~~ shall be for the current fiscal year, ~~and~~ shall be based upon the total number of persons registered by such clubs during the preceding fiscal year and shall be as follows:

Fewer than 100 is \$50

100 but fewer than 200 is \$100

200 but fewer than 300 is \$150

300 but fewer than 400 is \$200

400 and higher is \$250

94. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 5.02 Dues (page 234) delete in its entirety

95. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 5.03 Dues (page 234) delete in its entirety

96. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 5.05 Dues (page 234) amend as shown

Dues of Individual Members. The annual dues of individual members shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$85.00, due ~~and payable in advance on~~ by July 1 of each skating year. ~~Such Annual~~ Annual dues for the second and each subsequent member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) shall be ~~\$30.00~~ \$40.00. ~~These~~ Individual members paying ~~\$75.00~~ \$85.00 in dues shall receive, upon payment of such dues, a registration card, a subscription to SKATING magazine and a copy of the current rulebook. Individual members paying ~~\$30.00~~ \$40.00 in dues shall receive a registration card only.

97. APPROVED item 209 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Membership Committee**] with modification to read as follows

MR 5.06 Dues (page 235) amend as shown

Dues of Collegiate Clubs and School-Affiliated Members. The annual dues of collegiate clubs and school-affiliated members shall be \$30.00, due and payable ~~in advance on~~ by ~~July 1 September~~ **October 1**. Collegiate clubs and School-Affiliated members shall receive, upon the payment of such dues, a certificate of membership.

98. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 5.09 Dues (page 235) replace existing rule with the following:

Dues of Supportive Members. The annual dues and benefits of supportive members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

99. APPROVED item 211 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Membership Committee**] with modification

MR 5.10 Dues (page 235) replace existing rule with the following:

Registration Fee for Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs. Each registrant of a member club or a collegiate club shall pay an annual fee as outlined below. The first family member shall receive upon payment of such fee a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine. The second and each subsequent member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) shall receive a registration card only. Such registrants shall register only as members of their designated home club, provided, however, that such registration shall not preclude such registrant from changing their home club in the course of a skating year (July 1 to June 30) in accordance with any rules governing such change.

~~2005-2006~~ 2006-2007 season: 1st family member \$30, second and subsequent members \$10

~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 season: 1st family member \$35, second and subsequent members \$12

~~2007-2008~~ 2008-2009 season: 1st family member \$40, second and subsequent members \$15

100. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 7.01 (B) Club Ethics (page 237) Add the following sentence at the end

However, if a facility usage form is not on file with USFSA Headquarters for the current season, permission is not required.

101. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 8.03 Membership Privileges (page 238) amend the first sentence as shown:

Any member club desiring to change its registered principal skating headquarters shall submit ~~an application requesting such change~~ a new facility usage form to USFSA headquarters. Balance remains unchanged.

102. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 8.06 Membership Privileges (page 238) amend by adding a new section (A) as follows:

A. USFSA shall also have the option to flag a member as not in good standing for outstanding financial obligation, i.e. qualifying competition entry fees.

103. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 9.00 Annual Dues and Registration Fees (page 239) Delete in its entirety

104. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 12.01 (C) Qualifications for Theatre on Ice/Team Membership (page 240) delete in its entirety

105. APPROVED - Membership Committee

MR 13.30 Dues (page 240) delete in its entirety

106. DID NOT APPROVE item 504 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting which was originally referred to the **Membership and Competitions Committees** to amend MR 8.04 Membership Privileges as shown:

MR 8.04 When persons are members of more than one member club, they must designate one to be their "home club." For singles skater not also competing in pairs, dance, or synchronized disciplines, this club shall be the one in the region that such person if over 18 has legal residence or if under 18, legal residence of parent/guardian. For all persons, this club shall be the one that issues such person a registration card and shall be the club such person represents as competitor, test candidate, exhibitor, club officer, official in figure skating, or delegate to the Governing Council. In the case of a competitor in qualifying competitions, the USFSA member club shown on the skater's entry form shall remain the skater's club of representation throughout that competitive season. See rule 3036 (C).

107. REFERRED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND COMPETITIONS COMMITTEES[**new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting**] to amend by adding new rule 3102 and amending and renumbering existing rule 3102 and renumbering all subsequent rules as necessary. To become effective with the 2005-2006 skating season

3102 [new] Singles skaters not also competing in pairs, dance or synchronized skating must compete in the region where legal residence is established.

~~3102-3103~~ Pair and dance skaters must compete at the regional championship held in the region in which their home club is located

A. Pairs and dance couples with different home clubs may choose to compete in the regional championship of either partner's home club.

1. A pair or dance partner also competing in a singles event may compete in the same region in which they compete

B. When the entry form is submitted by the couple, the region they chose to compete in is final and must remain the same throughout the competitive season.

TECHNICAL – GROUP 3

108 APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting] **Amend** to change Adult/Masters competition requirements with regard to figure tests as shown:

Adult Bronze Free Skating – rule 3800 [drafting error corrected at the May 2005 meeting]

The adult bronze free skate test, and no higher than the adult bronze free skate test, the standard preliminary free skate test, the ISI freestyle 4 or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, ~~the preliminary figure test~~ the 2nd figure test.

Adult Silver Free Skating – rule 3790 [drafting error corrected at the May 2005 meeting]

The adult silver free skate test, and no higher than the adult silver free skate test, the standard juvenile free skate test, the ISI freestyle 5 or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 2nd figure test.

Adult Gold Free Skating – rule 3780 [drafting error corrected at the May 2005 meeting]

The adult gold free skate test, and no higher than the standard juvenile free skate test, the ISI freestyle 6 or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 2nd figure test.

Championship Adult Gold Free Skating – rule 3780 [drafting error corrected at the May 2005 meeting]

The adult gold free skate test, and no higher than the standard juvenile free skate test, the ISI freestyle 6 or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 2nd figure test.

Masters Novice Free Skating – 3770

The standard intermediate free skating test ~~or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test,~~ and no higher than the standard novice free skating test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 5th figure test.

Masters Junior Free Skating – rule 3760

The standard novice free skating test ~~or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test,~~ and no higher than the standard junior free skating test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 7th figure test.

Masters Senior Free Skating – rule 3750

At least the standard junior free skating test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 6th figure test.

Championship Masters Free Skating- rule 3740

At least the standard intermediate free skating test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test.

109. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]

Amend to modify the elements in the existing Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze, Adult Silver and Adult Gold Moves in the Field (MIF) tests in order to create a more logical progression of tests for adult skaters. The modification also includes changes to the focus of "power" to "consistent flow and strength."

Existing Adult PRE-BRONZE MIF

- Forward Perimeter Stroking (PPM Pattern 1)
- Basic Consecutive Edges (FO, FI, BO, BI) (PPM Pattern 2)
- Forward and Backward Crossovers (PM Pattern 1)
- Alternating Forward 3-Turns (PM Pattern 4)
- **Mark = PASS/RETRY**

Proposed Adult PRE-BRONZE MIF

- Forward Perimeter Stroking (PPM Pattern 1)
- Basic Consecutive Edges (FO, FI, BO, BI) (PPM Pattern 2)
- Forward and Backward Crossovers (PM Pattern 1)
- ~~Alternating Forward 3-Turns (PM Pattern 4)~~
- Waltz Eight (PPM Pattern 4) (replaces the Alternating 3-Turns)
- New Forward 3 Turn Pattern Rationale: This would teach the concept of the 3 turn within the adult skill level
- **Mark = PASS/RETRY (same as Pre-preliminary MIF)**

Existing Adult BRONZE MIF

- Forward Perimeter Crossover Stroking (PJM Pattern 1)
- Backward Perimeter Power Crossover Stroking (PJM Pattern 2)
- Forward Power 3-turns (PM Pattern 3)
- Alternating Backward Crossovers to Backward Outside Edges (PM Pattern 5)
- Five Step Mohawk Sequence (PJM Pattern 6)
- **Passing Average = 2.5; Passing Total 12.5**

Proposed Adult BRONZE MIF

- Forward Perimeter Power Crossover Stroking (PJM Pattern 1)
- Backward Perimeter Power Crossover Stroking (PJM Pattern 2)
- Forward Power 3-turns (PM Pattern 3)
- Alternating Backward Crossovers to Backward Outside Edges (PM Pattern 5)
- Five Step Mohawk Sequence (PJM Pattern 6)
- **Passing Average = 2.5; Passing Total 12.5 (same as Preliminary MIF)**
- **Change Primary Focus from “Power” to “Continuous flow and strength”**

Existing Adult SILVER MIF

- Eight Step Mohawk Sequence (JM Pattern 1)
- Forward and Backward Free Skating Cross Strokes (JM Pattern 2)
- FO-BI 3-turns in the Field (PJM Pattern 3)
- FI-BO 3-turns in the Field (PJM Pattern 4)
- Forward Right and Left Foot Spirals (PPM Pattern 3)
- Inside Slide Chasse Pattern (IM Pattern 6)
- **Passing Average = 2.7; Passing Total 16.2**

Proposed Adult SILVER MIF

- Eight Step Mohawk Sequence (JM Pattern 1)
- Forward and Backward Free Skating Cross Strokes (JM Pattern 2)
- FO-BI 3-turns in the Field (PJM Pattern 3)
- FI-BO 3-turns in the Field (PJM Pattern 4)
- Forward Right and Left Foot Spirals (PPM Pattern 3)
- ~~Inside Slide Chasse Pattern (IM Pattern 6)~~
- Forward and Backward Power Change of Edge Pulls (PJM Pattern 5)
- **Passing Average = 2.7; Passing Total 16.2 (same as Pre Juvenile MIF)**
- **Change Primary/Secondary Focus from "Power" to "continuous flow and strength"**

Existing Adult GOLD MIF

- Stroking: Forward Power Circles (IM Pattern 1)
- Stroking: Backward Power Circles (IM Pattern 2)
- Forward Double 3-turns (JM Pattern 4)
- Backward Double 3-turns (IM Pattern 4)
- Backward Perimeter Power Stroking with Back Inside and Forward Inside 3-turns (NM Pattern 1)
- Brackets in the Field Sequence (IM Pattern 5)
- **Passing Average = 3.0; Passing Total 18.0**

Proposed Adult GOLD MIF

- Stroking: Forward Power Circles (IM Pattern 1)
- Stroking: Backward Power Circles (IM Pattern 2)
- Forward Double 3-turns (JM Pattern 4)
- Backward Double 3-turns (IM Pattern 4)
- ~~Backward Perimeter Power Stroking with Back Inside and Forward Inside 3 turns (NM Pattern 1)~~
- Inside Slide Chasse Pattern (IM Pattern 6) (moved here from Silver, replaces NM 1)
- Brackets in the Field Sequence (IM Pattern 5)
- **Passing Average = 3.0; Passing Total 18.0 (same as Juvenile MIF)**
- **Change Primary/Secondary Focus from "Power" to "Continuous flow and strength"**

110. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]

Amend to clarify and document grandfathering and crossover rules between adult and standard track tests as outlined in the following three proposals:

Proposal A:

Create the allowance of crossing over from the standard track to the adult track for **MIF only**. If the skater passed the standard intermediate MIF, she/he would not be required to take the adult gold MIF before being allowed to take the adult gold FS or pair test; if he/she passed the standard juvenile MIF, he/she would not be required to take the adult silver MIF before the adult silver FS or pair test; if she/he passed the standard pre-juvenile MIF, she/he would not be required to take the adult bronze MIF before the adult bronze FS or pair test; and if he/she passed the standard preliminary MIF, he/she would not be required to take the adult pre-bronze MIF before the adult pre-bronze FS test.

This will be allowed in one direction ONLY. That direction is from the standard-track MIF to the adult-track MIF tests. There will be no crossing over from the adult-track MIF to the standard-track MIF, except where currently already provided (adult gold MIF or FS to standard intermediate MIF).

This is a table to illustrate the proposed crossing over of MIF test levels.

Preliminary MIF (passing avg.: 2.5)®	Adult Pre-Bronze MIF (pass/retry)
Pre-Juvenile MIF (passing avg.: 2.7)®	Adult Bronze MIF (passing avg.: 2.5)
Juvenile MIF (passing avg.: 3.0)®	Adult Silver MIF (passing avg.: 2.7)
Intermediate MIF (passing avg.: 3.2)®	Adult Gold MIF (passing avg.: 3.0)

Proposal B:

Allow the passing of **either** the standard or adult MIF test prior to taking the adult FS or pair test. This is a table to illustrate the levels of MIF tests proposed be taken prior to the adult FS or pair test.

Adult Pre-Bronze MIF or Preliminary MIF ®	Adult Pre-Bronze FS
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Adult Bronze MIF or Pre-Juvenile MIF ®	Adult Bronze FS or Adult Bronze Pairs
Adult Silver MIF or Juvenile MIF ®	Adult Silver FS or Adult Silver Pairs
Adult Gold MIF or Intermediate MIF ®	Adult Gold FS or Adult Gold Pairs

Proposal C:

Allow an adult skater who has passed the standard FS test to cross over to the adult track in this manner:

Has passed the standard free skating test	Must then pass the appropriate MIF test	To be eligible to take adult FS or pair test
Pre-Preliminary FS	Preliminary MIF or Adult Pre-Bronze MIF	Adult Pre-Bronze FS
Preliminary FS	Pre-Juvenile MIF or Adult Bronze MIF	Adult Bronze FS or Adult Bronze Pair
Pre-Juvenile FS	Juvenile MIF or Adult Silver MIF	Adult Silver FS or Adult Silver Pair
Juvenile FS	Intermediate MIF or Adult Gold MIF	Adult Gold FS or Adult Gold Pair

111. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Add new competitive free skate level requirements/description called Adult Pre-Bronze free skate as a non qualifying event as follows:

Adult Pre-Bronze Free skate: Passed no higher than the adult pre-bronze free skate test, the pre-preliminary free skate test, or the ISI freestyle 3 test. Music not to exceed 1:40.

Well Balanced Program Rules:

Adult Pre-Bronze – A well-balanced Adult Pre-Bronze Free skate program must contain:

- A. Jumps: The number of half and single-revolution jumps is not limited. These jumps may be repeated as individual jumps and in jump combinations and sequences. No Lutz, Axel or double jumps are permitted.
- B. Jump combinations: Optional. No more than three jump combinations or sequences of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) are allowed. No Lutz, Axel or double jumps are permitted.
- C. Spins: A minimum of two and no more than three spins. No flying spins are permitted. Spins must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions.
- D. Steps: Connecting steps throughout the program are required.

112. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Rule 3216 (C) - Entries (page 77). To amend language of this rule to prohibit a competitor from entering both the standard-track qualifying events (regionals/sectionals/nationals) and the adult qualifying events (adult sectionals/adult nationals) in the same competitive season as follows:

May not enter an adult level at a qualifying competition (adult sectionals/adult nationals) and a standard level at a qualifying competition (regionals/sectionals/nationals) in same kind of event (i.e., free skate, dance) in the same competition season, and vice versa. For example, a skater may not enter Novice Men free skate on the standard track and Masters free skate on the adult track in the same season, but may enter Novice Men free skate on the standard track and Masters Pairs on the adult track.

113. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Rules 3740, 3750, 3760, and 3770 (pages 122-123) to amend by increasing the masters levels free skate times as follows:

Note: All adult singles and pairs events are "maximum time" durations, allowing skaters to have shorter programs without penalty.

Masters Novice Free skate Duration:

Current: Maximum duration 2:40

Proposed: Maximum duration 3:10

(Current Novice Free skate test time for ladies is 3:00, +/- 10 seconds.)

Masters Junior Free skate Duration:

Current: Maximum duration 3:10

Proposed: Maximum duration 3:40

(Current Junior Free skate test time for ladies is 3:30, +/- 10 seconds.)

Masters Senior Free skate Duration:

Current: Maximum duration 3:40
Proposed: Maximum duration 4:10
(Current Senior Free skate test time for ladies is 4:00, +/- 10 seconds.)

Championship Masters Free skate Duration:

Current: Maximum duration 3:40
Proposed: Maximum duration 4:10

(Since this event comprises all three Masters levels, it allows for the maximum time of the highest masters level, with no penalty for shorter times. This allows skaters to enter both this event and their open Masters events with the same-length program.)

114. APPROVED - ISU Judging System Implementation Task Force and Competitions Committee
The ISU Judging System Implementation Task Force and the Competitions Committee, jointly propose the adoption of the ISU Judging System for use in U.S. Figure Skating competitions as follows:

The ISU Judging System (IJS) shall be the official marking and result calculation system for U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating (as provided herein), and shall be implemented as follows:

1. The ISJ will be phased in as follows:
 - a. 2005-2006 competitive season: novice, junior and senior events at the sectionals, synchronized sectionals, 2006 U.S. National Championships (St. Louis) and the 2006 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships.
 - b. 2006-2007 competitive season: juvenile and above at regionals, all events at U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, the remaining levels for synchronized sectionals and U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships, and events to be determined at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
2. Complete transparency will be employed in the marking of all events using the IJS. The marks of all judges, together with their names, shall be published. There shall be no anonymous judging. All judges selected for a panel shall be used as scoring judges. No blind draws of the judging panel will be utilized.
3. Results for all events using the IJS will be calculated using calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.
4. The 6.0 system will be retained, as necessary, for qualifying competitions during the phase-in period.
5. At the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee for a non-qualifying competition, either the ISJ or the 6.0 system may be used in some or all events.

The ISJ rules on marking (including, but not limited to, the scale of values for skating elements) and calculation, as published by the ISU and modified from time to time, are by this reference incorporated into this proposed rule. The scale of values for skating elements (and any additions of base values for elements not yet included in the ISU scale of values) will be separately posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website, as well as printed as an appendix to the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Note: All items amended in Appendix A from both the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and the May 6-7, 2005 Governing Council meeting are noted in the attached revision of Appendix A

New rule 3431 (B)(2) Members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as officials in the same event at a U.S. Figure Skating competition. At qualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as referees, judges or members of the technical panel in the same event. At non-qualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as judges or members of the technical panel in the same event.

New rule 3431 (C)(1)(b)(iii) to require a maximum of seven (7) judges

New rule 3432 (D)(1)(a) and (E)(1)(a) insert at the beginning of the sentence “For all qualifying competitions must be a ...”

New rule 3431 (C)(1)(d), (C)(2)(d) modify as shown:

Accountant to ~~run official ISU scoring software~~ calculate using calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.

New rule 3432 (H)(3) modify as shown:

Calculate the results using the ~~ISU calculation software~~ computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.

115. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 2403 (A) Accountants Duties (page 53) to delete section (A) which provides official judges and referees a complete record of placements.

116. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 2615 Assignment of Officials to Competitions (page 55) to amend to permit one sectional level accountant to be assigned as an assistant at the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championship.

117. APPROVED - Competition Committee

Rule 2703, 2704 and 2705 Appointment Process (pages 57-59) to add a National Synchronized Event Referee to our lists of referees.

2703 (C)(4) (new): Candidates for national event referees must be international or world judges and must be sectional referees in order to be appointed

2704 (B) For national synchronized team skating referee or national synchronized event referee

2705 (B) add a recommendation for appointment of the national synchronized team skating referee or the national synchronized event referee

118. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3002 Geographic Divisions (page 63) as Exhibit A was approved, amend to remove Casper, Wyoming from the Southwestern Region and Midwestern Section and move to the Northwest Pacific Region and Pacific Coast Section.

119. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

New guidelines defining National Show Case competitions were approved, with the proviso that these are guidelines, not rules, and will not be placed in the rulebook.

NATIONAL SHOWCASE

The National Showcase is a competition in theatrical skating. It is sanctioned under the U.S. Figure Skating Rules Part Two, rule 1040 and is conducted accordingly except as modified by the rules.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE: Required age and test qualifications must be in effect at the date entries are closed. Subsequent changes will not affect eligibility

A. Events are open to eligible or reinstated persons.

B. Singles competitors must have placed first, second, third or fourth in a contested, sanctioned artistic or theatrical skating event in the twelve months preceding the close of entries or in the immediately prior National Showcase.

1. Duets, ensembles and foreign skaters are not subject to this requirement. In fulfillment of this requirement, competitors who have entered a competition subsequently canceled for lack of other entries may substitute a testimonial letter from the chair.

JUDGING AND MARKING: Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.

A. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control is poor theater and will reduce contestant's marks.

B. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of ice, props and costumes.

C. One mark will be given by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.

EVENTS: Singles events will be dramatic entertainment: a serious emotional artistic interpretation; light entertainment: any performance not serious enough to be considered dramatic and extemporaneous improvisation.

A. Extemporaneous improvisation is a performance choreographed by the competitor, unassisted, to music supplied by the organizers. The music will be played throughout a private 45 minute off-ice

session and twice during a warm-up on ice prior to skating. All competitors in the group will interpret the same music.

B. Duets are theatrical performances by two competitors.

C. Mini production ensembles are theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. Production ensembles are theatrical performances by eight or more competitors. Theater on Ice Teams are eligible as production ensembles

OFFICIALS: Officials will be selected from U.S. Figure Skating official lists.

PERFORMANCE AND WARM-UP TIMES: Warm-ups for extemporaneous improvisation and mini ensemble events will be three minutes. Production ensembles will be five minutes. Singles and duets will warm up backstage only for a minimum of three minutes and longer as space provides. Mini and production ensembles will warm up separately on stage. Extemporaneous warm up groups will not exceed ten skaters.

Performance Times:

A. Extemporaneous Improvisations:

1. Approximately one minute

B. Light and Dramatic Entertainment:

1. Preliminary and Pre Juvenile: One minute, forty seconds maximum.

2. Juvenile thru Novice: Two minutes, ten seconds maximum

3. Junior and Senior Events: Two minutes, forty seconds maximum.

4. Adult and Masters Events: One minute, forty seconds maximum

C. Ensembles:

1. Mini Production Ensembles: Three minutes, ten seconds, maximum.

2. Production Ensembles: Six minutes, thirty seconds maximum

Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute, by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes.

A 0.2 deduction will be assessed for each ten seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance and setting props and scenery. Posted results will indicate any overtime.

EVENT LEVELS, AGES AND TEST REQUIREMENTS

Class	Test Level	Age
Preliminary	Preliminary Free skate Test, no higher	
Pre Juvenile	Pre Juvenile Free skate Test, no higher	
Juvenile	Juvenile Free skate Test, no higher	Under 13
Teen	Juvenile Free skate Test, no higher	13-17
Intermediate	Intermediate Free skate Test, no higher	Under 18
Young Adult	Juvenile/Intermediate Free skate, no higher	18-24
Novice	Novice Free skate, no higher	
Junior	Junior Free skate, no higher	
Senior	Senior Free skate	
Adult/Master	Adult/Master's Rules 3820/3810 (Interpretative)	25 years min
Duets	As above, according to the level of the highest tested member	
Ensembles	No levels, age or test requirements	

Skaters representing another National Governing Body must meet the closest possible equivalent to the specified U.S. Figure Skating test requirement. The referee's decision will be final.

GROUP SIZES, SEMI FINAL AND FINAL ROUNDS

A. Groups will not exceed fifteen contestants.

1. In order to determine a champion for each level, events requiring more than one group will compete in semi-final rounds

2. With two groups, first thru fourth place will compete in the semi-final round.

3. With three or four groups, three from each group will compete in the semi-final round.

4. With five or six groups, two from each group will compete in the semi-final round
 5. With seven or more groups, the first place in each group will proceed to the semi-final round.
- B. The Final Round or Parade of Champions will include the champion from each Dramatic and Light Entertainment singles event. A separate Final Round will be held for Extemporaneous Improvisations champions. Duet and ensemble finals will be held at the discretion of the organizers. In Final Rounds, the champions will perform an encore of their winning performances. Extemporaneous Improvisation finalists will be provided new music.
- C. Competitors appearing more than once in the final round (e.g. from both a light and dramatic event) may skate both performances but will be awarded only the higher of the two placements.

LIGHTING: Singles and Duets will perform under spotlights in a darkened house. Ensembles will warm up and perform under house lighting. If feasible, Extemporaneous Improvisations will warm up under house lighting and perform under spotlights in a darkened house. If not, house lights will be used. Stage front and barrier lighting may be used with the approval of the referee.

STAGING: The ice will be divided by a theatrical stage front. The division will approximate 8% to 10% backstage and 90% to 92% performance area. The backstage will be invisible to the audience and sufficiently lighted for safety.

TITLES AND AWARDS: Titles will be awarded according to events and levels in semi-final and final rounds. e.g., "Junior National Showcase Champion, Light Entertainment." The singles winner of a Parade of Champions (final round) will be "National Showcase Champion" or "National Showcase Extemporaneous Champion." When applicable, duet and ensembles winners will be similarly titled. Second and third places will use the same designations with the place substituted for the word, "champion."

- A. Awards will be presented to the competitors for each level and category who finish third place or above.
- B. The awards must reflect the propriety of National Showcase.
- C. Some kind of token must be provided for every duet or ensemble performer.
- D. At the discretion of the organizers, finalists in the Parade of Champions may be presented a participation token
- E. There will be no other awards or special recognition provided.

*Note 1: It is understood that grant funding **will not** be forthcoming for this event by U.S. Figure Skating*

Note 2: The word "Championship" will not be used in reference to this event.

120. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3181 Alternates (Page 75) amend to permit the fifth and sixth place finishers in qualifying competitions in the senior, junior and novice events to be designated as first and second alternates and to be provided with an application to file with the next competition; sectional or national.

121. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3141 Registration for U.S. Junior Championships (page 73) amend to permit the number of skaters in juvenile and intermediate free skate, pairs and dance events at each regional championship to enter the comparable event at the U.S. Junior Championships based on a percentage of the total number of entries, retaining a minimum of four (4) from each region.

- A. Divide the number of entries per region by the total number of entries from all (9) regions; then take that number and multiply by the desired numbers at Junior Nationals. (36)

Note: There will be no additional financial impact on U.S. Figure Skating

122. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3181 Alternates (Page 75) to amend rule 3181 to define that the succeeding two placing skaters not advanced by the percentage system to the U.S. Junior Championships in juvenile and intermediate singles, pairs and dance will become the 1st and 2nd alternates respectively. All alternates will be provided an application to file with the next competition; sectional or national.

123. DID NOT APPROVE item 314 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Competitions Committee**] previously approved by the Board of Directors

Rule 3212 Entries (page 76) to amend rule 3212 and all other rules pertaining to the entry deadline to change the deadline for to August 18 rather than September 1. *Proviso - Effective for the 2006-07 season*

124. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3522 Warm up Times (page 101) to amend rule 3522 in the case of an interruption to allow for couples in compulsory dances to be given four (4) minutes warm-up and for both original dance and free dance be given a five (5) minute warm-up.

125. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3730 Adult Singles (page 122) to amend rule 3730 to permit adult events be open to competitors who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older at the close of entries.

126. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rules 4460, 4470, 4480, 4491, 4495, 4500, 4505 Adult Dance Events (pages 163-168) to amend to permit adult dance events be open to competitors who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older at the close of entries.

127. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3292 Qualifying rounds – Adult (page 85) amend to define the age groupings as follows:

- Class I ~~25~~ 21 years through ~~35~~ 28 years
- Class II ~~36~~ 29 years through ~~45~~ 35 years
- Class III ~~46~~ 36 years through ~~55~~ 45 years
- Class IV ~~56 years and over~~ 46 years through 55 years
- Class V 56 years and over

128. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

Rule 3156 Registration for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships (page 74) to amend to permit the junior competitors national champions in singles, dance, or pairs ~~placing in the top three (3)~~ at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships to receive an automatic invitation to the same event the following year.

129. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 4410 Novice Dance (page 158) amend to permit an increase in the novice free dance program time to 3:00 +/- 10 seconds from 2:30 +/- 10 seconds.

130. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 4420 Intermediate Dance (page 159) amend to permit an increase in the intermediate free dance program time to 2:30 +/- 10 seconds from 2:15 +/- 10 seconds.

131. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 4430 Juvenile Dance (page 161) amend to permit an increase in the juvenile free dance program time to 2:15 +/- 10 seconds from 2:00 +/- 10 seconds.

132. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 4460, 4470, and 4480 Adult Dance Original Dance (pages 163 165) amend to permit an increase in the adult original dance time to ~~2:30 +/- 10~~ 2:40 seconds maximum from 2:15 seconds maximum.

133. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3520 Warm Up Times – Singles, Pairs and Dance (Page 101) amend to permit only five (5) couples instead of six (6) couples on the ice at the same time for warm-up of compulsory dances.

134. APPROVED item 325 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Competitions Committee**] with modification

Rule 3082 Membership-Synchronized Team Skating (page 69) amend this rule by adding the following:

If a synchronized team is entered as an individual member, they shall enter the section of which the majority of their skater's legal residence is located. In the case of a regional collegiate team, it shall enter the section in which the majority of the colleges represented are located

135. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

3192 (A) - Registration for Synchronized Team Skating Championships (page 75) replace the existing language with the following:

A. The National Vice Chair will select the additional teams advancing from the sectional championships to the Synchronized Skating Championships (per rule 3192) will be determined by the number of teams entered on the close of entries (December 1). Additional teams from other sections will not be added if a qualifying team withdraws following the sectional championships.

136. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

3201 (D) Byes – Synchronized Team Skating (page 76) amend by adding the chairs of the Synchronized Team Skating Committee and the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee for the purpose of granting byes to teams.

137. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

3258 (B)(1) Entries-Synchronized Team Skating (page 80) amend by replacing the current language with the language shown here:

B 1. All levels except collegiate, must provide proof of age if so requested by the referee and/or local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered;

138. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Add a new section on practice sessions for Synchronized Team Skating:

35xx: Official practice ice at the U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships and Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships is to be conducted in 12 or 10 minute segments.

35xx: Teams entered in the following events are provided a 12 minute official practice ice segment: Senior Free skate, Junior Free skate, Junior Classic Free skate, and Collegiate Free skate.

35xx: Teams entered in the following events are provided a 10 minute official practice ice segment: Senior Short Program, Junior Short Program, Novice Free skate, Intermediate Free skate, Juvenile Free skate, Adult Free skate, Masters Free skate, ~~Junior Classic Free skate~~, Teen Introductory Free skate, Youth Introductory Free skate, Preliminary Free skate, Adult Introductory Free skate, and Collegiate Introductory Free skate.

35xx: For the practice ice segment for sectional and the U.S. Synchronized Team Championships, each team shall be allowed a short warm-up period prior to the start of the music. Each team shall be allowed to have their music played two (2) times. No stopping or restarting of the music will be allowed once the music has been started. At this official practice, the team is obliged to skate the whole competition program (short program or free skate), either in one or several pieces.

35xx: For the short program and free skate ten (10) minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than the three (3) minute mark in this session. The music will be played for the second time no later than the six and one-half (6 1/2) minute mark of the session. A thirty (30) second warning announcement shall be given prior to the start of the music for both times. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

35xx: For the Free skate twelve (12) minute sessions, the music will be played for the first time no later than the two (2) minute mark of the session. A thirty (30) second warning announcement shall be given prior to the start of the music for both times. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

35xx: Official practice ice for the U.S. Synchronized Team Championships shall be organized and skated by sections.

A. When the championships are held in the Eastern section, the official practice ice skating order for each division is as follows: Eastern, Pacific Coast, Midwest, Byes.

B. When the championships are held in the Midwestern section, the official practice ice skating order for each division is as follows: Midwest, Eastern, Pacific Coast, Byes.

C. When the Championships are held in the Pacific Coast section, the official practice ice skating order for each division is as follows: Pacific Coast, Midwest, Eastern, Byes.

139. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Rule 3573 – Conduct of Competitors – Singles, Pairs, and Dance and Synchronized Team Skating (page 104.)

amend rule to require that once a skater's name is announced, competitors must proceed to their starting position on the ice without further warm-up or delay. Should any competitor fail to take their starting position within one (1) minute of such announcement, they shall be considered withdrawn. The referee may, for good cause, modify the strict interpretation of this rule. The skater will be considered officially withdrawn if they have not registered, turned in their music or shown up for the warm-up and their name will not be announced.

140. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to amend the following rules as shown:

1050 Intercollegiate Competitions

1051 Collegiate clubs shall download the current standard announcement and sanction request form from the USFSA collegiate web site, complete the necessary parts, ~~and send them to the host club. The host club shall~~ add any additional information they deem necessary, and send these documents to the appropriate regional vice chair for approval and sanctioning.

1052 In addition to meeting the usual eligibility requirements, all skaters in inter-collegiate competitions must also be eligible to compete as stated in 3045. In addition, these skaters must represent their USFSA collegiate club college/university and be full time students at the college/university they represent.

141. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to amend the following rule as shown:

3240 – Entries U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and Adult Sectionals

3241 The entry deadline for ~~both~~ the adult sectional is January 2 and the deadline for U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships is January 15. When January 2 and/or 15 falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the entry deadline shall be the next business day.

142. APPROVED - Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to amend rule 4121 (A) [Adult Gold Pairs Well-Balanced Program] as shown:

A. Two different lifts, but not more than three. At least one lift must be selected from Group 1 or 2 or pairs may perform a twist lift. The remaining lifts may include Group 1 or 2 lifts or a forward press left, a two-handed star lift, or a platter lift. Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts and combination lifts are not permitted.

143. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to amend rule 4123 (A) [Adult Silver Pairs Well-Balanced Program] as shown:

A. One lift, but not more than two different lifts, one of which must be from Group 1. The remaining lift may be either from Group 1 or 2 or pairs may perform a twist lift.

144. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to amend Rule 2617 Selection Process – Assignment of Officials to Competitions (page 56)
Substitute the following for the existing text. Note that the underlined language is new whereas the balance is a reformat of the rule.

2617 A guest judge/referee or a guest technical panel official shall be eligible to serve on one or more events of a national, sectional or regional championship upon satisfying the following qualifications and consent procedures:

- A. A guest judge/referee must be an eligible person and recognized as a qualified judge/referee of their ISU member association. The judge/referee need not be a USFSA member or a citizen of the United States and;
 - (i) the guest judge/referee may be selected upon meeting the qualifications as set forth and with the unanimous consent of the president, the Competitions Committee chair and the Judges Committee chair

- B. A guest technical panel official must either be on the current ISU list of technical officials, ISU certified or certified as a technical official by a member federation of the ISU. The guest technical panel official need not be a US Figure Skating member or a citizen of the United States, and;
 - (i) the guest technical panel member may be selected upon meeting the qualifications as set forth and with the unanimous consent of the Competitions Committee chair and the Technical Panel Committee chair.

145. APPROVED – ISU Judging System Implementation Task Force & Competitions Committee [new business from the May 2005 Governing Council meeting] to delete the factors [SP 0.8 and FS 1.4] stated for Men (Novice) and Ladies (Novice) and substitute “TBD” for those factors. [See Rule 3435 (2)(o) of Appendix A]

146. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Rule 4415 - Free Dance (page 158-159) revise to read as follows:

The following are the requirements for a well balanced novice free dance program:

A.) Lifts: Three (3) different types of lifts but no more, selected from the following list one (1) of which may be selected from those lifts with a duration of up to 10 seconds);

1.) Lifts not to exceed 5 seconds in duration:

- Stationary Lift
- Straight Line Lift
- Curve Lift
- Rotational Lift

2.) Lifts not to exceed 10 seconds in duration:

- Serpentine Lift
- Reverse Rotational Lift
- Combination Lift

3.) Lifts should be aesthetically pleasing to the viewer or deductions will be taken by the judges (e.g. lady upside down split pose in undignified manner).

B.) Dance Spins: One (1) dance spin but no more, selected from the following types:

1.) **Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 3 rotations on one foot.

2.) **Combination Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 3 rotations on one foot, followed by a change of foot for both simultaneously and 3 further rotations on the other foot and no more than 1/2 rotation on 2 feet during the “change of feet”. A change of center of rotation is not permitted.

C.) Synchronized Twizzles: One (1) set of synchronized twizzles as described below:

- 1.) The four different twizzle entry edges are: Forward Inside, Forward Outside, Backward Inside, Backward Outside;
- 2.) All sets of twizzles are comprised of 2 twizzles on one foot for both partners with up to 3 steps between;
- 3.) Each twizzle shall be at least one rotation on one foot performed simultaneously (at the same time).
- 4.) Both partners must skate the same number of rotations for each twizzle;
- 5.) The twizzles must travel across the ice during the turns (if the action stops they become spins);
- 6.) More twizzles may be added but shall not be counted;

- 7.) No stops are permitted before the first or second twizzles;
- 8.) Variety of entry edge (including back edges) and direction of rotation will contribute to the variety of the program.

D.) Step Sequences: One (1) Step Sequence selected from the following:

- **Circular** – direction optional (clockwise or counter clockwise); utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink.
- **Serpentine** – commenced at the center (long) axis at one end of the rink and progresses in three bold curves and ends at the center (long) axis of the opposite end of the rink; pattern must utilize the full width of the ice surface.
- **Midline** – skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
- **Diagonal** – skated as fully from corner to corner as possible.
 - 1.) The step sequence must be skated in varied dance holds (except Hand in Hand with fully extended arms). Dance positions must be maintained throughout the step sequence.
 - 2.) The step sequence must incorporate difficult steps and turns and edges for both partners (twizzles may be included but are not counted as the required synchronized twizzles). Lifts, jumps, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops are not to be included in the selected step sequence.
 - 3.) Combined spins and lifts: Combined spins and lifts are permitted but are to be counted as separate elements: i.e. as one of the permitted lifts and the selected dance spin.

147. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Rule 4425 – Free Dance (page 160) revise to read as follows:

The following are the requirements for a well balanced intermediate free dance program:

A.) Lifts: Two (2) different types of lifts but no more, selected from the following list;

- 1.) Lifts not to exceed 5 seconds in duration:
 - Stationary Lift
 - Straight Line Lift
 - Curve Lift
 - Rotational Lift
- 2.) 10 Second lifts **are not** permitted at this level. Those types of lifts are:
 - Serpentine Lift
 - Reverse Rotational Lift
 - Combination Lift
- 3.) Lifts should be aesthetically pleasing to the viewer or deductions will be taken by the judges (e.g. lady upside down split pose in undignified manner)

B.) Dance Spins: One (1) dance spin but no more, selected from the following types:

- 1.) **Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 2 rotations on one foot.
- 2.) **Combination Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 2 rotations on one foot, followed by a change of foot for both simultaneously and 2 further rotations on the other foot and no more than 1/2 rotation on 2 feet during the “change of feet”. A change of center of rotation is not permitted.

C. Synchronized Twizzles: One synchronized twizzle as described below:

- 1.) The four different twizzle entry edges are: Forward Inside, Forward Outside, Backward Inside, Backward Outside;
- 2.) The twizzles shall be at least one rotation on one foot performed simultaneously (at the same time).
- 3.) Partners may be side by side turning in the same direction (matching), side by side turning in the opposite direction (mirror) or follow one another (each partner may skate either forward or backward).
- 4.) Both partners must skate the same number of rotations for each twizzle;
- 5.) The twizzles must travel across the ice during the turns (if the action stops they become spins);
- 6.) More twizzles may be added but shall not be counted;
- 7.) No stops are permitted before the first twizzle;
- 8.) Variety of entry edge (including back edges) and direction of rotation will contribute to the variety of the program.

D.) Step Sequences: One (1) Step Sequence selected from the following:

- Circular** – direction optional (clockwise or counter clockwise); utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink.
- **Midline** – skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
- **Diagonal** – skated as fully from corner to corner as possible.

- 1.) The step sequence must be skated in varied dance holds (except Hand in Hand with fully extended arms). Dance positions must be maintained throughout the step sequence.
- 2.) The step sequence must incorporate difficult steps and turns and edges for both partners (twizzles may be included but are not counted as the required synchronized twizzles). Lifts, jumps, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops are not to be included in the selected step sequence.
- 3.) Combined spins and lifts: Combined spins and lifts are permitted but are to be counted as separate elements: i.e. as one of the permitted lifts and the selected dance spin.

148. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Rule 4435 – Free Dance (page 161-162) revise to read as follows:

The following are the requirements for a well balanced juvenile free dance program:

A.) Lifts: Two (2) different types of lifts but no more, selected from the following list;

1.) Lifts not to exceed 5 seconds in duration:

- Stationary Lift
- Straight Line Lift
- Curve Lift
- Rotational Lift

2.) 10 Second lifts **are not** allowed at this level. Those types of lifts are:

- Serpentine Lift
- Reverse Rotational Lift
- Combination Lift

3.) Lifts should be aesthetically pleasing to the viewer or deductions will be taken by the judges (e.g. lady upside down split pose in undignified manner)

B.) Dance Spins: One (1) dance spin but no more selected from the following types:

1.) **Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 2 rotations on one foot.

2.) **Combination Spin:** Both partners must complete at least 2 rotations on one foot, followed by a change of foot for both simultaneously and 2 further rotation on the other foot and no more than 1/2 rotation on 2 feet during the “change of feet”. A change of center of rotation is not permitted.

C.) Synchronized Twizzles: One synchronized twizzle as described below:

- 1.) The four different twizzle entry edges are: Forward Inside, Forward Outside, Backward Inside, Backward Outside;
- 2.) The twizzles shall be at least one rotation on one foot performed simultaneously (at the same time).
- 3.) Partners may be side by side turning in the same direction (matching), side by side turning in the opposite direction (mirror) or follow one another (each partner may skate either forward or backward).
- 4.) Both partners must skate the same number of rotations for each twizzle;
- 5.) The twizzles must travel across the ice during the turns (if the action stops they become spins);
- 6.) More twizzles may be added but shall not be counted;
- 7.) No stops are permitted before the first twizzle;
- 8.) Variety of entry edge (including back edges) and direction of rotation will contribute to the variety of the program.

D.) Step Sequences: One (1) Step Sequence selected from the following:

-**Circular** – direction optional (clockwise or counter clockwise); utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink.

- **Midline** – skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.

- **Diagonal** – skated as fully from corner to corner as possible.

- 1.) The step sequence must be skated in varied dance holds (except Hand in Hand with fully extended arms). Dance positions must be maintained throughout the step sequence.
- 2.) The step sequence must incorporate difficult steps and turns and edges for both partners (twizzles may be included but are not counted as the required synchronized twizzles). Lifts, jumps, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops are not to be included in the selected step sequence.
- 3.) Combined spins and lifts: Combined spins and lifts are permitted but are to be counted as separate elements: i.e. as one of the permitted lifts and the selected dance spin.

149. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Delete Rules 4282 (page 150), 4415 (A1 & A2 only) (page 158-159), 4425 (A1 & A2 only) (page 160), 4435(A1 & A2 only) (page 161-162).

150. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Create a new TR (Test Rule) defined as RESKATING OF ANY ELEMENT OF A FREE DANCE TEST.

Part A. of the new rule will read as follows:

At the completion of any free dance test and before any other test is conducted, the judge-in-charge shall 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 shall indicate to the judge-in-charge what they wish reskated. This shall be done privately without conference. A reskate shall be granted upon the request of one judge. If two or more judges wish a reskate and do not agree on which element(s) to reskate, the judge-in-charge shall decide. A brief rest and warm-up period is permitted before the reskate is performed.

Part B. of the new rule will read as follows:

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

Part C. of the new rule will read as follows:

Upon a request for a reskate the dance couple may choose to complete any element that fulfills the stated requirement.

151. APPROVED - Dance Committee

TR 54.01 - Juvenile Free Dance Test (page 311) amend to change the program time for juvenile free dance test from 2:00 +/- 10 seconds to 2:15 +/- 10 seconds to become effective 7/1/2005.

152. APPROVED - Dance Committee

TR 54.02 – Intermediate Free Dance Test (page 311-312) amend to change the program time for intermediate free dance test from 2:15 +/- 10 seconds to 2:30 +/- 10 seconds. Effective 7/1/2005.

153. APPROVED - Dance Committee

TR 54.03 – Novice Free Dance Test (page 312) amend to change the program time for novice free dance test from 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to 3:00 +/- 10 seconds. Effective 7/1/2005.

154. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Rule 2071 - Marking of Compulsory Dance (page 44) delete the language of the first paragraph and replace with the following two paragraphs:

For those compulsory dance events and tests that are judged under the 6.0 system, the two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for the Technical Score (formerly Technique) and the second mark shall be for Program Components (formerly Timing/Expression).

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each section of the skated Compulsory Dance with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to -3 and shall mark each separate component on a scale of .25 to 10 at .25 point increments. See (insert cross reference to competition rule section).

155. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Rule 2071 Marking of Compulsory Dance (page 44) amend to substitute new language for items (A) through (E) as follows:

2071 A:

In marking the Technical Score of each dance, the following must be considered:

- 1.) Accuracy: Correctness of Steps, Edges, Elements and Holds
- 2.) Placement: Correctness of Pattern and its Repetition(s).

2071 B:

In marking the Component Score for Compulsory Dance, the following must be considered:

- 1.) Skating Skills
 - a.) Definition: The method used by the couple to perform dance steps and movements over the ice surface and the efficiency of their movement in relation to speed, flow and quality of edge.

- b.) Criteria:
 - 1.) Overall skating quality
 - 2.) Depth and quality of edges
 - 3.) Ice Coverage
 - 4.) Flow and Glide
 - 5.) Speed and Power
 - 6.) Cleanness and Sureness of steps
 - 7.) Balance of technique
 - 8.) Balance of skating ability of partners
- 2.) Performance/Execution
 - a.) Definition: The ability of the partners to demonstrate unison, body alignment, carriage, style and balance of performance while executing Compulsory Dances in order to exhibit a pleasing appearance through coordinated movement, body awareness and projection.
 - b.) Criteria:
 - 1.) Unison and body alignment
 - 2.) Distance between partners
 - 3.) Carriage and Style
 - 4.) Balance in performance between partners
- 3.) Interpretation
 - a.) Definition: The ability of the couple to express the mood, emotions and character of the Compulsory Dance rhythm by using the body moves, steps and holds of the dance to reflect the structure and character of the music.
 - b.) Criteria:
 - 1.) Expression of the character of the rhythm
 - 2.) Relationship between partners reflecting the nature of the dance
- 4.) Timing
 - a.) Definition: The ability of the couple to skate strictly in time with the music and to reflect the rhythm patterns and prescribed beat values of a Compulsory Dance.
 - b.) Criteria:
 - 1.) Skating in time with the music
 - 2.) Skating on the strong beat
 - 3.) Skating on the prescribed beat values for each step
 - 4.) Introductory steps (dance starting on correct measure of the music)

156. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Insert a new rule between rules 2071 and 2080 (pages 44-46) “MARKING OF ORIGINAL DANCE AND FREE DANCE” to read as follows:

PART A: In original dance and free dance programs, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for Technical Score (formerly Composition for original dance and Technical Merit for free dance) and the second mark shall be for Program Components (formerly Presentation for both original dance & free dance).

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each technical element with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to -3 and shall mark each separate component on a scale of .25 to 10 at .25 point increments. See (insert cross reference to competition rule section).

PART B: In marking the Technical Score of an original dance or free dance, the following characteristics of each technical element and the quality demonstrated therein must be considered:

- 1.) Lifts: Entry, Ascent & Descent, Stability, Ice Movement, Position/Line, Changes in Pose(if any), Rotation(if any), Change of Curve(if any), and Completion/Exit.
- 2.) Step Sequences: Sureness, Edges, Flow, Speed, Stroking, Partner Balance, Knee action, Footwork, Turns, Matching, and Spacing (no hold).
- 3.) Spins: Entry, Move onto 1 Foot, Rotation, Position/Line, Changes in Foot (if any), Changes in Position (if any), and Exit.

4.) Synchronized Twizzles: Entry, Rotation, Connecting Steps, Footwork, Completion, Matching, and Spacing.

In marking the Component Score for an original dance or free dance, the following must be considered:

1.) SKATING SKILLS

a.) Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

b.) Criteria:

- 1.) Balance, rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement.
- 2.) Flow and effortless glide.
- 3.) Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps, and turns.
- 4.) Power/energy and acceleration.
- 5.) Mastery of multi-directional skating.
- 6.) Mastery of one foot skating.
- 7.) Equal mastery of technique by both partners shown in unison.

2.) TRANSITIONS/LINKING FOOTWORK/MOVEMENTS

a.) Definition: The varied and or intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements.

b.) Criteria:

- 1.) Variety
- 2.) Difficulty
- 3.) Intricacy
- 4.) Quality
- 5.) Balance of workload between partners
- 6.) Variety of handholds (not excessive side by side and hand in hand)
- 7.) Conformity to pattern and stop requirements

3.) PERFORMANCE/EXECUTION

a.) Definition – Performance: The involvement of the couple physically, emotionally, and intellectually as they translate the intent of the music and the choreography.

b.) Definition – Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery. This includes harmony of movement.

c.) Criteria:

- 1.) Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
- 2.) Carriage
- 3.) Style and individuality/personality
- 4.) Clarity of movement
- 5.) Variety and contrast
- 6.) Projection
- 7.) Unison and “oneness”
- 8.) Balance in performance between partners
- 9.) Spatial awareness between partners – management of the distance and the management of the changes of hold

4.) COMPOSITION/CHOREOGRAPHY

a.) Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

b.) Criteria:

- 1.) Purpose (idea, concept, vision)
- 2.) Proportion (equal weight of the parts)
- 3.) Unity (Purposeful threading)
- 4.) Utilization of personal and public space
- 5.) Pattern and ice coverage
- 6.) Phrasing and form (movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music)
- 7.) Originality of purpose, movement and design
- 8.) Shared responsibility in achieving purpose by both

5.) INTERPRETATION/TIMING

a.) Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

b.) Criteria:

- 1.) Effortless movement in time to the music (Timing)
- 2.) Expression of the music's style, character and rhythm
- 3.) Use of finesse (Def.: the skaters' refined, artful manipulation of nuances.
- 4.) Nuances are the personal artistic ways of bringing variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of the music made by the composer and/or musicians) to reflect the nuances of the music
- 5.) Relationship between the partners reflecting the character of the music
- 6.) Appropriateness of the music
- 7.) Skating primarily to the rhythmic beat

157. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 6.01 – Figure, Singles/Pairs Judges Authorized to Judge (page 209) to amend by removing the moves in the field certification requirement and add a certification requirement for the ISU JS.

Judges are authorized...except that only the judges certified by the ~~Judges Education and Training Subcommittee~~ in the ISU Judging System may officiate at ~~moves in the field tests~~ qualifying competition events employing the ISU Judging System.”

158. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 7.01 - Dance Judges Authorization to Judge (page 211) to amend by removing the moves in the field certification requirement and add a certification requirement for the ISU JS.

Judges are authorized...except that only the judges certified by the ~~Judges Education and Training Subcommittee~~ in the ISU Judging System may officiate at ~~moves in the field tests~~ qualifying competition events employing the ISU Judging System.”

159. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 8.01 - Synchronized Team Skating Judges Authorized to Judge (page 212) to amend the last sentence as follows:

Judges are authorized...as follows except that only the judges certified by the Judges Committee in the ISU Judging System may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the ISU Judging System.

160. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 9.010 - Appointment of Judges (page 214) to amend by adding to the end of the first sentence the following:

...upon receipt of written application and, in the case of competition appointments, have been certified by the Judges Committee in the ISU Judging System

161. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 9.011 – Appointment of Judges (page 214) to amend by inserting into the second sentence the following:

...pass the annual judges' exam, attend a judges' school, have been certified by the Judges Committee in the ISU Judging System and trial judge satisfactorily at...”

162. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 16.34 – Trial and Practice Judging Records (page 224) to amend by changing the first sentence as follows:

A trial judging record for competition is a complete record of the marks of the trial judge and...

163. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 6.01 (B)(1) – Figure Judges Authorized to Judge (page 210) to amend the first sentence as shown and to delete the second sentence in its entirety:

Preliminary through the ~~fourth~~ fifth and the adult silver figure tests.

164. APPROVED - Judges Committee

JR 9.03 – Appointment of Judges (page 213) to amend to require the judges exam be taken for promotion only:

A written exam must be taken to qualify for promotion. When a candidate is prepared to submit an application for appointment, the candidate will contact the appropriate regional or sectional vice chair of the Judges Committee. Upon receipt, the exam is to be completed and returned within 30 days.

165. APPROVED - Judges Committee

The following rules would also require modification based on the change to the exam process:

- a) JR 9.011 – second sentence change to read “...The Judges Committee chair will require the individual to complete the Rules Review Worksheet,...”
- b) Add new JR 12.XX to reflect that “A mailing or electronic notification will be sent from Headquarters apprising all judges of new rules and rule changes.”
- c) JR 12.01(D) Change reference to Judges Exam to “Rules Review Worksheet”
- d) JR 12.01(E) Insert new “Judges Exam for promotion” and move existing JR 12.01(E) to JR 12.01(F)
- e) JR 12.02 amend as shown: “Judges unable to accomplish the activity required by JR12.01 (A-E)...”
- f) JR 16.02 (C) amend as shown: “C. will, upon registration receive a rulebook and directory ~~and Judges Exam~~. free of charge.” Note that the trial judge will be sent an exam at a later date per changes to JR 12.01

166. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Pair Lift Classifications (Pages 378-379) revise as follows:

Change the List of Pair Lifts found in the USFSA Rulebook on pages 378-379 to make them consistent with the ISU Pair Lift Classifications by: (1) removing Group 6 and inserting Group 6 lifts into Group 5 (hand-to-hand lasso-type lifts), and (2) by removing the Twist Lift from Group 2 and making it a separate classification.

167. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Definitions of Carries vs. Carries in a Lift (Page 379) revise as follows:

Under “Clarification of “carries” in Pairs Free skate,” delete the language under “Carry Lift” and “Carry allowed in the dismount of one of the required lifts” on p. 379 of the Rulebook and substitute the following language:

Carry Lift (Senior and Junior Only)

A Carry Lift consists of the simple carrying of a partner without rotation of the carried partner. Only one-half (½) rotation by the man is allowed on the take-off and/or exit of the carry.

All holds in the carry lift are unrestricted.

The carrying of one partner by the other on the back, shoulders or knees is allowed in the carry lift.

The carry lift shall not be counted in the number of overhead lifts, nor does it count in the technical mark. It is assessed by the judges as a transition and receives no technical points.

A carry lift does not need to be fully extended although most carries do have full extension.

Carry lifts are unrestricted in number for the senior and junior pairs free skate program.

Teams below the junior level are not allowed to perform carry lifts.

Carries in a Lift (Senior and Junior Only)

Carries in a Lift” are lift elements, which contain a carry. The lift must have a legal hold and must rotate according to the rules (the lady must rotate two (2) times the man must rotate at least one (1) revolution continuously, but not more than three and one-half (3 ½) revolutions in total).

One (1) of the maximum allowed three (3) lifts in the junior or senior free skate program may, at the option of the skaters, contain a carry, but no more than one (1).

A carry in a lift may happen before the man rotates, in the middle of his rotations or at the end of the lift.

While the carry in the lift may occur at any point in the lift, to receive consideration for enhanced difficulty, the carry portion of the lift should occur once the lift has reached full extension.

168. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee
Rule 3660 - Novice Singles (page 117) to revise as:

Novice Short Program Duration: Add 15 additional seconds to the Novice Short Program, changing it from 2:15 seconds maximum to 2:30 seconds maximum.

169. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rules 3661 and 3662 – Novice Short Programs (pages 117-118) amend to change element (b) in the Novice Short Program for Men and Ladies by removing the prescribed jump that changes year-to-year and substituting a jump of the skater's choosing. In addition, while not a requirement, it adds the option of a triple jump. The revised language for (b) is proposed to be as follows:

(b) One double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skate movements.

170. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rules 3661 and 3662 – Novice Short Programs (page 118) amend by deleting element (d) in the Novice Short Program for Men and Ladies and substitute the following new language:

(d) Men: Spin with only one position. May commence with a jump. No change of foot permitted. Six (6) revolutions in position minimum.

(d) Ladies: Layback or sideways leaning spin. No change of foot permitted. Six (6) revolutions in position minimum.

171. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 3663 - Novice Free skate Program (page 118) amend by deleting the Novice Well-Balanced Program Requirements in Rule 3663 and substitute the following:

Jumps:

Men: Maximum of seven (7) jump elements (one of which must be an axel-type jump).

Ladies: Maximum of six (6) jump elements (one of which must be an axel-type jump).

Spins:

Maximum of three (3) spins (one of which must be a flying spin, one a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position, and one a spin with only one position).

Steps:Maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Remarks: See generally "Remarks: Senior Free skate Program", except as provided below.

Jumps Generally: Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See "Remarks: Senior Free skate Program" for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Jump Repetitions: No jump may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, that jump must be in jump combination or jump sequence. No more than three different jumps may be repeated in the program, a maximum of two (2) of which may be triples (or quadruples).

Spins: The required combination spin must have at least one change of position and at least one change of foot and may, at the option of the skater, ~~change feet and/or~~ have a flying entry. To be counted as a required position, the skater must maintain the position for at least two (2) revolutions. The required minimum number of total revolutions for the combination spin is ten (10). The required flying spin may change feet and/or position at the skater's option, however, the landing position (which may be different than the flying position) must be held for at least two (2) revolutions. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin is six (6). The spin with only one position may change feet and may also be commenced with a jump as long as only one position and its permissible variations are executed throughout the spin. The minimum number of revolutions for this spin is six (6).

Step Sequence: The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step 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.

172. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rules 3671 and 3672 - Intermediate Short Programs (page 119) amend by making one set of rules for both Men and Ladies and changing elements a, b and d. Elements other than a, b and d remain the same as before.

Change element (a) for both Men and Ladies by adding the option of a double Axel as follows:

(a) Axel or double Axel;

Change element (b) in the Intermediate Short Program by removing the three prescribed jump choices (double Salchow, double loop or double flip) and substituting the following:

(b) One double jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other free skate movements.

Delete element (d) in the Intermediate Short Program for both Men and Ladies and insert the following new language:

(d) Spin with only one position and no change of foot. May commence with a jump. Five (5) revolutions in position minimum.

173. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 3673: Intermediate Free skate Well-Balanced Program (page 120) amend by deleting the Intermediate Well-Balanced Program Requirements in Rule 3673 and substitute the following:

Jumps:

Maximum of six (6) jump elements (one of which must be an axel-type jump).

Spins:

Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin and one a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least once change of position).

Steps:

Maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Remarks: See generally "Remarks: Novice Free skate Program", except as provided below.

Jumps Generally: Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See "Remarks: Senior Free skate Program" for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Jump Repetitions: No double jump may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, that jump must be in combination or sequence. No more than three different jumps may be repeated in the program. Only one (1) jump with three or more revolutions may be repeated and if repeated, must be in combination or sequence.

Spins: All spins in the Intermediate Free skate Program may have flying entries, may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the Intermediate Free skate Program is five (5), three (3) of which must be in the landing position. The combination spin must have a minimum of four (4) revolutions on each foot. The third spin element is the choice of the skater, but must be held for at least five (5) revolutions.

Step Sequence: The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step 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.

174. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 3681 - Juvenile and Open Juvenile Singles Well-Balanced Program (page 120) amend by deleting the Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Program Requirements in Rule 3681 and substitute the following:

Jumps:

Maximum of six (6) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel-type jump).

Spins:

Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin and one a combination spin with at least one change of position).

Steps: Maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

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

Jumps Generally: No triple jumps are permitted.

Jump Combinations and Jump Sequences: Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See “Remarks: Senior Free skate Program” for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Jump Repetitions: No double jump may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, that jump must be in combination or sequence. No more than three different jumps may be repeated in the program.

Spins: The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the Juvenile or Open Juvenile Free skate Program is four (4), a minimum two (2) of which must be in the landing position. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin is eight (8) total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. The third spin element is the choice of the skater, but must be held for at least four (4) revolutions.

Step Sequence: The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step 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.”

175. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 4060 – Novice Pairs program duration (page 136) to amend by adding 15 additional seconds to the Novice Pair Short Program, changing it from 2:15 seconds maximum to 2:30 seconds maximum.

176. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 4062 - Novice Pair Well-Balanced Free skate Program (pages 137-138) amend to read as follows:

The Novice Pair Free Well-Balanced Free skate program shall consist of:

Lifts: Maximum of three (3) lifts, one of which must be from group 3 or 4. Variation of the lady’s position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are permitted.

Twist Lift: Maximum one (1) twist lift.

Throw Jumps: Maximum two (2) different throw jumps, single, double or triple.

Solo Jump: Maximum one (1) solo jump.

Jump Combination or Jump Sequence: Maximum one (1) jump combination or jump sequence. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two (2). The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Pair Spin: Maximum one (1) pair spin. Minimum five (5) revolutions.

Side-by-Side (Solo) Spin: Maximum one (1) side-by-side (solo) spin. Minimum five (5) revolutions.

Death Spiral: Maximum one (1) death spiral with at least one-half revolution by the lady after the pivot position has been attained by the man. The death spiral must have a regular one-hand hold.

Step Sequence: Maximum one (1) step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) fully utilizing the ice surface.

177. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 4071 - Intermediate Pair Well-Balanced Free skate Program (page 138) to amend as follows:

The Intermediate Pair Well-Balanced Free skate Program shall consist of:

Lifts: Maximum two (2) lifts. [Language starting at the second sentence and continuing to the end of existing rule stays the same—see 4071 (A).]

Twist Lift: Maximum one (1) twist lift (single).

Throw Jump: Maximum two (2) different throw jumps, single or double.

Solo Jump: Maximum one (1) solo jump.

Jump Combination or Jump Sequence: Maximum one (1) jump combination or jump sequence. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two (2). The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Pair Spin: Maximum one (1) pair spin. Minimum four (4) revolutions.

Side-by-Side (Solo) Spin: Maximum one (1) side-by-side (solo) spin. Minimum five (5) revolutions.

Death Spiral: Maximum one (1) death or pivot spiral.

Step Sequence: Maximum one (1) step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) fully utilizing the ice surface.

178. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 4080 - Juvenile Pair (page 139) revise by adding 15 seconds to the Juvenile Pair Free skate Program Duration, changing it from 2:15 to 2:30 +/- 10 seconds.

179. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

TR 39.02 - Juvenile Pair Test (page 294) amend by adding 15 seconds to the Juvenile Pair Test, changing it from 2:15 to 2:30 +/- 10 seconds.

180. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

4081 - Juvenile Pair Well-Balanced Free skate Program (page 139) amend to read as follows:

4081 Juvenile Pair Well-Balanced Free skate Program shall consist of:

Lifts: Maximum two (2) lifts. [Second sentence remains the same—see 4081 (A).]

Throw Jump: Maximum one (1) throw jump, single only.

Solo Jump: Maximum one (1) solo jump.

Jump Combination or Jump Sequence: Maximum one (1) jump combination or jump sequence. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two (2). The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

Pair Spin: Maximum one (1) pair spin. Minimum three (3) revolutions.

Side-by-Side (Solo) Spin: Maximum one (1) side-by-side (solo) spin. Minimum four (4) revolutions.

Death or Pivot Spiral: Maximum one (1) death or pivot spiral.

Step Sequence: Maximum one (1) step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) fully utilizing the ice surface.”

181. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 4090 - Pre-Juvenile Pairs (page 139) amend by adding 30 seconds to the Pre-Juvenile Pair Free skate Program, changing it from 1:30 to 2:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds.

182. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rules 2030-through 2064 Marking (pages 40-44) revise as follows:

In Rules 2031 through 2064 substitute the words “technical elements” for the words “required elements” or “technical merit” where those references are found; and substitute the word “program components” for the word “presentation” where those references are found.

183. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 2031 – Marking of Singles Short Program (page 40) amend by deleting the language of 2031 and substitute the following:

In the singles short program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for technical elements (formerly “required elements”) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly “presentation”).

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each technical element with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to -3, and shall mark each separate component on a scale of 0.25 to 10 at .25 point increments. See [insert cross reference to competitions rule section].

184. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 2032 and 2033 – Marking of Singles Short Program (page 40) amend by deleting the present language and substitute the following:

Rule 2032 In marking the technical elements of the short program, the following must be considered:

All phases of each technical element

Jumps: preparation, take-off, rotation (flight) and landing.

Jump Combinations: the four phases of each jump in the combination must be taken into account, as well as the transition into each jump.

Spins and Spin Combinations: preparation, entry, rotation and exit.

Step/Spiral Step Sequences: pattern, speed and flow, control and commitment of whole body to the accuracy of the steps, extension and flexibility.

The quality of each phase of each technical element, taking into account at the very minimum

Jumps: the height, length, technique and the clean starting and landing of the jumps, as well as the preparation for the jump is considered in assessing the jump's quality

Jump Combination: the proper execution of the two jumps in relation to their difficulty

Spins: quality of the required positions, strong and well-controlled rotation, number of revolutions in the required position, speed of rotation (in fast spins), centering of the spin. In flying spins, the height of the jump, the position in the air and the control on the landing

Step and spiral sequence: difficulty and variety of the steps used, the carriage and smooth flow of the movement in conformity to the character and rhythm music, extension of spiral positions, ability to hold the edge and to exhibit a variety of spiral positions

Overall movement: speed.

The severity of the error(s) within each technical element.

Rule 2033 In marking the *program components* of the short program, the following must be considered:

Skating Skills

Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns, etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

Criteria:

- Balance and rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
- Flow and effortless glide
- Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
- Power/energy and acceleration
- Mastery of multidirectional skating
- Mastery of one foot skating

Transitions/Linking Footwork and Movement

Definition: The varied and/or intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements. This also includes the entrances into and exits from all technical elements.

Criteria:

- Variety
- Difficulty
- Intricacy
- Quality

Performance/Execution

Definition:

Performance: The involvement of the skater or pair physically, emotionally and intellectually as the skater or pair translates the intent of the music and the choreography.

Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery. In pair skating, this includes the harmony of movement.

Criteria:

- Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
- Carriage
- Style and individuality/personality
- Clarity of movement
- Variety and contrast
- Projection

Choreography/Composition

Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

Criteria:

- Purpose—idea, concept, vision
- Proportion—equal weight of parts of the program
- Unity—purposeful threading
- Utilization of personal and public space
- Pattern and ice coverage
- Phrasing and form—movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music
- Originality of purpose, movement and design

Interpretation

Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

Criteria:

- Effortless movement in time to the music (timing)
- Expression of music's style, character and rhythm
- Use of finesse to reflect the nuances of the music. Finesse is the skater's refined, artful manipulation of nuances. Nuances are the personal, artistic ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of music made by the composer and/or the musicians."

185. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 2040 - Marking of Singles Free skate (page 42) delete the present language and substitute the following:

Rule 2041 In the singles free skate program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for *technical elements* (formerly "technical merit") and the second mark shall be for *program components* (formerly "presentation").

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each technical element with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to -3 and shall mark each separate component on a scale of 0.25 to 10 at 0.25 point increments. See [insert cross reference to competitions rule section].

186. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 2042 and 2043 - Marking of Singles Free skate (page 42) delete the present language and substitute the following:

Rule 2042 In marking the technical elements of the free skate program, the following must be considered:

All phases of each technical element

Jumps: preparation, take-off, rotation (flight) and landing.

Jump Combinations and Jump Sequences: the four phases of each jump in the combination or sequence must be taken into account, as well as the transition into each jump.

Spins and Spin Combinations: preparation, entry, rotation and exit.

Step/Spiral Step Sequences: pattern, speed and flow, control and commitment of whole body to the accuracy of the steps, extension and flexibility.

The quality of each phase of each technical element, taking into account at the very minimum

Jumps: the height, length, technique and the clean starting and landing of the jumps, as well as the preparation for the jump is considered in assessing the jump's quality

Jump Combination: the proper execution of the two jumps in relation to their difficulty

Spins: quality of the required positions, strong and well-controlled rotation, number of revolutions in the required position, speed of rotation (in fast spins), centering of the spin. In flying spins, the height of the jump, the position in the air and the control on the landing

Step and spiral sequence: difficulty and variety of the steps used, the carriage and smooth flow of the movement in conformity to the character and rhythm music, extension of spiral positions, ability to hold the edge and to exhibit a variety of spiral positions

Overall movement: speed.

The severity of the error(s) within each technical element.

Rule 2043 In marking the program components of the free skate program, the following must be considered:

Skating Skills

Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns, etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

Criteria:

- Balance and rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
- Flow and effortless glide
- Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
- Power/energy and acceleration
- Mastery of multidirectional skating
- Mastery of one foot skating

Transitions/Linking Footwork and Movement

Definition: The varied and/or intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements. This also includes the entrances into and exits from all technical elements.

Criteria:

- Variety
- Difficulty
- Intricacy
- Quality

Performance/Execution

Definition:

Performance: The involvement of the skater or pair physically, emotionally and intellectually as the skater or pair translates the intent of the music and the choreography.

Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery. In pair skating, this includes the harmony of movement.

Criteria:

- Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
- Carriage
- Style and individuality/personality
- Clarity of movement
- Variety and contrast
- Projection

Choreography/Composition

Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

Criteria:

- Purpose—idea, concept, vision
- Proportion—equal weight of parts of the program
- Unity—purposeful threading
- Utilization of personal and public space
- Pattern and ice coverage
- Phrasing and form—movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music
- Originality of purpose, movement and design

Interpretation

Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

Criteria:

- Effortless movement in time to the music (timing)
- Expression of music's style, character and rhythm
- Use of finesse to reflect the nuances of the music. Finesse is the skater's refined, artful manipulation of nuances. Nuances are the personal, artistic ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of music made by the composer and/or the musicians."

187. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

Rule 2050 - Marking of the Pairs Short Program and Rule 2060 - Marking of the Pairs Free skate Program (pages 43-44) amend as follows:

(The proposed change substitutes the following language for the cross reference and reference to the second mark for singles (Rule 2051: delete cross-reference to Rule 2032 and 2033 and insert new language below; Rule 2061: delete the cross-reference to 2040 and substitute a cross-reference to the proposed new language in Rule 2051)):

In marking the program components of the pairs short program, the following must be considered:

Skating Skills

Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns, etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

Criteria:

- Balance and rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
- Flow and effortless glide
- Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
- Power/energy and acceleration
- Mastery of multidirectional skating
- Mastery of one foot skating
- Equal mastery of technique by both partners shown in unison

Transitions/Linking Footwork and Movement

Definition: The varied and/or intricate footwork, positions, movements and holds that link all elements. This also includes the entrances into and exits from all technical elements.

Criteria:

- Variety
- Difficulty
- Intricacy
- Quality and Unison
- Balance of workload between partners

Performance/Execution

Definition:

Performance: The involvement of the pair physically, emotionally and intellectually as the pair translates the intent of the music and the choreography.

Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery, including the harmony of movement.

Criteria:

- Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
- Carriage
- Style and individuality/personality
- Clarity of movement
- Variety and contrast
- Projection
- Unison and oneness
- Balance in performance
- Spatial awareness between partners—management of the changes of distance between partners and management of changes in holds

Choreography/Composition

Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

Criteria:

- Purpose—idea, concept, vision
- Proportion—equal weight of parts of the program
- Unity—purposeful threading
- Utilization of personal and public space
- Pattern and ice coverage
- Phrasing and form—movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music

Originality of purpose, movement and design
Shared responsibility in achieving purpose

Interpretation

Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

Criteria:

Effortless movement in time to the music (timing)
Expression of music's style, character and rhythm
Use of finesse to reflect the nuances of the music. "Finesse" is the pair's refined, artful manipulation of nuances. "Nuances" are the personal, artistic ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of music made by the composer and/or the musicians.
Relationship between the partners reflecting the character of the music."

188. APPROVED - Singles & Pairs Committee

The following rewrite of the rules is necessary as Exhibit F was approved

Strike the Singles and Pairs Committee Rules [SPCR] and insert separate rules for the Pairs Committee [PCR] and the Singles Committee [SICR]:

Singles and Pairs Committee

~~SPCR 1.00~~ **Authority**

~~SPCR 1.01~~ The Singles and Pairs Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the USFSA Bylaws.

~~SPCR 2.00~~ **Organization**

~~SPCR 2.01~~ The Singles and Pairs Committee shall consist of the chair, a vice chair for singles, a vice chair for pairs and such other members as are appointed in accordance with Article XX of the USFSA Bylaws.

~~SPCR 2.02~~ In order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the Singles and Pairs, Judges and Competition Committees, the chair of each committee shall be an ex officio member of the other.

Pairs Committee

PCR 1.00 Authority

PCR 1.01 The Pairs Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the USFSA Bylaws.

PCR 2.00 Organization

PCR 2.01 The Pairs Committee shall consist of the chair and such other members as are appointed in accordance with Article XX of the USFSA Bylaws.

PCR 2.02 In order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the Pairs, Singles, Judges and Competition Committees, the chair of each committee shall be an ex officio member of the other.

Singles Committee

SICR 1.00 Authority

SICR 1.01 The Singles Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the USFSA Bylaws.

SICR 2.00 Organization

SICR 2.01 The Singles Committee shall consist of the chair and such other members as are appointed in accordance with Article XX of the USFSA Bylaws.

SICR 2.02 In order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation between the Pairs, Singles, Judges and Competition Committees, the chair of each committee shall be an ex officio member of the other.

189. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 4611 (G) Synchronized Team Skating (page 169) amend last sentence to read:

...Assisted vaults are considered as assisted jumps. Assisted vaults performed as forward or backward somersaults (flip-overs) are allowed in senior and junior free skate only.

190. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 2081 through 2092 Marking of Synchronized Team Skating Short Programs (pages 46 – 47) to substitute as requested in the following:

In rules 2081 through 2092, substitute the words “technical elements” for the words “required elements” or “technical merit” where found; and substitute the word “program components” for the word “presentation” where found.

191. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 2081 Marking of Synchronized Team Skating Short Programs (page 46) delete the language of the first paragraph and replace with the following two paragraphs:

In the synchronized skating short program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for technical elements (formerly “required elements” and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly “presentation”).

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each technical element with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to -3, and shall mark each separate component on a scale of .25 to 10 at .25 point increments. See [insert cross reference to competitions rule section].

192. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 2081 Marking of Synchronized Team Skating Short Programs (page 46) substitute new language for existing rule 2081 (A) and 2081 (B) to read as follows:

- A. In marking the technical elements of the short program, the following must be considered:
1. Block: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness) and lines, quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of changes of axis, pattern.
 2. Circle: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of a control of rotation including quality of change of rotation - clockwise to counter clockwise, quality of steps used while changing direction, quality of traveling.
 3. Line: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness) and lines, quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of pivoting.
 4. Wheel: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of a control of rotation including quality of change of rotation - clockwise to counter clockwise, quality of steps used while changing direction, quality of traveling.
 5. Intersection: Quality of basic skating /edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/ formations pattern, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of turns, moves, steps at the point of intersection, timing at the point of intersection.
 6. Moves in the Field: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality of free skate moves, quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of body position.

7. No Hold Step Sequence: type, quality and difficulty of the step sequence, distance/spacing between the skaters, the shape of the block, cleanness of edges, speed, lineup of skaters, ice coverage, pattern, flow, individual skills, and unison.
8. Spin: Quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of entry /exit, quality of entry speed, speed of rotation, quality of centering, unison in spinning and body movements, quality of body position.
9. Transitions: Quality of Transitions within an Element (between formations): speed, quality and time to set up a new formation, the distance teams' move apart from each other during a transition, type and quality of connecting steps.

B. In marking the components of the short program, the following must be considered:

1. Skating Skills
 - a. Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns, etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.
 - b. Criteria:
 - i. Balance, rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
 - ii. Flow and effortless glide
 - iii. Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
 - iv. Power/energy and acceleration
 - v. Multidirectional skating
 - vi. Balance in skating ability of individual skaters
2. Transitions (Linking Steps, Formations and other connecting elements)
 - a. Definition: The varied and/or intricate footwork (steps), and formations linking all synchronized skating elements, including the entrances and exits of elements. The transitions can also be seamless and fast.
 - b. Criteria:
 - i. Variety
 - ii. Difficulty (including Unison)
 - iii. Quality
 - iv. Intricacy
 - v. Variation of speed of linking steps/formations
 - vi. Variation of changes of directions and holds
 - vii. Difficulty and variety of entrances/exits from elements/preparation phase
3. Performance/Execution
 - a. Definition:

Performance: The involvement of the team (skaters) physically, emotionally and intellectually as they translate the intent of the music and the choreography.

Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery. This also includes a harmony of movements.
 - b. Criteria:
 - i. Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
 - ii. Carriage and body alignment
 - iii. Style and teams personality
 - iv. Clarity of movement
 - v. Variety and contrast
 - vi. Projection
 - vii. Unison, synchronization and spatial awareness
 - viii. Balance in performance within a team; relationship between skaters
4. Choreography/Composition
 - a. Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.
 - b. Criteria:

- i. Purpose—idea, concept, vision
 - ii. Proportion—equal weight of parts
 - iii. Unity—purposeful threading
 - iv. Utilization of personal and public space
 - v. Pattern and ice coverage
 - vi. Phrasing and form—movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music
 - vii. Originality of purpose, movement and design
 - viii. Shared responsibility in achieving purpose
5. Interpretation of the Music
- Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.
- Criteria:
- i. Effortless movement in time to the music (timing)
 - ii. Expression of music’s style, character and rhythm
 - iii. Use of finesse to reflect the nuances of the music. Finesse is the teams’s refined, artful manipulation of nuances. Nuances are the personal, artistic ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of music made by the composer and/or the musicians.
 - iv. Relationship between the skaters reflecting the character of the music.

193. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 2091 Marking of Synchronized Team Skating Free skate (page 47) delete the language of 2091 and substitute the following:

In the synchronized team free skate program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see 2011). The first mark shall be for technical elements (formerly “technical merit”) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly “presentation”).

For those events that are judged under the ISU Judging System, the rules for marking as established by that body shall apply. The judge shall mark each technical element with a Grade of Execution in a range from +3 to –3 and shall mark each separate component on a scale of .25 to 10 at .25 point increments. See [insert cross reference to competitions rule section].

194. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 2092 Marking of Synchronized Team Skating Free skate (page 47-48) delete the existing language of 2092 (A) and (B) and replace with the following:

A. In marking the technical elements of the free skate program, the following must be considered:

1. Block: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness) and lines, quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of changes of axis, pattern.
2. Circle: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of a control of rotation including quality of change of rotation (clockwise to counter clockwise), quality of steps used while changing direction (rotation), quality of traveling.
3. Line: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness) and lines, quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of pivoting.
4. Wheel: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes / configurations, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot

placement, arms movement etc.), quality of a control of rotation including quality of change of rotation - clockwise to counter clockwise, quality of steps used while changing direction (rotation), quality of traveling.

5. Intersection: Quality of basic skating/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/formations pattern, quality of spacing/distance between skaters (closeness), quality of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of turns, moves, steps at the point of intersection, timing at the point of intersection.

6. Spin: Quality of spacing / distance between skaters (closeness), quality of entry/exit, quality of entry speed, speed of rotation, quality of centering, unison in spinning and body movements, quality of body position.

7. Movements in Isolation: Quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges including also quality of changes in direction (skating forwards and backwards), quality and variety of shapes/configurations, quality of spacing/distance between isolated movements and skaters, quality of holds and change of holds, speed, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.), quality of used free skate moves and free skate elements, carriage of the skaters in isolation (lifted skaters), quality of symmetry, quality of jumps and lifts.

8. Pair element: Quality of spacing/distance between pairs (closeness), quality of basic skating, steps, turns/edges, flow, unison (including free foot placement, arms movement etc.) quality of used free skate moves and free skate elements, quality of body position.

9. Transitions: Quality of Transitions within an Element (between formations): speed, quality and time to set up a new formation, the distance teams move apart from each other during a transition, type and quality of connecting steps.

B. In marking the components of the free skate program, the following must be considered:

1. Skating Skills

a. Definition: Overall skating quality: edge control and flow over the ice surface demonstrated by a command of the skating vocabulary (edges, steps, turns, etc.), the clarity of technique and the use of effortless power to accelerate and vary speed.

b. Criteria:

- i. Balance and rhythmic knee action and precision of foot placement
- ii. Flow and effortless glide
- iii. Cleanness and sureness of deep edges, steps and turns
- iv. Power/energy and acceleration
- v. Multidirectional skating
- vi. Balance in skating ability of individual skaters

2. Transitions(Linking Steps, Formations and other connecting elements)

a. Definition: The varied and/or intricate footwork (steps), and formations linking all synchronized skating elements, including the entrances and exits of elements. The transitions can also be seamless and fast.

b. Criteria:

- i. Variety
- ii. Difficulty (including Unison)
- iii. Quality
- iv. Intricacy
- v. Variation of speed of linking steps/formations
- vi. Variation of changes of directions and holds
- vii. Difficulty and variety of entrances/exits from elements/preparation phase

3. Performance/Execution

a. Definition:

Performance: The involvement of the team (skaters) physically, emotionally and intellectually as they translate the intent of the music and the choreography.

Execution: The quality of movement and precision in delivery. This also includes a harmony of movements

- b. Criteria:
 - i. Physical, emotional and intellectual involvement
 - ii. Carriage and body alignment
 - iii. Style and teams personality
 - iv. Clarity of movement
 - v. Variety and contrast
 - vi. Projection
 - vii. Unison, synchronization and spatial awareness
 - viii. Balance in performance within a team; relationship between skaters

4. Choreography/Composition

- a. Definition: An intentional, developed and/or original arrangement of all types of movements according to the principles of proportion, unity, space, pattern, structure and phrasing.

- b. Criteria:
 - i. Purpose—idea, concept, vision
 - ii. Proportion—equal weight of parts of the program
 - iii. Unity—purposeful threading
 - iv. Utilization of personal and public space
 - v. Pattern and ice coverage
 - vi. Phrasing and form—movements and parts structured to match the phrasing of the music
 - vii. Originality of purpose, movement and design
 - viii. Shared responsibility in achieving purpose

5. Interpretation

- a. Definition: The personal and creative translation of the music to movement on ice.

- b. Criteria:
 - i. Effortless movement in time to the music (timing)
 - ii. Expression of music's style, character and rhythm
 - iii. Use of finesse to reflect the nuances of the music. Finesse is the team's refined, artful manipulation of nuances. Nuances are the personal, artistic ways of bringing subtle variations to the intensity, tempo, and dynamics of music made by the composer and/or the musicians.
 - iv. Relationship between the partners reflecting the character of the music.

195. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rules 4681, 4691, 4701, 4711, 4721, 4731, 4741, 4751, 4761, 4771, 4781 and 4791 Well-Balanced Free skate (pages 185-188)

to replace the existing wording of the current Well Balanced programs with the proposed wording in items A through L of this request for action:

Item A Novice Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4681 and replace with the following:

A well balanced novice free skate program must contain the following seven (7) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element
- One (1) movement in isolation

Item B Intermediate Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4691 and replace with the following:

A well balanced intermediate free skate program must contain the following seven (7) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element
- One (1) movement in isolation

Item C Juvenile Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4701 and replace with the following:

A well balanced juvenile free skate program must contain the following six (6) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item D Preliminary Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4711 and replace with the following:

A well balanced preliminary free skate program must contain the following five (5) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- One (1) intersection element (forwards only)
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item E Collegiate Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4721 and replace with the following:

A well balanced collegiate free skate program must contain the following eleven (11) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element
- Two (2) movements in isolation
- One (1) no hold step sequence
- One (1) spin element
- One (1) pair element

Item F Adult Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4731 and replace with the following:

A well balanced Adult free skate program must contain the following seven (7) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element
- One (1) movement in isolation

Item G Masters Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4741 and replace with the following:

A well balanced Masters free skate program must contain the following six (6) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item H Junior Classic Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4751 and replace with the following:

A well balanced junior classic free skate program must contain the following nine (9) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- Two (2) intersection elements
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element
- One (1) movements in isolation
- One (1) no hold step sequence
- One (1) spin element

Item I Youth Introductory Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4761 and replace with the following:

A well balanced youth introductory free skate program must contain the following five (5) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- One (1) intersection element (forwards only)
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item J Teen Introductory Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4771 and replace with the following:

A well balanced teen introductory free skate program must contain the following five (5) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- One (1) intersection element
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item K Adult Introductory Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4781 and replace with the following:

A well balanced adult introductory free skate program must contain the following five (5) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- One (1) intersection element
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

Item L Collegiate Introductory Well Balanced Program

Delete the wording of Rule 4791 and replace with the following:

A well balanced collegiate introductory free skate program must contain the following five (5) elements:

- One (1) block element
- One (1) circle element
- One (1) intersection element
- One (1) line element
- One (1) wheel element

196. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rules 4750, 4760, 4770, 4780 and 4790 (pages 187-188) amend to reflect the following names changes

For complete summary of all synchronized changes see Appendix D in the meeting book

A: For rule 4750 and throughout the rulebook, replace the term Junior Classic with Open Junior.

B.: For rule 4760, and throughout the rulebook, replace the term Youth Introductory with Pre-juvenile.

C.: For rule 4770, and throughout the rulebook, replace the term Teen Introductory with Open Juvenile.

D.: For rule 4780, and throughout the rulebook, replace the term Adult Introductory with Open Adult.

E.: For rule 4790, and throughout the rulebook, replace the term Collegiate Introductory with Open Collegiate.

197. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 4790 (page 188) amend to change the program duration for collegiate introductory from 2:30 minutes to 3:00 minutes.

198. REFERRED BACK TO THE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMMITTEE

Rule 4720 (page 186) amend to change the required number of skaters in the collegiate level from 12-20 skaters to 16-20 skaters.

199. APPROVED item 389 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Synchronized Team Skating Committee**] with modification

Rule 4720 (page 186) to amend by changing the test requirement for the collegiate level from None to the Preliminary Moves in the Field test in the 2005-2006 season and Juvenile Moves in the Field test to begin in the 2006-2007 season.

200. REFERRED BACK TO THE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMMITTEE (including also studying changing the maximum age to 15 years of age).

Rule 4680 (page 185) amend to change the age requirement for novice from 14 years of age or younger to 16 years of age or younger.

201. APPROVED - Synchronized Team Skating Committee

Rule 4700 (page 185) amend to change the age requirement for juvenile from 11 years of age or younger to 12 years of age or younger.

202. APPROVED item 392 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Synchronized Team Skating Committee**] with modification

Change the moves in the field test requirements as follows:

Item	Rule	Level	Current Requirement	Proposed Requirement
A	4660	Senior	Intermediate	Novice
B	4670	Junior	Juvenile	Intermediate
C	4680	Novice	Pre Juvenile	Juvenile
D	4690	Intermediate	Preliminary	Pre Juvenile
E	4700	Juvenile	Pre Preliminary	Preliminary
F	4730	Adult	None	<u>Preliminary or Adult Bronze Moves or Preliminary Dance or Preliminary Figure</u>
G	4720	Collegiate	None	<u>Preliminary for 2005-2006 and Juvenile beginning 2006-2007</u>
H	4750	Junior Classic	None	Preliminary
I	4770	Teen Introductory	None	Pre Preliminary

203. APPROVED – Tests Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting] to amend TR9.01 to read:

The test chair or duly authorized representative of the member club shall collect and remit a standardized registration fee to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters of \$3.00 per test if the test is registered online or \$4.00 per test if the test is manually submitted via the Test Report Form. In the case of pair, compulsory dance and free dance tests, each candidate will be assessed the appropriate test fee. In the case of synchronized skating tests, only one fee shall be paid per team.

204. APPROVED - Tests Committee

TR 1.01 Authority, Organization and Responsibility (page 255) as Exhibit E was approved to amend as follows:

The Tests Committee is a ~~special-permanent~~ committee ~~appointed by the president in accordance with~~ pursuant to Article XVII, Section ~~5-1~~ of the USFSA Bylaws.

205. APPROVED - Tests Committee

TR 1.021 Authority, Organization and Responsibility (page 255) to amend as follows

The chair of the Tests Committee shall be an ex officio member of the Dance, Judges, ~~Singles and Pairs~~, Pairs, Singles and Synchronized Team Skating Committees and the chairs of these committees shall be ex officio members of the Tests Committee.

206. APPROVED - Tests Committee

TR 1.04 (A) Authority, Organization and Responsibility (page 255) to amend as follows:

(A) Be responsible for the administration of the test rules; for testing procedures and the conduct of all tests; for the determination of USFSA test fees to be charged; and for all other matters common to tests not specifically delegated to the Dance, ~~Singles and Pairs~~, Pairs, Singles, Synchronized Team Skating and Judges Committees.

207. APPROVED – Tests Committee

to amend TR 2.01 (A) and all other rules pertaining to the age for taking adult tests as shown:

To qualify for any adult test, the candidate must be ~~twenty five (25)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult test within the classification unless otherwise specified within these rules.

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (Group 4)

208. APPROVED item 401 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Audit Committee (New)**] with modification to the item shown below

ACR 1.00 Authority

ACR 1.01 The Audit Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the USFSA Bylaws.

ACR 2.00 Organization

ACR 2.01 The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, a majority of whom shall not be members of the Board of Directors.

ACR 2.02 The President shall appoint the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ACR 2.03 Each member of the Audit Committee must:

- A.** Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment.
- B.** Meet any other requirements for independence, expertise or qualifications as set forth in policies and procedures to be established by and for the Audit Committee.

ACR 2.04 The members of the Audit Committee shall designate the Chair of the Committee.

ACR 3.00 Responsibility

ACR 3.01 The Audit Committee shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving the financial reporting, internal control, auditing, tax return and related legal compliance functions of USFSA.

ACR 3.02 The jurisdiction of the Audit Committee shall include activities pertaining to oversight of:

- A.** The integrity of the USFSA financial statements and financial and tax reporting, including review of the financial reporting and accounting standards and principles of USFSA.
- B.** The qualifications, selection, engagement and independence of the USFSA independent auditors.
- C.** The performance of the USFSA independent and internal audit functions.

ACR 3.03 In order to fully and properly discharge its responsibilities, the Audit Committee shall establish written policies and procedures that are reasonable, necessary and customary for an audit committee of a national nonprofit organization to include, but not by way of limitation, which pertain to:

- A.** The qualifications and expertise of its members.
- B.** Frequency of meetings of the Committee and procedures for the conduct of meetings.

- C. Review of matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee and discussion thereof with management, staff, and the independent auditor of USFSA.
- D. The manner and means of carrying out the responsibilities and duties of the Committee in accordance with the Bylaws of USFSA and applicable law.
- E. Reporting to the USFSA Board of Directors and Governing Council.
- F. The proper means of protecting confidential information and any matter that comes to the attention of and/or is dealt with by the Committee in carrying out matters within its jurisdiction.

209. APPROVED - Compensation Committee [New]

As Exhibit M was approved the following are the proposed rules for the Compensation Committee:

CCR 1.00 Authority

CCR 1.01 The Compensation Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the USFSA Bylaws.

CCR 2.00 Organization

CCR 2.01 The Compensation Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors.

CCR 2.02 The President shall appoint the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

CCR 2.03 Each member of the Compensation Committee must:

- A. Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment.
- B. Meet any other qualifications as set forth in policies and procedures to be established by and for the Compensation Committee.

CCR 2.04 The President shall appoint the Chair of the Compensation Committee.

CCR 3.00 Responsibility

CCR 3.01 The Compensation Committee shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving (i) the selection of the Executive Director, (ii) the compensation structure and evaluation process for the Executive Director of USFSA, and (iii) policies concerning compensation and benefit programs offered to USFSA employees.

CCR 3.02 In order to fully and properly discharge its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee shall establish written policies and procedures that are reasonable, necessary and customary a compensation committee of a national nonprofit organization to include, but not by way of limitation, which pertain to:

- A. The qualifications and expertise of its members.
- B. Frequency of meetings of the Committee and procedures for the conduct of meetings.
- C. Review of matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee and discussion thereof with the officers and Board of Directors of USFSA, including periodic review and analysis of the reasonableness of the USFSA executive compensation structure and the USFSA compensation and benefits programs, using relevant market benchmarks and survey data.
- D. The manner and means of carrying out the responsibilities and duties of the Committee in accordance with the Bylaws of USFSA and applicable law.
- E. Reporting to the USFSA Board of Directors and Governing Council.
- F. The proper means of protecting confidential information and any matter that comes to the attention of and/or is dealt with by the Committee in carrying out matters within its jurisdiction.

**210. APPROVED – Ethics Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]
to amend ECR 3.07 as follows:**

ECR 3.07 The vice president involved may suspend the Respondent pending the hearing contemplated by Article XXVII, Section 3(b) of the USFSA Bylaws if applicable law, including the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, does not otherwise prohibit such action. If a Grievance is initiated against a Respondent USFSA member who is also a member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), the vice president shall confer with the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair prior to any suspension, but may impose the suspension regardless of the outcome of the conference.

**211. DID NOT APPROVE - General Rules – Exhibit H not approved by the Governing Council
GR 2.01 (B) Administration (page 204) to amend to redefine expense reimbursements to include the proposed Presidents' Council.**

GR 2.01 Expenses to Board of Directors meetings:

B. Expenses as defined in GR 2.02 for transportation, room and meals incurred by members of the Board of Directors and the Presidents' Council, other than honorary members.

**212. APPROVED – Grievance Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]
to amend GCR 3.02 by the addition of an item E as follows:**

E. USFSA and PSA Combined Grievance: If a Grievance is initiated against a Respondent USFSA member who is also a member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), and the alleged violation(s) pertain(s) to the Respondent's actions in a coaching capacity, the USFSA Grievance Chair shall so notify the PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair with a copy thereof. Upon review of the allegations, the USFSA Grievance Chair and the PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair shall decide whether the Grievance shall be a Combined Grievance and processed pursuant to Article XXVII of the USFSA Bylaws. If the USFSA Grievance Chair and the PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair shall decide the Grievance shall not be a Combined Grievance, the USFSA Grievance Chair shall process the Grievance statement in accordance with USFSA Bylaws and Grievance and Ethics Committee Rules. When the USFSA Grievance Chair and PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair determine that the Grievance is a Combined Grievance, the USFSA Grievance Chair and PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair shall process the Combined Grievance as follows:

1. If it is determined that the Combined Grievance is to proceed to a Hearing, the Chair of the USFSA Grievance Committee shall select a Hearing Panel in accordance with GCR 3.04 and ECR 3.09. This Hearing Panel shall have at least one third (1/3) of its members current PSA and USFSA members.
2. The PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair shall participate in the Combined Grievance process as an oversight official and as the representative of the PSA.
3. The Hearing shall follow all USFSA Bylaws, Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee rules and procedures.
4. A decision by the Hearing Panel shall become effective pursuant to both the USFSA Bylaws and Grievance and Ethics Committee Rules and PSA Rules and any appeal(s) therefrom may be taken in accordance with such rules.
5. An appeal within the USFSA may be filed in accordance with USFSA Article XXVII Section 3 (c), Section 3 (d), and Grievance Committee Rules.

**213. APPROVED Grievance Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]
to amend GCR 9.01 as follows:**

GCR 9.01 Confidentiality concerning the commencement and subject of a Grievance and of the Grievance proceeding is to be maintained by all parties and participants therein Once there is a final decision arising from a Grievance, the information to be published by the USFSA shall be limited to the following:

- A. The names(s) of the Grievant(s) and Respondent(s);
- B. The nature of the Grievance and the USFSA bylaw or rule alleged to have been violated;
- C. The outcome of the Grievance and discipline imposed, if any.

**214. APPROVED Grievance Committee [from the October 2004 Board of Directors meeting]
to add new GCR 9.02**

In addition to the confidentiality required by GCR 9.00 add the following

GCR 9.02 The identity and names of all Grievance Hearing Panelists and non-party witnesses shall remain confidential and shall not be released or published by any party or witness unless a panelist or non-party witness gives their express written consent to release or publish their name.

**215. APPROVED - Grievance Committee
GCR 9.00 - Publication (page 348) to amend as follows:**

Confidentiality; Publication

GCR 9.01 Confidentiality concerning the commencement and subject matter of a Grievance and of the Grievance proceeding ~~is to~~ shall be maintained by all parties and participants until the grievance process has become final ~~been completed. Once there is a final decision arising from a Grievance, the information to be published by the USFSA shall be limited to the following:~~

- ~~A. The name(s) of the Grievants and Respondent(s);~~
- ~~B. The nature of the Grievance and the USFSA bylaw or rule alleged to have been violated;~~
- ~~C. The outcome of the Grievance and discipline imposed, if any.~~

GCR 9.02 The identity and names of all Grievance Hearing Panelists and non-party witnesses shall at all times remain confidential and shall not be released or published by any party or witnesses unless a panelist or non-party witness gives their express written consent to release or publish their name.

Add the following:

GCR 9.03 Once there is a final decision arising from a Grievance, the USFSA shall publish the following information in Skating Magazine and on the USFSA website:

- A. The name(s) of the Grievant(s) and Respondent(s);
- B. The nature of the Grievance and the USFSA bylaw or rule alleged to have been violated;
- C. The outcome of the Grievance and discipline imposed, if any.

GCR 9.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing rules, the Grievance Hearing Panel may, as a part of its decision, impose confidentiality restrictions or other limitations on the ability of the parties, witnesses or other participants in the Grievance proceeding to disclose, release or publish information from or about the Grievance proceeding, if the Hearing Panel determines that circumstances warrant such restriction or limitations.

GCR 9.05 The confidentiality rules set forth herein are not intended, or to be interpreted or applied, to prevent a party to a Grievance proceeding from disclosing information from or about the Grievance proceeding in properly pursuing remedies legally available to such party in a forum in which the party in good faith believes there is proper jurisdiction.

216. APPROVED - Sanctions & Eligibility Committee

SR 8.05 Discipline, page 252 and new ER 10.XX to replace current SR 8.05 and create new ER 10.XX with the following:

No eligible USFSA athlete, nor any USFSA coach or official, may be declared ineligible to participate in any USFSA-sanctioned competition, or other competitions in which his or her rights have been accorded protection under the Sports Act, without first being provided fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested, in accordance with **USFSA Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee Rules and Procedures**.

217. APPROVED - Sanctions & Eligibility Committee

SR 8.01 Discipline, page 252 to replace existing language with the following language:

Eligible skaters who knowingly participate in an activity that requires USFSA sanction or approval, but which activity does not, in fact, have such sanction or approval, shall be subject to disciplinary action **under Article XXVII, Section 3 of the Bylaws** by the USFSA for such participation. Such discipline may include the loss of eligibility, after fair notice and opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested pursuant to **USFSA Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee Rules and Procedures**. The decision to discipline an eligible skater may be mitigated if the eligible skater establishes by a preponderance of the evidence, facts which demonstrate that, at the time of participation, he or she was under a good faith understanding from the sponsoring organization or individual that such activity had been properly sanctioned or approved.

218. APPROVED - Sanctions & Eligibility Committee

SR 8.02 and 8.05 Discipline, page 252 to revise SR 8.02 and SR 8.05 as it pertains to member clubs with the following to create new SR 8.02:

Any member club that violates a sanction or eligibility rule shall be subject to disciplinary action, **under Article XXVII, Section 3 of the Bylaws**, which may include the loss of member club status. In addition to any other disciplinary action that may be brought against it, any member club failing to secure a sanction for any event or activity requiring USFSA sanction or approval shall be restricted from hosting events or activities requiring a USFSA sanction or approval for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year.

219. APPROVED - Sanctions & Eligibility Committee

SR 8.04 and 8.05 Discipline, page 252 to replace current SR 8.04 and amend the provisions in current SR 8.05 as it pertains to eligible persons to create new SR 8.04:

Any eligible person who violates a USFSA sanction or eligibility rule is subject to the loss of eligibility or other disciplinary action. However, unless such person voluntarily relinquishes their eligibility, such person may not be declared ineligible or have their eligibility suspended without first being accorded fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested, in accordance with **USFSA Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee Rules and Procedures**. No discipline or other action affecting eligibility shall be taken under this provision if to do so would be a violation of the Sports Act or Article IX of the USOC ~~Constitution~~ Bylaws.

220. REFERRED to the Competitions Committee and to the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee item 409 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Sanctions & Eligibility Committee**] previously approved by the Board of Directors

ER 1.02 B Authority, Responsibilities and Definitions, page 191 revise to remove the following three (3) positions from the Eligible Official definition: (The Sanctions & Eligibility Committee vote favored removing only these three official types. This proposal was also balloted and approved by the Competitions Committee)

Ice Technician
Announcer
Music Coordinator

The language would read: USFSA officials, unless otherwise provided, shall be defined as: referees, judges and accountants.”

221. REFERRED to the Competitions Committee and to the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee item 410 from the May 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting [**Sanctions & Eligibility Committee**] previously approved by the Board of Directors

ER 8.00 Participation In USFSA Activities According to Eligibility Status, page 195-197 to add to all eligibility classifications ~~“May serve as a music coordinator, announcer and/or ice technician.”~~ “May serve as an official as follows and as otherwise provided: announcer, music coordinator and ice technicians.”

222. REFERRED to the Rules Committee item #1 of the actions taken by the Executive Committee at their April 9, 2005 meeting whereat the Executive Committee overturned their own action to establish a registration fee for Governing Council delegates and observers. [See item #39 in this Combined Report of Action]. The Rules Committee is to bring forth a Bylaws amendment at the 2006 Governing Council that would permit the establishment of a fee.

BUDGET, ELECTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

223. APPROVED the budget, as amended, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

224. ELECTED the following:

OFFICERS

President	Ron Hershberger
1st Vice President (Midwestern)	Gale Tanger
2 nd Vice President (Eastern)	Joan Rozolis
3 rd Vice President (Pacific Coast)	Charles Cyr
Secretary	Sharon Watson
Treasurer	Tony Morici

GROUP COORDINATORS

Athlete Services	Shawn Rettstatt
Membership Development	Kathy Slack
Technical	Lawrence Mondschein
Administrative/Legal	Patricia St. Peter

AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EASTERN	MIDWESTERN	PACIFIC COAST
Deveny Deck	Samuel Auxier	Janis Engel
Troy Goldstein	Ann Dougherty	Laurie Johnson
Kathaleen Kelly-Cutone	Lynn Goldman	Paula Naughton

Coaches

Scott Myers (Dance)
Heidi Thibert (Singles/Pairs)
Brooke Sloan (Synchronized)

225. RECEIVED the following as elected by the Athletes

To serve on the Executive Committee

Danielle Hartsell-Minnis
Brittney McConn Bottoms

Athlete Members of the Board of Directors

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Derrick Delmore	Brandon Forsyth	Amber Corwin

At-Large Athlete John Baldwin, Jr.

226. The President ACCEPTED the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs

Adult Skating	Antonio Conte
Athlete Development	Carolyn Kruse
Athlete Advisory	Danielle Hartsell-Minnis [elected by the athletes]
Coaches	Tammy Gambill
Collegiate Programs	Jennifer Marker Johnson
Competitions	Larry Kriwanek
Dance	John Cole
Ethics	Andrew Paterson
Grievance	Ann O'Keefe
International	Robert Horen
International Judges & Officials	Linda Leaver
Judges	Anne Cammett
Membership	Kathleen Krieger
Memorial Fund	Jan Serafine
Pairs	Will Smith
Parents	Edna Chang-Grant
Program Development	Terri Levine
Rules	Edward Mann
Sanctions & Eligibility	Wendy Millette
Singles	Tamie Campbell
Sports Science & Medicine	George Shybut, M.D.
Strategic Planning	Lois Long
Synchronized Team Skating	Dann Krueger

Special Committee Chairs

Protocol	Marie Pearce
Selections	Todd Bromley
Special Olympics	Linda Crowley
State Games	Don Mumper
Tests	Richard Kern

227. ANNOUNCED the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative	Gale Tanger
ISU Representative	Robert Horen

228. ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2006-2007:

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Elected by the Governing Council to serve a one year term		
Wendy Enzmann	Bette Todd	Robert Crowley
Elected by the Board of Directors to serve a two year term		
Deborah Weidman	Terrance Kollar	Jessica Gaynor
Elected by the Athletes to serve a one year term		
Erika Hoffman	Steve Hartsell	Justin Dillon
US Figure Skating Vice Presidents		
Joan Rozolis	Gale Tanger	Charles Cyr

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

229. REFERRED to the Competitions Committee and the Judges Committee a study on the following:

Rule 2600 – Selection Process-Assignment of Officials to Competition

Qualified Officials will be selected for competitions based on the Percentage Plan, by taking the total of number of officials available in the country divided into the number of qualified officials available per region and the resulting percentage is used to calculate the number of officials to be used per region.

230. APPROVED a revision to NCR 3.04 (I) to provide that the last date to nominate additional candidates to hold a U.S. Figure Skating office be moved back from May 1 to April 15.

231 APPROVED that U.S. Figure Skating may use the services of a professional search firm to identify possible candidates for the open position of executive director.

232. APPROVED that all paper ballots from this 2005 Governing Council meeting be destroyed upon the conclusion of the meeting.

233. APPROVED to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors during the year except those actions modified and amended by the Governing Council.