

JUDGES COMMITTEE GUIDELINES – revised 10/25/2012

Program Requirements for Dance

Must meet at least one of the following test or competition qualifications:

Standard Requirements	Accelerated Requirements	Advanced Requirements	Select Requirements
No qualifications needed	Tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete standard partnered pre-silver, silver or pre-gold pattern dance test; Complete adult partnered silver, pre-gold or gold pattern dance test 	Tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete standard partnered gold pattern dance test Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novice, junior or senior dance competitor at sectional championships; Championship dance competitor at the U.S. Adult Championships 	Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novice, junior or senior dance competitor at the U.S. Championships

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Nonqualifying Dance Competition Judge Appointment Guidelines

General Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Nonqualifying Dance Competition appointment is not a pre-requisite to obtaining a Novice Sectional Dance Competition appointment. Judges with a Nonqualifying Dance Competition appointment should be actively working toward obtaining a Bronze Dance Test appointment, if they have not obtained one already. Judges with a Nonqualifying Dance Competition appointment are qualified to judge all levels of ice dance and showcase events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel. The Nonqualifying Dance Competition appointment is valid for 24 months and is not renewable.
Criteria to Obtain Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointment	Must be an eligible, reinstated or readmitted person in good standing as defined in Rule ER 1.00, a current member of U.S. Figure Skating and 18 years of age or older. A person 17 years of age may be appointed as a Nonqualifying Dance Competition Judge provided said person has been actively trial judging for a minimum of six months.
Guidelines to Obtain Nonqualifying Dance Competition Appointment	Candidates for Nonqualifying Dance Competition Judge must be recommended for the appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate Regional Vice Chair (RVC) for Dance on the Judges Committee. The application is available online at: http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/JC-13%20Application%20for%20nonqualifying.doc .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires favorable endorsement of RVC Guidelines may be modified by SVC or chair. 	

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Novice Sectional Dance Competition Judge Appointment

Appointment Requirements	Must be a Silver Dance Test Judge or higher			
Trial Judging Eligibility	Judges can pursue Silver Dance Test and Novice Sectional Dance Competition appointments at the same time			
Judges School	Dance school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	Not required for Novice Sectional Dance Competition Judge appointment			
Judges Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
Official Competition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must demonstrate a commitment to being an active judge in both the testing and competition systems. • Should judge nonqualifying competitions throughout the year and not limit this activity only to competitions that offer trial judging opportunities. All competition activity should be tracked and submitted with application for appointment. 			
Trial Judge Competition Activity	Select	Advanced	Accelerated	Standard
Events to be Tried** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only IJS activity counts toward promotion 	Will be determined by the appropriate SVC and Judges Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One complete dance event at juvenile (PD & FD) level • One complete dance event at intermediate or novice (PD & FD) level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two complete dance events at juvenile (PD & FD) level • Two complete dance events at intermediate and novice (PD & FD) levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three complete dance events at juvenile (PD & FD) level • Two complete dance events at intermediate and novice (PD & FD) levels
Required Competitions to Trial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only IJS activity counts toward promotion 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must trial judge at least one qualifying competition: sectional championships, U.S. Junior Championships, or U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events). • Activity from an approved nonqualifying competition w/ JET can be submitted in lieu of a qualifying competition with permission from SVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must trial judge at least two qualifying competitions: sectional championships, U.S. Junior Championships, or U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events). • Activity from an approved nonqualifying competition w/ JET can be submitted in lieu of a qualifying competition with permission from SVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must trial judge at least two qualifying competitions: sectional championships, U.S. Junior Championships or U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events). Competitions can be in the same year. • Activity from an approved nonqualifying competition w/ JET can be submitted in lieu of a qualifying competition with permission from SVC.
Trial Judge Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated nonqualifying competitions, sectional championships (as a dance-only trial judge), U.S. Junior Championships, U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events) 			
<p>** If the JET determines only a portion of an event is to be trial judged due to scheduling conflicts, Element ID exercises, or any reason deemed appropriate, the event will be counted as a complete event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers and RVC • Guidelines may be modified by SVC or chair 				

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Sectional Dance Competition Judge Appointment

Appointment Requirements	Must be a Gold Dance Test Judge			
Trial Judging Eligibility	Judges can pursue Gold Dance Test and Sectional Dance Competition appointments at the same time			
Judges School	Dance school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	Not required for Sectional Dance Competition Judge appointment			
Judge Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
Official Competition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must judge at least one event at a major dance competition (as identified by a Sectional Vice Chair of Dance on the Judges Committee) with a minimum of four couples. Form 104 must be submitted with application. • Must demonstrate a commitment to being an active judge in both the testing and competition systems. • Should judge nonqualifying competitions throughout the year and no limit this activity only to competitions that offer trial judging opportunities. 			
Trial Judge Competition Activity	Select	Advanced	Accelerated	Standard
Events to be Tried** • Only IJS activity counts toward promotion	Will be determined by the appropriate SVC and Judges Chair	• One complete dance event at junior and senior (SD & FD) levels	• Two complete dance events at junior and senior (SD & FD) levels	• Two complete dance events at junior and senior (SD & FD) levels
Required Competitions to Trial** • Only IJS activity counts toward promotion		• Must trial judge at least one sectional championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must trial judge at least two sectional championships or one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One U.S. Junior Championships; or - One U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events) • Competitions can be in the same year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must trial judge at least one sectional championships, and one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One U.S. Junior Championships; or - One U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events) Competitions can be in the same year.
Trial Judge Opportunities	Designated nonqualifying competitions, sectionals championships, U.S. Junior Championships, U.S. Championships (juvenile and intermediate events)			
<p>** If the JET determines only a portion of an event is to be trial judged due to scheduling conflicts, Element ID exercises, or any reason deemed appropriate, the event will be counted as a complete event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep and submit protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity. Summary sheets must be included for all qualifying and nonqualifying competitions trial judged. • Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers and SVC • Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers, SVC and chair of Judges Committee. Requires positive action by the Board of Directors. • Guidelines may be modified by SVC or chair 				

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National Dance Competition Judge Appointment

Appointment Requirements	Must be a Gold Dance Test Judge and Sectional Dance Competition Judge for a minimum of one year			
Judges School	IJS school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	Not required for National Dance Competition Judge appointment			
Judge Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
Competition Activity	Select	Advanced	Accelerated	Standard
Official Competition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two junior and senior events at sectional championships or approved nonqualifying competitions with a minimum of four entries. • At least one nonqualifying competition in the past two years. • Must judge one sectional championships or equivalent designated by SVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least three junior and senior events at sectional championships or approved nonqualifying competitions with a minimum of four entries. • At least two nonqualifying competitions in the past two years. • Must judge one sectional championships or equivalent designated by SVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least four junior and senior events at sectional championships or approved nonqualifying competitions with a minimum of four entries. • At least three nonqualifying competitions in the past two years. • Must judge one sectional championships or equivalent designated by SVC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least four junior and senior events at sectional championships or approved nonqualifying competitions with a minimum of four entries. • At least four nonqualifying competitions in the past two years. • Must judge one sectional championships or equivalent designated by SVC.
Events to be Tried** • Only IJS activity counts toward promotion	• Two senior events (SD & FD) with four entries minimum.	• Three junior and senior events (SD & FD) with four entries minimum.	• Four junior and senior events (SD & FD) with four entries minimum.	• Four junior and senior events (SD & FD) with four entries minimum.
Required Competitions to Trial	• Must trial a minimum of two U.S. Championships	• Must trial a minimum of two U.S. Championships	• Must trial a minimum of two U.S. Championships	• Must trial a minimum of two U.S. Championships
Trial Judge Opportunities	U.S. Championships			
<p>** If the JETs determine that only a portion of an event is to be trial judged because of scheduling conflicts, Element ID exercises, large number of skaters, or any reason they determine appropriate, the event will be counted as a complete event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep and submit protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity. Summary sheets must be included for all qualifying and nonqualifying competitions trial judged. • Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers, SVC and chair of Judges Committee. Requires positive action by the Board of Directors. • Guidelines may be modified by SVC or chair. 				