

## JUDGES COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

### Program Requirements for Synchronized

Must meet at least one of the following competition qualifications:

Standard Requirements	Accelerated Requirements	Advanced Requirements	Select Requirements
No qualifications needed	<b>Competition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Novice, junior or senior competitor at the sectional synchronized championships;</li> <li>Adult competitor at the U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> </ul>	<b>Competition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior or collegiate competitor at the U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> </ul>	<b>Competition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior competitor at the U.S. Synchronized Championships;</li> <li>Junior or senior competitor at an international synchronized competition</li> </ul>

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### Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment Guidelines

General Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition appointment is <b>not</b> a pre-requisite to obtaining a Junior Sectional Synchronized Competition appointment.</li> <li>Judges with a Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition appointment should be actively working toward obtaining a Bronze Singles/Pairs Test appointment or Bronze Dance Test appointment, if they have not obtained one already.</li> <li>Judges with a Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition appointment are qualified to judge all levels of synchronized and showcase events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel.</li> <li>The Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition appointment is valid for 24 months and is not renewable.</li> </ol>
Criteria to Obtain Nonqualifying Synchronized 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 Synchronized Competition Judge provided said person has been actively trial judging for a minimum of six months.
Guidelines to Obtain Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition Appointment	Candidates for Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition Judge must be recommended for the appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate Sectional Vice Chair (RVC) for Synchronized Skating on the Judges Committee. The application is available online at: <a href="http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/JC-13%20Application%20for%20nonqualifying.doc">http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/JC-13%20Application%20for%20nonqualifying.doc</a> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires favorable endorsement of SVC</li> <li>Guidelines may be modified by SVC or chair.</li> </ul>	

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 Junior Sectional Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment

Appointment Requirements	Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge or higher or Bronze Dance Test Judge or higher			
Judges School	IJS school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	<u>Not applicable</u>			
Judges Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
	<b>Select Candidates</b>	<b>Advanced Candidates</b>	<b>Accelerated Candidates</b>	<b>Standard Candidates</b>
Trial Judging Competition Activity: IJS and 6.0 System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One nonqualifying competition and one sectional championship. In a year where trialing at a sectional championship is not offered, trialing at U.S. Synchronized Championships may be accepted.</li> <li>• Minimum of three events under <b>each</b> the IJS and 6.0 system (minimum six events total) with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of three competitions including at least one sectional championship. In a year where trialing at a sectional championship is not offered, trialing at U.S. Synchronized Championships may be accepted.</li> <li>• Minimum of four events under <b>each</b> the IJS and 6.0 system (minimum of eight events total) with a minimum of 5 teams per event.</li> <li>• Must trial judge for at least two consecutive seasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of four competitions including at least one sectional championship. In a year where trialing at a sectional championship is not offered, trialing at U.S. Synchronized Championships may be accepted.</li> <li>• Minimum of four events under <b>each</b> the IJS and 6.0 system (minimum of eight events total) with a minimum of 5 teams per event.</li> <li>• Must trial judge for at least two consecutive seasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of five competitions including at least two sectional championships. In a year where trialing at a sectional championship is not offered, trialing at U.S. Synchronized Championships may be accepted.</li> <li>• Minimum of five events under <b>each</b> the IJS and 6.0 system (minimum of eight events total) with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> <li>• Must trial judge for at least two consecutive seasons.</li> </ul>
Trial Judging Accuracy, ISU Judging System and 6.0 System	IJS: Cumulative within range percentage should be 80% or better for each GOEs and Components in comparison with official panel range. 6.0 System: Cumulative within range percentage should be 80% or better for each segment.			
Average time in grade before promotion	1 year	2 years	2 years	3 years
Miscellaneous	Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers and SVC of Judges Committee. Guidelines may be modified by the SVC.			

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 Senior Sectional Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment

Judges School	IJS school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	<u>Not applicable</u>			
Judges Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
	<b>Select Candidates</b>	<b>Advanced Candidates</b>	<b>Accelerated Candidates</b>	<b>Standard Candidates</b>
Appointment Requirements	Junior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of one year	Junior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of two years	Junior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of two years	Junior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of two years
Official Competition Judging Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official judge for at least two complete junior (SP &amp; FS) and eight lower-level events with a minimum of five teams per event</li> <li>• Five of the non-junior events must be under the IJS. A minimum of two must be under 6.0.</li> <li>• Must judge complete junior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championships at least once</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official judge for at least three complete junior (SP &amp; FS) and ten lower-level events with a minimum of five teams per event</li> <li>• Six of the non-junior events must be under the IJS. A minimum of two must be under 6.0.</li> <li>• Must judge complete junior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championships at least once</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official judge for at least four complete junior (SP &amp; FS) and ten lower-level events with a minimum of five teams per event</li> <li>• Seven of the non-junior events must be under the IJS. A minimum of three must be under 6.0.</li> <li>• Must judge complete junior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championships at least once</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official judge for at least five complete junior (SP &amp; FS) and ten lower-level events with a minimum of five teams per event</li> <li>• Seven of the non-junior events must be under the IJS. A minimum of three must be under 6.0.</li> <li>• Must judge complete junior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championships at least twice</li> </ul>
Trial Judging Competition Activity: IJS and 6.0 System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four complete junior or senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of four teams per event</li> <li>• Must trial at a sectional championships at least once</li> <li>• May acquire trial judging activity at U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five complete junior or senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of four teams per event</li> <li>• Must trial at a sectional championships at least once</li> <li>• May acquire trial judging activity at U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six complete junior or senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of four teams per event</li> <li>• Must trial at a sectional championships at least once</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight complete junior or senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of four teams per event</li> <li>• Must trial at a sectional championship at least once, in addition to official judging at the sectional level.</li> </ul>
Trial Judging Accuracy, ISU Judging System and 6.0 System	IJS: Cumulative within range percentage should be 85% or better for each GOEs and Components in comparison with official panel range. 6.0 System: Cumulative within range percentage should be 85% or better for each segment.			
Average time in grade before promotion	2 years	2-3 years	3 years	4 years
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep and submit full event protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity.</li> <li>• Summary sheets as well as full event protocols must be included for all qualifying and nonqualifying competitions.</li> <li>• Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers and SVC of Judges Committee.</li> <li>• Guidelines may be modified by the SVC.</li> </ul>			

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National Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment

Judges School	IJS school within four years prior to application submission			
Element ID	<u>Not applicable</u>			
Judges Promotional Exam	80% required to pass			
	<b>Select Candidates</b>	<b>Advanced Candidates</b>	<b>Accelerated Candidates</b>	<b>Standard Candidates</b>
Appointment Requirements	Senior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of one year	Senior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of one year	Senior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of one year	Senior Sectional Synchronized Skating Competition Judge for a minimum of two years
Official Competition Judging Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five each complete junior and senior events (SP &amp; FS).</li> <li>• Must judge at least one junior or senior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championship.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be under 6.0.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five each complete junior and senior events (SP &amp; FS).</li> <li>• Must judge at least one junior or senior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championship.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be under 6.0.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six each complete junior and senior events (SP &amp; FS).</li> <li>• Must judge at least one junior or senior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championship.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be under 6.0.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six each complete junior and senior events (SP &amp; FS).</li> <li>• Must judge at least one junior or senior event (SP &amp; FS) at a sectional championship.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be under 6.0.</li> <li>• Must judge at least two sectional championships.</li> </ul>
Trial Judging Competition Activity: IJS and 6.0 System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one nonqualifying competition or sectional championships and one U.S. Synchronized Championships with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> <li>• A minimum of two events must be trialed under 6.0. (may include designated nonqualifying, sectionals or nationals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least three competitions including at least one U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> <li>• Minimum of three complete senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> <li>• A minimum of two events must be trialed under 6.0. (may include designated nonqualifying, sectionals or nationals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least four competitions including at least two U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> <li>• Minimum of three complete senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be trialed under 6.0. (may include designated nonqualifying, sectionals or nationals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least five competitions including at least two U.S. Synchronized Championships</li> <li>• Minimum of four complete senior events (SP &amp; FS) with a minimum of five teams per event.</li> <li>• A minimum of three events must be trialed under 6.0 (may include designated nonqualifying, sectionals or nationals)</li> </ul>
Trial Judging Accuracy, ISU Judging System and 6.0 System	IJS: Cumulative within range percentage should be 85% or better for each GOEs and Components in comparison with official panel range. 6.0 System: Cumulative within range percentage should be 85% or better for each segment.			
Average time in grade before promotion	2 years	3 years	3 years	4 years
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep and submit full event protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity.</li> <li>• Summary sheets as well as full event protocols must be included for all qualifying and nonqualifying competitions.</li> <li>• Requires favorable endorsement of judging peers, SVC of and chair of Judges Committee.</li> <li>• Guidelines may be modified by the SVC or chair.</li> </ul>			