TECHNICAL SPECIALIST ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINES

Required qualifications for initial appointment levels are found in rule TPCR 4.02 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

All **initial** candidates must attend and be evaluated at a National Technical Panel Seminar.

The following guidelines shall apply to all individuals wishing to advance their appointment level. Qualifying competitions are found in rule 2052 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. All event segments must contain a minimum of four skaters.

Testing Locations	Technical specialists eligible for an initial (first time) appointment or a promotion to a National appointment from a sectional appointment shall attend and be evaluated at a National Technical Panel Seminar. Technical specialists eligible for promotion to a regional and sectional appointment may attend either a National Technical Panel Seminar or a Continuing Education Seminar. Officials seeking advancement must submit an application with supporting documentation to the appropriate sectional vice chair who will process the appointment. Upon approval, a candidate seeking promotion may test for advancement at an approved testing location. Testing locations are listed on the US Figure Skating Website in the Technical Information Section under Technical Officials.
Seminars	Technical panel education seminars at designated nonqualifying competitions will be conducted under the auspices of the Technical Panel Committee (TPC) and will serve as educational opportunities that will be considered when evaluating officials for advancement. These seminars will serve as technical panel activity, and will satisfy one non qualifying competition requirement. Segment activity at Continuing Education Seminars- event segments may count as activity toward promotion and practice papers with notes must be submitted as supporting documents along with the application for promotion.
Retesting	A candidate who does not achieve a passing score on the practical and/or written exam must wait a period of 6 months before being eligible to retest. An application must be resubmitted including documentation (104s) to verify additional activity.
ReCertification and inactive status	Any technical specialist who has not served on any technical panel for the past two (2) seasons will be placed on inactive status and must be recertified at a National Technical Panel Seminar. See rule TPCR 6.0

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Requirements	Nonqualifying	Regional	Sectional	National**
Competition and Event Experience* (minimum for promotion)	N/A (see seminar requirements above)	TS/ATS service at two nonqualifying competitions in the past 18 months 10 event segments as a TS/ATS in the past 18 months Approval from Sectional Vice Chair to attend seminar for promotion	TS/ATS service at three nonqualifying competitions in the past 18 months 15 event segments as a TS/ATS in the past 18 months TS/ATS service at one qualifying competition in the past 24 months Approval from Sectional Vice Chair to attend seminar for promotion	TS/ATS service at six nonqualifying competitions in the past 18 months 20 event segments as a TS/ATS in the past 18 months TS/ATS service at two qualifying competitions in the past 24 months Approval from Sectional Vice Chair & Technical Panel Chair to attend seminar for promotion
References	Not Applicable This is not necessary for candidates seeking initial certification.	According to application for advancement. Positive peer review evaluations	According to application for advancement. Positive evaluation from applicant's regional TP captain Positive peer review evaluations	According to application for advancement. Positive evaluation from applicant's qualifying competitions TP captain Positive peer review evaluations U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors approval
Seminar Exam (Practical and written)	Passing score required	Passing score required	Passing score required	Passing score required

* * All technical officials are expected to maintain records (names and dates of competitions and events) of all technical panel activity including 104's (officials' schedule). These records will be required and are needed for advancement consideration. Activity as a TC may be considered in the evaluation of competition and event experience.

** All national appointments are subject to U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors approval.

*** In the case of ice dancing, pairs and synchronized skating, relevant trial calling experience at nonqualifying events in lieu of regional and sectional championships shall be considered by the Technical Panel Committee.

**** Due to the limited number of domestic ice dance, pairs and synchronized skating events, applicants in these disciplines may apply with less than the minimum competitions and events required for promotion in these disciplines. The Technical Panel Committee will determine if the applicant's competition and event experience is sufficient taking all other requirements into consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are subject to periodic review by the Technical Panel Committee.

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