



Technical Notification #6

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Juvenile and Intermediate Pairs and Dance Qualifying Competition

Clarification for the 2007/2008 season.

Due to the rule changes at our Governing Council meeting there will no longer be juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance events at our regional championships. The juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance competition will now begin at the respective sectional locations.

The following are two very important things to keep in mind:

1. For this year only it is **optional** whether to enter the sectional event or progress directly to the U.S. Junior Championships. You will be asked to make this choice at the time of your qualifying competition entry. This election is **final** and cannot be changed. Therefore, if you are a juvenile or intermediate pairs or dance team who decides not to compete at your sectional event, you will automatically be entered in the U.S. Junior Championships. However, if you elect to compete at your sectional event, you **must** compete in order to qualify for the U.S. Junior Championships.

2. The event held at sectionals will still be a "regional" event. Since we do not know how many will elect to compete, the event may be combined or separated by region, per the chief referee after close of entries on Sept. 1. In all cases there will be regional medalists even if only one team from the region chooses to compete. Judging by past entries, it is expected that Pacific Coast and Easterns will have combined events with placement within the event determining regional medalists. An example would be two (2) juvenile pairs teams from each region competing in one group. Although one region's highest-placed team may be fourth in the group, the team could end up first from its region. This would result in the team receiving the regional gold medal and being seeded according to our current seeding rules at the U.S. Junior Championships as the first place team from their home region.

In the past, juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance teams entered from throughout the country automatically qualified for the U.S. Junior Championships. This was because we never had more than 36 teams entered. While it is expected that this will continue to be the case, there is a slight mathematical chance that a team could be eliminated if the following were to occur:

- A) There were more than 36 entries in an event in the country
- B) The entries are evenly distributed by section
- C) There are more than 12 entries in a single event in a section
- D) All of the above elected to skate at their sectional

In this scenario it is possible that a team placing 13th or lower in a particular section could be eliminated. While this scenario is mathematically possible, it is highly unlikely.