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To: Judges Trialing for Sectional Competition Appointments

From: Tina Lundgren, Chair, Judges Committee  
Rob Rosenbluth, Chair, JETs Committee

Re: Sectional Judge Appointment Requirements

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Thank you for applying to trial an approved nonqualifying competition this summer. This year in particular is a hectic year in terms of trial judging because of the change in judging structure effective Sept. 1. As you know, U.S. Figure Skating will be moving to a regional, sectional and national competition judge classification structure and will no longer using the novice, junior and senior competition judge categories.

This change in structure has brought up several questions for junior competition judges who are looking to become sectional judges and, thereby, remain eligible to judge sectional championships. (Under this new format, senior competition judges will be "grandfathered" in at the sectional level, and novice and junior competition judges will automatically become regional judges in their respective disciplines.)

We have seen a surge in the number of people wanting to trial this summer, and I believe it is only fair to outline clearly what the Judges Committee will evaluate in order to determine which junior competition judges will be considered for promotion to sectional judges by the end of the summer. The following outlines the requirements and the activities that will be considered in these promotions:

**1. Trialing Activity during May-August 2007:**

- a. Each trial judge must successfully trial one approved summer competition (completed by Sept. 4, 2007) and attend the assigned trial judges debriefing meetings. (Success is defined here as performing at a level satisfactory to the JET assigned to evaluate a given event and demonstrating solid knowledge of the international judging system during the debriefing meetings.)
- b. For singles/pairs appointments, each trial judge must complete at least one pairs event during one of the approved competitions or must attend a pairs seminar this summer.
- c. If a trial judge is assigned to judge a junior or senior event at an approved competition, he or she must attend the trial judge event review meeting for the activity to count toward possible promotion.
- d. Events trialed (or judged for credit) must meet the following requirements:
  - i. Consist of a minimum of six men or eight ladies
  - ii. One ladies event must consist of at least 12 competitors
  - iii. Pairs/dance events must consist of four or more couples

- iv. Trial judges must complete junior and senior events, ie – both short program and free skate
2. **Exam:** Each trial judge must take and pass the current senior competition or new sectional-level exam.
3. **Judging Activity:** Each trial judge will also be evaluated on his or her judging activity in the prior 2-3 years.
4. **Prior Trialing Activity:** Each trial judge will also be evaluated on his or her trial judging activity in the past 2-3 years. If a trial judge was close to applying for his or her senior competition appointment recently, that will be considered in the evaluation process.

Once you have completed trial judging at an approved nonqualifying summer competition, you must submit an application for promotion to your sectional vice chair (SVC). Again, your SVC will review your application, along with your performance and prior judging and trialing activity, and inform you of his or her decision by Oct. 15, 2007.

We want to encourage anyone who wants to trial judge this summer to do so, but we also want to make it clear that trialing this summer does not guarantee a promotion from junior to sectional judge.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional vice chair. Or if you'd like to contact me directly, please email me at [tinask8judge@yahoo.com](mailto:tinask8judge@yahoo.com).

I look forward to seeing you in an ice rink somewhere this summer!