

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

- I. Board of Directors – In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots – May 3, 2009-April 13, 2010
- II. Board of Directors – Orange County, Calif. – April 28-29, 2010
- III. Governing Council – Orange County, Calif. – April 30-May 1, 2010

- All bylaw amendments below will go into effect with the publication of the rulebook.
- All rule changes below will go into effect on September 1, 2010, unless another implementation date is specified.

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – May 3, 2009-April 13, 2010:

May 3, 2009

1. **APPROVED** the following persons as members of the Audit Committee:
 - Coco Gram Shean
 - Sam Singer
 - Rusty Fein
 - Sam Auxier
2. **APPROVED** new service recognition categories for officials:
 - Recognition for ALL officials at 25, 40 and 50 years of service
 - Honorary status for non judging categories
 - An additional category of recognition for judges with 60 years of service
3. **APPROVED** to create a conflict of interest policy for technical officials and named a task force for to develop the policy:
 - Wendy Enzmann, chair
 - Karen Terry Perreault
 - Charles Cyr
 - Jessica Gaynor
 - Hal Marron
 - William Schneider

June 1, 2009

4. **APPROVED** to accept the Audit Committee's recommendation that Anton, Collins & Mitchell be hired as the new audit firm for U.S. Figure Skating.
5. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of members of the Compensation Committee.
 - Justin Dillon
 - Kathy Slack
 - Hal Marron, Chair
 - Susan Keogh (ex-officio and treasurer)
6. **APPROVED** to amend ICR 2.03 for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS).
7. **APPROVED** to establish a service award for exiting Board members starting with the 2008-2009 Board members. The award to be a silver skate blade pin similar to the Radix pin.

July 10, 2009

8. **APPROVED** the nomination of Kanae Tagawa to the ISU as an international judge for ice dance as recommended by the International Judges and Officials Committee.

August 8, 2009

9. **APPROVED** to amend the budget as presented.
10. **APPROVED** the transfer of \$300,000 from the Foundation to U.S. Figure Skating to support the development area.
11. **APPROVED** to award the 2011 Governing Council to Chicago (The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center).

12. **APPROVED** the nomination of Karin Sherr to the ISU as an international judge for Synchronized Skating.
13. **APPROVED** the transfer of \$165,000 from the Foundation to U.S. Figure Skating to support the Museum budget for 2009-2010.
14. **ADOPTED** a Memorial Resolution in recognition of Oscar T. Iobst.

September 8, 2009

15. **APPROVED** the technical panel conflict of interest policy with the additional sentence added referring to GR 1.01 and Rules 2610 – 2614.

All technical panel members will comply with the standing rules governing officials of U.S. Figure Skating including GR 1.01 and Rules 2610 – 2614

16. **APPROVED** the 2011 Film Project.
17. **APPROVED** a four-year extension of David Raith's current employment agreement as Executive Director with U.S. Figure Skating.

October 5, 2009

18. **APPROVED** the President's appointment of Mark Ladwig to serve as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to STAR for a three-year term, replacing the expired term of Danielle Hartsell-Minnis/Michael Meyer. (13 yes, 0 no, 2 absent)
19. **APPROVED** the reappointment of John Misha Petkevich to be a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation (term through 2012). (13 yes, 0 no, 2 absent)
20. **RATIFIED** the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation reelection of Paul George and Jeffrey Vinik to serve as trustees to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board (terms ending 2012). (13 yes, 0 no, 2 absent)
21. **APPROVED** to authorize the treasurer to move forward with the transfer of the balance of the Wells Fargo Cash Reserves Fund to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation (13 yes, 0 no, 2 absent)
22. **APPROVED** the Events Advisory Board's recommendation that San Jose, Calif., be granted a provisional sanction to host the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Championships pending the execution of an "Agreement to Host" with U.S. Figure Skating within 30 days. (11 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 2 Recused)

November 7-8, 2009

23. **ACCEPTED** the audit report for the 2009 FY Financials.
24. **POSTPONED** the requested action on ICR 6.01 and ICR 6.04 until the next conference call: [See item #30 from the December meeting for this request as approved with amendment.]
25. **APPROVED** to amend rule ICR 6.04 sections A, B, C by striking the phrase indicated from each of the sections. The ranking system no longer exists.
 - A. World Championships:
The U.S. World Team shall be selected ... , **and** all other international events ~~and the current International Committee Ranking System placements~~, however, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances. Exceptions to the age-eligibility rules which are granted by the ISU will always be allowed.
 - B. Four Continents Championships:
The team shall be selected ... , **and** all other international events ~~and the current International Committee Ranking System placements~~; however, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances. Exceptions to the age-eligibility rules which are granted by the ISU will always be allowed.
 - C. World Junior Championships:
The U.S. World Junior Team shall be selected ... ~~and the current International Committee Ranking System placements~~, or other athletes who have demonstrated capabilities at the world junior level. However, the International Committee may consider extenuating circumstances.

26. **APPROVED** the following national promotions:

From the Competitions Committee

National Dance Referee

John LeFevre, Colorado Springs, Colo.

National Music Coordinator

Francine Lukacik, Lafayette Hill, Pa.

From the Judges Committee

National Dance Judge

Terri Levine, Portland, Ore.

National Synchronized Judge

Tiffani Shipley, Salt Lake City, Utah

From the Technical Panel Committee

National Technical Controller

Wendy Enzmann (Pairs), Stow, Mass.

Lynn Goldman (Singles), Austin, Texas

Kathleen Krieger (Singles), Arlington Heights, Ill.

National Technical Specialist

Peter Cain (Pairs), Coppell, Texas

Scott Cudmore (Singles), Raleigh, N.C.

Elizabeth Floriani (Singles), Danville, Calif.

Catherine Horan (Singles), Clifton, Va.

Jonathan Ige (Dance), Lynnwood, Wash.

Debra Leeming (Singles), Littleton, Mass.

Julia Rey (Dance), Warminster, Pa.

Philipp Rey (Dance), Colleyville, Texas

Scott Wendland (Pairs), Irvine, Calif.

National Data Operator – Single/Pair/Dance

Scott Cudmore, Raleigh, N.C.

Dianne DeLeeuw-Chapman, Newport Beach, Calif.

Whitney Gaynor, San Francisco, Calif.

Stefanie Mathewson, Northridge, Calif.

Lisa May, Denver, Colo.

Jessica Melton, Westminster, Colo.

Roberta Parkinson, McMurray, Pa.

27. **ACCEPTED** the following national resignations and acknowledged vacated national appointments:

Alan Davis, Caledonia, Mich. – National Music Coordinator

William Nelson, Munds Park, Ariz. – National Singles/Pairs Referee

Barbara Koval, Ft. Myers, Fla. – National Singles/Pairs Competition Judge

Ron DeiCas, Washington, D.C. – National Singles/Pairs Competition Judge

A. Jim Larkin, Draper, Utah – National Singles/Pairs and National Dance Competition Judge

Matthew Evers, Phoenix, Ariz. – National Pairs Technical Specialist and Video Replay Operator

December 9, 2009

28. **APPROVED** to move the January budget meeting to Saturday February 6, 2010.

29. **APPROVED** to amend the November 7-8, 2009 Report of Action item #5 by removing the name of Harry McBeth (National Accountant) thereby restoring his national appointment. [Item #5 from the November ROA is now seen as item #27 above.]

30. **APPROVED** To amend ICR 6.01 and ICR 6.04 language as shown below. [This is an item that was postponed at the November Board meeting. See item #24 above.]

ICR 6.01 – Amend by adding the sentence **The team envelope is a method of funding athletes; not selecting athletes to international competition.**

ICR 6.04 – Amend by adding the sentence: **Athletes who are nominated to a team envelope are not guaranteed selection to international competition. Furthermore, athletes do not have to be nominated to a team envelope to be selected for international competition.**

January 11, 2010

31. **APPROVED** the adoption of a Memorial Resolution in honor of George T. Yonekura.

February 6, 2010

32. **APPROVED** final sanctions for:

- 2010 National Showcase; August 5-7, 2010; Hyannis, Mass.; The Bourne SC
- 2010 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; August 12-14, 2010; Lansing, Mich. Lansing SC
- 2011 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships March 2-6, 2011, Ontario, Calif., Glacier Falls FSC

33. **APPROVED** a proclamation recognizing the Spokane LOC for the tremendous job they did with the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

March 8, 2010

34. **APPROVED** to accept the line item changes that were reviewed and finalized at this meeting with the remaining line item updates and the full budget to be distributed to and voted on by the full Board by e-mail ballot.

35. **APPROVED** to nominate the following persons to take the ISU exam for promotion:

- Kelley Ristau to take the exam for ISU Synchronized Skating Technical Specialist
- Terry Kubicka to take the exam for ISU Singles Technical Specialist

36. **APPROVED** to nominate Robert Rosenbluth for the position of ISU Referee for Singles & Pairs.

March 17, 2010

37. **APPROVED** the Events Advisory Board recommendation naming Portland, Oregon as the site for the 2010 Skate America, an ISU Grand Prix competition. The dates are November 11-14, 2010.

March 19, 2010

38. **ACCEPTED** the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating budget as presented with voting completed on March 30, 2010.

April 13, 2010

39. **APPROVED** the following sanctions:

- 2010 National Theater on Ice Competition, June 24-26, 2010, Troy SC, Troy, Ohio
- 2011 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, December 13-18, 2010, Salt Lake FSC, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2011 National Theatre On Ice Competition and Nations Cup, April 6-10, 2011, Yarmouth IC, Hyannis, Mass.

40. **APPROVED** the recommendation of the chair of the Competitions Committee for acceptance of the following trophy:

A trophy in memory of Paula Smart as endowed by the "Friends of Paula Smart." The trophy to be awarded annually to the Championship Masters Ladies Intermediate-Novice gold medalist at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Orange County, Calif., April 28-29, 2010

41. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.

42. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the April 13, 2010 conference call meeting.

43. **ADOPTED** the Standing Rules as amended. The amendments are as follows:

4. New business motions must be submitted by ~~12:00 noon~~ **8 am** Thursday for the spring Board of Directors and the end of the Friday meeting session for the Governing Council. New business for the Annual [fall] meeting of the Board of Directors must be submitted by noon on the day of the meeting.
17. The sectional ~~caucuses~~ **meetings** are closed ~~open~~ **meetings** for delegates, **observers** and board members ~~only~~. **The voting for Nominating Committee members in the sectional meetings will be for delegates only and All votes will be taken by closed ballot.**

The remaining items in the Standing Rules remain as written in the Governing Council meeting book.

44. **APPROVED** the following national promotions:

From the Competitions Committee

National Singles & Pairs Referee

Lisa Erle, Dublin, Calif.

National Synchronized Referee

Wayne Hundley, Riverside, Calif.

National Accountant

James Achtenberg, Manchester, Mich.

John Marasco, St. Joseph, Mo.

National Announcer

Stephen Masten, St. Paul, Minn.

National Music Coordinator

Michael Wittmann, Maplewood, Minn.

From the Judges Committee

National Singles & Pairs Judge

Mary Hiser, Worthington, Ohio

Cassy Papajohn, Englewood, Colo.

National Dance Judge

Douglas Mankovich, Takoma Park, Md.

Michael Ricigliano, Fremont, Calif.

From the Technical Panel Committee

National Technical Controller

Kimberly Heim (Singles), Troy, Ohio

National Technical Specialists

Konstantin Kostin (Singles), Rochester, Mass.

Stefanie Mathewson (Singles), Northridge, Calif.

Julie Newman (Singles), Carlsbad, Calif.

Lindsey Weber (Singles), Shelby Township, Mich.

Jamie Whyte (Dance), Downers Grove, Ill.

National Data Operator – Singles/Pairs/Dance

Laurie Johnson, Salt Lake City, Utah

Susan Miller, Havertown, Pa.

Laura Murphy, Wooster, Ohio

Scott Wendland, Irvine, Calif.

45. **ACCEPTED** the following national resignations and acknowledged vacated national appointments:

Shannon Hunter, United Kingdom – National Singles & Pairs Competition Judge

Laura Maki, Ann Arbor, Mich. – National Synchronized Competition Judge

III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – Orange County, Calif., April 30-May 1, 2010

(Includes actions taken by the Board of Directors that were ratified)

46. **ADOPTED** the Standing Rules as amended by the Board of Directors.

47. **APPROVED** to suspend the rules and not hold a candidates forum.

48. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda as amended.

49. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2009 Governing Council Meeting held May 1-2, 2009, in Buffalo, N.Y.

50. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this meeting of Leslie Gianelli (chair), Heather Nemier (Rules Committee chair) and Brandon Forsyth (athlete member).

51. APPROVED the following provisional clubs to full membership in U.S. Figure Skating

Aviator FSC	Brooklyn, NY
Black Hills FSC	Rapid City, SD
Capital City FSA	Topeka, KS
Coliseum FSC of Michigan	Chelsea, MI
Dakotah FSC	Prior Lake, MN
Diamond City FSC	Wilkes Barre, PA
Flatirons FSC	Lafayette, CO
Greater Mid Michigan SC	Saginaw, MI
Ithaca FSA	Ithaca, NY
Oval FSC	Kearns, UT
Revolutions SC	Aspen, CO
The FSC of Vineland	Vineland, NJ

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

52. EXHIBIT A – APPROVED to amend **Articles I-XXIX (pages 1-25)** as shown:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be **is** “THE UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION.” For all purposes this name may be abbreviated to read “U.S. Figure Skating.” This organization may also be known as and conduct business under the name “U.S. Figure Skating.”

ARTICLE II

Objectives

Mission: As the national governing body, the mission of the United States Figure Skating Association is to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice, and particularly:

- A. To serve as the national governing body in the sport of figure skating on ice as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and to serve as the United States member of the International Skating Union (ISU);
- B. To take all steps necessary to regulate and govern figure skating on ice throughout the United States, including the raising of funds to support activities of U.S. Figure Skating by dues, the sale of publications, the conduct of competitions, carnival assessments, sanction fees and any other lawful means, provided that none of the income of U.S. Figure Skating inures to the private profit of any of its members;
- C. To define and maintain uniform standards of skating proficiency;
- D. To prescribe rules for the holding of **and eligibility for** tests, competitions, exhibitions, carnivals and all other figure skating activities, ~~and the eligibility therefore,~~ **and To** qualify and appoint judges, referees and other officials for all tests, competitions and other figure skating events;
- E. To encourage, ~~and give guidance~~ **guide** and assistance in the organization of local ice skating clubs, and the attaining of full participation in figure skating by individuals, groups, clubs, schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States;
- F. To organize and sponsor competitions and exhibitions for the purpose of stimulating interest in figure skating on the part of all persons, ~~and To~~ **To** assist financially or otherwise, in accordance with the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, the participants traveling to and from and attending such competitions and exhibitions, who would otherwise be unable to participate therein;
- G. To encourage those persons who have demonstrated an ongoing interest in figure skating to continue their participation in figure skating, and where possible, to obtain a college or university education;
- H. To provide an equal opportunity to eligible athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in eligible athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin, ~~and with~~ **To provide** fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate;
- I. To select members of the Board of Directors and athlete representatives without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin;
- J. To submit to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association in any controversy involving its recognition as a national governing body, as provided for in Section 205 and successor sections of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 USC 220501 et. seq.), or involving the opportunity of any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition, as provided for in the bylaws of the USOC;

- K. To support, by contributions from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, other charitable and educational organizations which are themselves exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended; and
- L. To ensure that the foregoing objectives are within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and that the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, both direct and indirect, are exclusively in furtherance of these objectives.

ARTICLE III

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin on July 1 first of each year and end on June 30 thirtieth of the following year.

ARTICLE IV

Jurisdiction

Section 1 *Jurisdiction*. U.S. Figure Skating shall have jurisdiction of figure skating activities on ice in the United States.

Section 2 *Geographical Divisions*. For the purposes of regulation and control, the geographical area under the jurisdiction of U.S. Figure Skating shall be divided into three sections as follows:

Eastern Section: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Midwestern Section: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Pacific Coast Section: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

For synchronized skating only, the state of Colorado is in the Pacific Coast geographical division.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1 *Classification*. There shall be eight types of membership in U.S. Figure Skating **has eight types of membership**:

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, herein called **known as** "member clubs";
- B. Individual figure skaters or coaches registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual figure skaters or coaches who are not home club members of any member club, called **known as** "individual members";
- D. Honorary members;
- E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;
- F. Basic Skills members;
- G. Supportive members; and
- H. Theatre On Ice/Team

Section 2 *Member Clubs*. Member clubs shall consist of:

- A. Full member clubs;**
- B. Provisional member clubs;** and
- C. Such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council.**

Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a full member club by a ~~two-thirds~~ **vote of two-thirds of the votes cast** of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to provisional membership until the next subsequent annual meeting in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Provisional member clubs shall have only such privileges as are specified therein.

Section 3 *Individual Members*. ~~Any individual~~

A. A figure skater or coach not a home club member of any member club.

~~A-B. A figure skater or coach may become an individual member upon written application and upon compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating. may become an individual member.~~

~~B-C. Individual membership shall will automatically terminate when an individual member joins a member club as a home club member.~~

Section 4 *Honorary Members*. ~~An honorary member shall be~~

A. A person elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast ~~two-thirds (2/3) vote~~ of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.

~~A.B. Honorary members shall~~ **H**ave no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

~~B.C. Honorary members~~ **M**ay serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

Section 5 *Collegiate Clubs and School-Affiliated Members*. ~~Collegiate clubs and school-affiliated members shall~~

A. ~~C~~onsist of individual schools, colleges and universities which agree to abide by the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

~~A.B. Collegiate clubs and school-affiliated members shall~~ **H**ave no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

~~B.C. A~~ny college or university may become a collegiate club member and any school may become a school-affiliated member at any time upon written application, ~~and upon~~ compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and ~~upon~~ approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Section 6 *Basic Skills Members*. ~~Basic Skills members shall be~~

A. ~~P~~ersons participating in Basic Skills programs.

~~A.B. Such members~~ **A**re not eligible for participation in the official test structure; and

~~B.C. shall~~ **H**ave no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 7 *Supportive Members*. ~~Supportive members shall consist of~~

A. Organizations and individuals who voluntarily support the sport of figure skating through the payment of annual dues to U.S. Figure Skating, ~~but without voting rights with respect to the government thereof.~~

B. Sports organizations ~~which~~ **consist**ing of not-for-profit corporations, federations, unions, associations, clubs or other groups organized in the United States which sponsor or conduct programs in the sport of figure skating on ice may apply to the Membership Committee to become organizational supportive members, as may associations of vendors and other like organizations, ~~These applications will be submitted~~ **subject** to the Board of Directors' ~~for~~ approval.

~~D.C. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.~~

Section 8 *Theatre On Ice/Team Members*. ~~Theatre On Ice/Team members shall~~

A. ~~C~~onsist of registered members who ~~shall be~~ **are** subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

~~A.B. Theatre On Ice/Team members shall~~ **H**ave no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

~~B.C. A Theatre On Ice/Team group~~ **M**ay become a Theatre On Ice/Team member at any time upon written application, ~~and upon~~ compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and ~~upon~~ approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Government

Section 1 *Governing Council*. The government of U.S. Figure Skating ~~shall be~~ **is** vested in a Governing Council, which ~~shall~~ **consists** of delegates appointed or elected in accordance with Article VII ~~hereof~~ **of these bylaws**.

Section 2 *Board of Directors*. The management of the business and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating, ~~shall be~~ **is** vested in and exercised by or under the authority of a Board of Directors,

A. ~~which shall~~ **consists** of the persons specified in Article VIII, Section 2 ~~hereof~~ **of these bylaws**.

B. Authority ~~including~~ **includes** the granting of sanctions for national and international championships and competitions,

ARTICLE VII

Delegates to the Governing Council

Section 1 *Qualifications and Tenure*. Delegates to the Governing Council:

A. **Must** be registered members and be qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

B. ~~They shall~~ **Are** appointed or elected annually as of February **1** ~~first~~ to serve for one (~~1~~) year or until their successors are appointed or elected.

Section 2 *Appointment of Full Member Club Delegates*. Each active full member club, by action of its duly constituted governing body, ~~shall~~ **must** appoint from among its registered home club members a number of delegates, based on the total number of registered members of such full member club during the preceding fiscal year, as shown in the following table.

A. These delegates must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1 of this article.

B. A certificate of appointment, duly signed by the authorized officer of such full member club, ~~shall~~ **must be** filed with the secretary of U.S. Figure Skating.

<i>Number of Total Registrations</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>	<i>Number of Total Registrations</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>
25 but fewer than 50	1	450 but fewer than 550	7
50 but fewer than 100	2	550 but fewer than 650	8
100 but fewer than 150	3	650 but fewer than 750	9
150 but fewer than 250	4	750 but fewer than 850	10

250 but fewer than 350	5	850 but fewer than 950	11
350 but fewer than 450	6	950 or more	12

Section 3 *Election of Individual Member Delegates*. The individual members from each section may elect, from among those of their number qualified under Section 1 above, a number of delegates for that section in proportion to the number of individual members registered in that section during the preceding fiscal year, as shown in the following table:

<i>Number of Individual Members</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>	<i>Number of Individual Members</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>
25 but fewer than 50	1	450 but fewer than 550	7
50 but fewer than 100	2	550 but fewer than 650	8
100 but fewer than 150	3	650 but fewer than 750	9
150 but fewer than 250	4	750 but fewer than 850	10
250 but fewer than 350	5	850 but fewer than 950	11
350 but fewer than 450	6	950 or more	12

A. U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters will determine the procedures for implementing the individual member delegate election process and will provide these procedures to the individual members with the announcement of the meeting of the Governing Council, as described in Article IX, Section 3 of these bylaws.

B. The number of candidate(s) (determined by the table above) in each section receiving the most votes will be certified as a delegate(s) for the individual members of that section.

Section 4 *Athlete Delegates*. Athlete delegates:

A. ~~shall be~~ **Are** equally divided among ladies, men, pairs, dance and synchronized skating, except when a delegate's proxy has been given in accordance with Article IX, Section 6.

B. ~~They shall~~ **Have**, collectively, the number of votes equaling not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total permanent member club and individual member votes registered at the prior year's Governing Council with any fractions rounding up to a whole number.

C. The athlete delegates to the Governing Council ~~shall be~~ **are** the Athletes Advisory Committee members elected by the athletes in compliance with AACR 1.10.

Section 5 *Vacancies*. Full member clubs, athlete members and individual members may fill a vacancy among their delegates by filing the appropriate certificate of appointment or election with the secretary.

Section 6 *Observers*.

A. Collegiate clubs and provisional member clubs ~~shall do~~ not have the right, by virtue of such membership status, to appoint delegates to meetings of the Governing Council; ~~They may, however,~~ designate observers to attend meetings of the Governing Council, ~~which~~ **Such** observers, when present, ~~will may~~ be accorded the privileges of the floor.

B. Honorary members, individual members, members of member clubs, collegiate clubs, duly authorized representatives of school-affiliated members and supportive members, and Theatre On Ice/Teams may attend meetings of the Governing Council as observers and, when present, will likewise be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 7 *Voting Rights*. On all matters submitted to a vote of the Governing Council, the athlete delegates as a group and each full member club ~~shall be~~ **are** entitled to the same number of votes as the number of delegates to which they are entitled pursuant to Sections 4 and 2 respectively of this article. Each individual member delegate ~~shall be~~ **is** entitled to one vote. Observers ~~shall~~ have no vote at meetings of the Governing Council. No member or class of members except delegates ~~shall be~~ **is** entitled to vote on matters concerning the purposes, government and management of the affairs of U.S. Figure Skating except as ~~herein~~ provided **for in these bylaws** or as prescribed by law.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Directors

Section 1 *Powers and Duties*. The Board of Directors ~~shall possess~~ **es** all the powers and duties necessary or desirable for the management of the business and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating, except such powers and duties as are reserved solely for the Governing Council or otherwise limited by these bylaws.

Section 2 *Composition and Qualifications*. The voting members of the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ consist of:

- (i) **A.** The president,
- (ii) **B.** The three vice presidents each representing a different section,
- (iii) **C.** The secretary,
- (iv) **D.** The treasurer,
- (v) **E.** The four group coordinators as specified in Article XVI, Section 3,

(vi) **F.** Two coaches actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, and

(vii) **G.** Three athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 who meet the definitions in Article XXII, Section 2 and GR 3.00, each of whom must be:

(i) At least 18 years of age,

(ii) be A registered member of U.S. Figure Skating, and

(iii) Otherwise be qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

H In addition, those persons specified in Section 4 of this article and honorary members elected in accordance with Section 5 of this article ~~and those officeholders specified in Section 6 of the article shall will~~ also be ~~nonvoting ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 3 *Terms.* The elected members of the Board of Directors, other than the officers and the athlete members of the board, shall will be elected for a term of one year each and may hold office for no more than three consecutive terms. The terms of service for officers shall be as are specified in Article X, Section 2 of these bylaws. **The term of service for athlete members of the Board of Directors is specified in Article XV, Section 4 (B) of these bylaws.**

Section 4 *Ex-officio and Additional Nonvoting Members.* ~~The immediate past president, an additional athlete representative from a discipline not otherwise represented by the athlete members of the board, the appointed ISU Representative and the USOC Representative (including the representative to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council) shall be nonvoting, ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks shall each name an individual from among their membership to serve as nonvoting members of the Board of Directors. Nonvoting members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.~~

A. The immediate past president, the appointed ISU Representative, the USOC Representative (including the representative to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council), and those officeholders of the ISU representing the sport of figure skating are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors who will have no vote as members of the board.

B. An additional athlete representative, elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 (B), from a discipline not otherwise represented by the athlete members of the board, and three additional individuals, one each named annually by the Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks from among their membership, are nonvoting members of the Board of Directors.

C. Ex-officio and additional members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 5 *Honorary Members.* An honorary member of the Board of Directors shall be is a person elected as such by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present in person at a meeting for such term as the Board of Directors may specify in said vote.

A. Honorary members of the Board of Directors shall have no vote therein as such,

B. provided, However that they may serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position in U.S. Figure Skating and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to such office or position.

C. Honorary members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

~~Section 6 *Ex-officio Members.* Those officeholders of the ISU and USOC (including its Athletes Advisory Council) representing the sport of figure skating and the immediate past president shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors by reason thereof, but shall have no vote therein as such. Such office holders may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and when present will be accorded the privileges of the floor.~~

Section 7 **6** *Representatives from other Figure Skating Sports Organizations.* U.S. Figure Skating will provide for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any sports organization which, in the sport for which recognition is sought:

A. Conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of eligible athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition, a national program, or regular national amateur athletic competition, and

B. Ensures that such representation shall will reflect the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of such amateur sports organization in relation to all other such programs and competitions in such sport in the United States.

C. Representatives from other figure skating sports organizations may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor, **but will have no vote.**

Section 8 **7** *Attendance by Permanent Committee Chairs.* The chairs of the permanent committees specified in Article XVI hereof **of these bylaws** may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, if present, shall may be accorded the privileges of the floor but shall will have no vote therein.

Section 9 **8** *Chair of the Board.* The president shall will act as the chair of the Board of Directors.

Section 10 **9** *Voting Rights.* Voting members of the Board of Directors shall be are entitled to only one vote on said the board, even though they may be members thereof in more than one of the classes of voting members constituting the Board of Directors.

Section 41 **10 Reports of Action.** All actions of the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be reported to the Governing Council not later than the next ensuing meeting of said council and ~~shall~~ **will** be subject to alteration or cancellation by the Governing Council, provided that no rights or acts of third parties ~~shall be~~ **are** adversely affected thereby.

Section 42 **11 Nondiscrimination.** Members of the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be selected without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

Section 43 **12 Removal. Voting** Members of the Board of Directors may be removed as follows:

- A. **Officers.** Officers may be removed in the manner set forth in Article X, Section 7 of these bylaws.
- B. **Athlete Members.** An athlete member of the Board of Directors may be removed at any time for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Athletes Advisory Committee (excluding the vote of the affected athlete); provided, however, that:
 - (i) Due notice of the meeting of the Athletes Advisory Committee (or of the proposal that the Athletes Advisory Committee take action without a meeting) has been given to the affected athlete and
 - (ii) The affected athlete is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Athletes Advisory Committee or to submit a written statement to the Athletes Advisory Committee prior to action by the Athletes Advisory Committee.
- C. **Other Voting Members of the Board.** Members of the Board of Directors other than described in subsections A and B, above, may be removed at any time for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy provided, however, that:
 - (i) Due notice of the meeting of the Governing Council (or of the proposal that the Governing Council take action without a meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 19 of these bylaws) has been given to the affected director and
 - (ii) The affected director is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Governing Council or to submit a written statement to the Governing Council prior to action by the Governing Council.

Section 44 **13 Vacancies.**

- A. All vacancies occurring among the elected voting members of the Board of Directors, except athlete members of the Board of Directors, ~~shall~~ **will** be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.
- B. Any vacancy in athlete positions on the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be filled by a vote by the athletes in the same manner athletes are elected to serve on the Board of Directors.
- C. A director elected to fill a vacancy ~~shall~~ **will** be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 1 *Annual Meeting of the Governing Council.* The annual meeting of the Governing Council:

- A. ~~shall~~ **Will** be held during the months of April or May at the date, time and place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors not later than the preceding annual meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. Individual and school-affiliated members ~~shall~~ **will** be notified of such meeting.
- C. ~~The annual meeting of the Governing Council shall be~~ **Is** the annual meeting of the members for the purposes of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act as hereafter amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law.
- D. Honorary members, individual members, members of member clubs and collegiate clubs, supportive members and rink management members, may attend such meeting in their individual capacities with the rights and privileges of observers as set forth in Article VII, Section 6 **of these bylaws hereof**. However, such individuals ~~shall~~ **are** not be entitled to personal notice of the date, time and place of such meeting.

Section 2 *Special Meetings of the Governing Council.* Special meetings of the Governing Council may be called at any time:

- A. Upon the written request of 10 percent of the full member clubs,
- B. ~~A~~ **At** the request of the president,
- C. ~~A~~ **At** the request of a majority of the delegates to the Governing Council or
- D. ~~A~~ **At** the request of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 *Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council.*

- A. An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting ~~shall~~ **will** be sent to all member clubs, individual members, athlete delegates and to all members of the Board of Directors no fewer than four months prior to the date of the meeting.
- B. Written notice of meetings of the Governing Council ~~shall~~ **will** be mailed to all member clubs no fewer than 20 days or more than 60 days before the date of the meeting.
- C. Collegiate clubs ~~shall~~ **will** be notified of meetings of the Governing Council by an announcement thereof posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site or published in an issue of SKATING magazine mailed no more than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting addressed or delivered to the member's or club's address shown in U.S. Figure Skating's current list of members.

D. The written notices of meetings of the Governing Council ~~shall~~ **will** state:

- (i)** The date, time and place of the meeting,
- (ii)** The general character of the business proposed to be transacted ~~thereat,~~ and
- (iii)** A description of any matter for which approval of members is sought.

E. The exact wording of any proposed action need not be stated, except that the specific text of any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be stated and ~~except that~~ the names and locations of all clubs to be proposed for full club membership ~~shall~~ **will** be stated.

F. An additional announcement to individual members and collegiate clubs published with SKATING magazine or on the U.S. Figure Skating web site no fewer than 20 days prior to the meeting, ~~shall~~ **will** state:

- (i)** The date, time and place of the meeting,
- (ii)** ~~and~~ A description of any matter for which the approval of members is sought,
- (iii)** ~~along with a statement~~ That a copy of the written notice sent to member clubs may be obtained on request to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

Section 4 *Presiding Officer of the Governing Council.* The president, or in the president's absence, inability or refusal to attend, the vice presidents in their order, ~~shall~~ **will** preside at all meetings of the Governing Council.

Section 5 *Quorum of the Governing Council.* Delegates or proxies representing no fewer than 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast ~~shall~~ **will** constitute a quorum of the Governing Council.

Section 6 *Proxies in the Governing Council.* **Proxies may be exercised only at duly called meetings of the Governing Council and may be voted only on matters stated in the notice of the meeting.**

A. Full Member Clubs.

- (i)** ~~Full member clubs-~~ **M**ay give a proxy for any one or more of their delegates in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.
- (ii)** The person receiving the proxy must meet the same qualifications required of delegates, except that the proxy holder does not need to be a member of the same club as the delegate from whom they received the proxy. ~~Proxies may be exercised only at duly called meetings of the Governing Council and may be voted only on matters stated in the notice of the meeting.~~

B. Individual Member Delegates.

- (i)** ~~Delegates for individual members-~~ **M**ay give a proxy for their vote in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.
- (ii)** The person receiving the proxy ~~shall~~ **must** possess the same qualifications required of delegates, ~~except that~~ ~~A~~ delegate giving a proxy may only give their proxy to another individual member delegate from their same section; ~~provided,~~ however, ~~that~~ if no such individual member delegate is available, the proxy may be given to another individual member delegate from another section. ~~Proxies may be exercised only at duly called meetings of the Governing Council and may be voted only on matters stated in the notice of the meeting.~~

C. Athlete Delegates.

- (i)** Athlete delegates may give a proxy to another athlete delegate for any one or more of their votes in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person. ~~Proxies may be exercised only at duly called meetings of the Governing Council and may be voted only on matters stated in the notice of the meeting.~~

Section 7 *Voting in the Governing Council.*

A. Voting in the Governing Council ~~shall~~ **will** be as provided in Article VII, Section 7 **of these bylaws** hereof.

B. The president or a vice president acting in the president's stead (in addition to any vote or votes the president may have as a delegate or under a proxy or proxies) may vote to decide a tie.

Section 8 *Voting Requirements in the Governing Council.* The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy is necessary for the taking of any action in the Governing Council, except in those cases in which a greater percentage is required by these bylaws or by law.

Section 9 *Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.* The annual meeting of the Board of Directors ~~shall be~~ **is** held during the months of October or November at the date, time and place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the board.

Section 10 *Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors.* In addition to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, an in-person meeting of the board will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Governing Council. The Board of Directors will hold up to 10 other regular meetings during the year, anticipated to be on a monthly basis, either by telephone conference call or in person as determined by the president.

Section 11 *Special Meetings of the Board of Directors.*

A. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called upon the request of three members thereof or by the president.

B. A special meeting ~~shall~~ **must** be preceded by at least two days' notice which ~~shall~~ **states** the date, time and place of the meeting but need not describe the purpose of the meeting.

Section 12 *Notices of Meetings of the Board of Directors.*

A. An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting ~~shall~~ **will** be sent to all members (including ex officio and honorary members of the Board of Directors) at least two months prior to the date of the meeting.

B. Written notice of meetings of the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be mailed to all members (including ex officio and honorary members) thereof:

(i) At least 20 days before the date of the meeting,

(ii) Stating the date, time and place of the meeting and the general character of the purposes of the meeting.

Section 13 *Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors.* The president, or in the president's absence, inability or refusal to act, the vice presidents in their order, ~~shall~~ **will** preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 14 *Quorum in the Board of Directors.* The presence of no fewer than one-half of the voting members of the Board of Directors in person ~~shall~~ **will** be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 15 *Voting in the Board of Directors.* Voting in the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be as provided in Article VIII, Section 2 ~~hereof~~ **of these bylaws.**

Section 16 *Voting Requirements in the Board of Directors.* If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present in person is necessary for the taking of any action by the Board of Directors, except in those instances in which a greater percentage is required by these bylaws or by law.

Section 17 *Rules of Order at Meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors.* The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, ~~shall~~ **will** govern all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors in all instances in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Section 18 *Telephonic Meetings by the Board of Directors.* The Board of Directors may permit any director to participate in a regular or special meeting thereof through the use of any means of communication by which all directors can hear each other during the meeting. A person participating in a meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Section 19 *Action by the Governing Council Without a Meeting.* Between meetings, votes of the Governing Council may be taken by mail and/or by facsimile at the direction of the president, if a written ballot is delivered by U.S. Figure Skating to every member entitled to vote on the matter.

A. The written ballot ~~shall~~ **will** set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action.

B. Approval by written ballot ~~shall~~ **will** only be valid when:

(i) The number of votes cast by ballot equals the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and

(ii) The number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.

C. Any solicitation for votes by written ballot ~~shall~~ **will**:

(i) Indicate the number of responses necessary to meet the quorum requirements,

(ii) State the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than the election of directors,

(iii) Specify the time by which the ballot must be received by U.S. Figure Skating in order to be counted, and

(iv) Be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person voting to reach an informed decision.

D. Written ballots may not be revoked. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action required or permitted by these bylaws or other provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Governing Council may be taken without a meeting:

(i) If a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members of the Governing Council entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

(ii) To be effective action, all such signed written consents must be received by U.S. Figure Skating within 60 days after the date **when U.S. Figure Skating receives** the earliest dated writing describing and consenting to the action, ~~is received by U.S. Figure Skating.~~

Section 20 *Action by the Board of Directors Without a Meeting.* Between meetings, votes of the Board of Directors may be taken by mail and/or by facsimile at the direction of the president.

A. Such action without a meeting may be taken if every member of the Board of Directors in writing either:

(i) Votes for such action or

(ii) Votes against such action or

(iii) Abstains from voting and waives the right to demand that a meeting be held.

B. Action is taken only if the affirmative votes for such action equal or exceed the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors then in office were present and voted.

C. The action ~~shall~~ **will** only be effective if:

(i) There are writings which describe the action, signed by all of the directors, received by U.S. Figure Skating and filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors.

- (ii) Any such writings may be received by electronically transmitted facsimile or other form of wire or wireless communication providing U.S. Figure Skating with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature.
- D. Actions taken ~~shall~~ **will** be effective when the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by U.S. Figure Skating unless the writings set forth a different date.
- E. Any director who has signed a writing may revoke it by a writing signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked.

(i) ~~However,~~ Such writing must be received by U.S. Figure Skating before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received.

- F. All such action ~~shall~~ **will** have the same effect as action taken at a meeting.
- G. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action required or permitted by these bylaws or other provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members of the Board of Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

Section 21 *Waiver of Notice*. Whenever any notice is required to be given by law, or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or these bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, ~~shall~~ **will** be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE X Officers

Section 1 *Elected Officers*. The elected officers ~~shall~~ **will** be a president, three vice presidents (one from each of the three sections set forth in Article IV, Section 2 above), a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2 *Terms*. The president, the three vice presidents, the secretary and the treasurer ~~shall~~ **will** each be elected to hold office for a term of one year and may hold office for no more than four consecutive terms, except by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of the Governing Council at which they are elected.

Section 3 *Executive Director*. The executive director ~~shall be~~ **is**:

- A. Elected by the Board of Directors and
- B. Responsible for and ~~shall~~ manages the operations of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters and the publication of SKATING magazine and such other operations of U.S. Figure Skating as may from time to time be assigned to the executive director by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 *Establishment of Other Offices*. The Governing Council may establish such other offices and may appoint such honorary and other officers with such powers and duties as it may from time to time determine.

Section 5 *Qualifications of Officers*. Each officer of U.S. Figure Skating must be:

- A. At least 18 years of age,
- B. A registered member of U.S. Figure Skating, and
- C. Otherwise qualified to serve in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 6 *Officers of other National Governing Bodies*. No officer ~~shall~~ **will** simultaneously serve as an officer of any other amateur sports organization which is recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as a national governing body.

Section 7 *Removal*. Any officer may be removed at any time for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors (excluding the vote of the affected officer); provided; ~~however, that~~

- (i) A. Due notice of the meeting of the board (or of the proposal that the Board of Directors take action without a meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 20 of these bylaws) has been given to the affected officer, and
- (ii) B. The affected officer is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the board or to submit a written statement to the board prior to action by the Board of Directors.
- C. Such action by the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ **will** be final and binding and, therefore, ~~shall~~ **will** not be subject to action by the Governing Council as otherwise provided by Article VIII, Section 11 of these bylaws.

Section 8 *Vacancies*. All vacancies in the elected officer positions ~~shall~~ **will** be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. An officer elected to fill a vacancy ~~shall~~ **will** be elected for the unexpired term of such officer's predecessor in office.

ARTICLE XI President

Section 1 ~~Presiding Officer-Duties~~ The president: ~~shall~~

- A. **Presides** at all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors.
- B. ~~The president shall~~ **Generally supervises** the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, and
- C. ~~shall~~ **Signs** all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000.

D. Appoints:

(i) The chairs of the permanent committees, with the exception of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee;

(ii) The representatives and delegates to the ISU, the USOC and such other organizations with which U.S. Figure Skating is affiliated;

E.(iii) Has the right to remove the chairs in (D) (i), subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Sections 2 and 4 of these bylaws, and the representatives in (D) (ii) with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, provided that such power does not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.

~~Section 2-Powers of Appointment and Removal. With the exception of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee, the president shall appoint the chairs of the permanent committees, the representatives and delegates to the ISU, the USOC and such other organizations with which U.S. Figure Skating is affiliated and shall have the right to remove them, subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Sections 2, 4 and 5 hereof, provided that such power shall not extend to the appointment or removal of any officeholders elected by the Governing Council.~~

~~Section 3-Membership on Committees. The president shall be is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.~~

ARTICLE XII Vice Presidents

Section 1 Duties.

A. The vice presidents, in their order, shall ~~shall~~ **will** perform the duties of the president in the president's absence, inability or refusal to act.

B. With respect to the section in which each resides when elected, the vice presidents shall ~~shall~~ **will** be responsible for:

- (i)** All matters relating to the advancement of figure skating in all its branches;
- (ii)** The promotion of harmony among all of its members and member clubs;
- (iii)** The solution of problems, and
- (iv)** The carrying out of the government and purposes of U.S. Figure Skating in cooperation with its officers and committees.

ARTICLE XIII Secretary

Section 1 Duties. The secretary:

A. shall ~~shall~~ **Keep** the records of U.S. Figure Skating and of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors;

B. shall ~~shall~~ **Prepare** minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors;

C. shall ~~shall~~ **Issue** notices of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors; **and**

D. shall, With the president, sign ~~sign~~ all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000 and if so directed by the Governing Council or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV Treasurer

Section 1-Supervision of Finances and Budget. Duties. The treasurer:

A. shall ~~Serve~~ **Serve** as chair of the Finance Committee

B. and shall have ~~Has~~ **Has** general control and supervision of the finances of U.S. Figure Skating, including the examination of the books, accounts and records of all officers, committees and persons who handle any of the financial affairs of U.S. Figure Skating.

C. ~~The treasurer shall~~ **Will** cause to be prepared an annual itemized budget for submission to each annual meeting of the Governing Council.

D. and shall ~~Supervise~~ **Supervise** and regulate the carrying out of such budget as adopted by the Governing Council.

E. ~~Section 2 Books of Account. The treasurer shall~~ **Will** cause to be kept full and correct accounts of the receipts and expenditures and of the property of U.S. Figure Skating in books belonging to U.S. Figure Skating.

F. and shall ~~Will~~ **Will** cause to be deposited all monies received in the name and to the credit of U.S. Figure Skating in such depositories as the treasurer or the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

G. ~~Section 3 Disbursements, Investments. The treasurer shall~~ **Will** disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of U.S. Figure Skating ~~and~~,

H. With the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have ~~has~~ **has** authority to invest and reinvest funds and to sell, exchange, assign and transfer securities and other investment assets belonging to U.S. Figure Skating.

I. ~~Section 4 Reports. The treasurer shall~~ **Renders** to the president, the Governing Council, and the Board of Directors, whenever requested by any of them, an account of all the transactions as treasurer and

J. shall ~~Presents~~ **Presents** a full financial report each year to the annual meeting of the Governing Council.

ARTICLE XV

Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1 *Nominating Committee*. Each year ~~a twelve member Nominating Committee will~~ there shall be established ~~a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of:~~

- A.** ~~(i) Nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and~~ **consisting of:**
- (i)** ~~one member~~ **Three members (one from each section)** elected in odd numbered years by the Governing Council delegates from ~~each that~~ section to serve two-year terms, and
- (ii)** **Six members (two from each section)** elected in even numbered years by the Governing Council delegates from that section to serve two-year terms.
- B.** ~~(ii) ——— Three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on U.S. Figure Skating committees set forth in Article XVI, Section 6 hereof of these bylaws. The nine members referred to in (i), above, shall consist of one member elected in odd numbered years by the Governing Council delegates from each section to serve two year terms, and six members (two from each section) elected in even numbered years by the Governing Council delegates from that section to serve two year terms. The three athlete members, each representing a different section, shall be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms.~~
- C.** Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.
- D.** Members of the Nominating Committee ~~shall be~~ **are** ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended for a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of that Committee with the following exception: Athlete members of the Nominating Committee ~~shall be~~ **are** eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.
- E.** The Board of Directors ~~shall will~~, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the nine registered members to be elected by it.
- F.** The Nominating Committee ~~shall will~~ elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

Section 2 *Nominations for Officers and Directors*.

The Nominating Committee:

- A.** ~~shall~~ **Presents** to the annual meeting of the Governing Council in the immediately following year the names of the qualified persons nominated by it for officers and for such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to provisions of Section 4 below.
- B.** ~~The Nominating Committee shall~~ **Designates** one of the nominees for vice president as first vice president, one as second vice president and one as third vice president.
- C.** **Receives from** the Athletes Advisory Committee ~~shall deliver to the Nominating Committee~~ the names of the athletes elected in accordance with the provisions of **Article XV**, Section 4 ~~of this Article XV~~ for presentation to the Governing Council.
- D.** **Submits a** ~~The report of the Nominating Committee shall will to~~ be included in the written notice of meetings of the Governing Council as described in Article IX, Section 3 ~~of the these~~ bylaws.

Section 3 *Other Nominations*. Other nominations for such offices and for the Board of Directors may be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Nominating Committee Rules.

Section 4 *Elections*.

- A. The Governing Council ~~shall~~, by majority vote of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy, ~~elects:~~
- ~~1-~~ **(i)** A president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer to hold office for a term specified in Article X, Section 2, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and
- ~~2-~~ **(ii)** Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section 2 ~~hereof of these bylaws~~ for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3 ~~hereof of these bylaws~~, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.
- B. The Athletes Advisory Committee must conduct elections to elect the appropriate number of athlete members of the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 and **Section 4 (B)** ~~hereof of these bylaws~~ for a term of one year commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Governing Council at which elections under paragraph A of this Section 4 occur, or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 1 *Permanent Committees*. ~~There shall be~~ U.S. Figure Skating has the following permanent committees of U.S. Figure Skating:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 16. Membership |
| 2. Athlete Development | 17. Memorial Fund |
| 3. Athletes Advisory | 18. Pairs |
| 4. Audit | 19. Parents |
| 5. Coaches | 20. Program Development |
| 6. Collegiate Program | 21. Rules |
| 7. Compensation | 22. Sanctions and Eligibility |
| 8. Competitions | 23. Selections |
| 9. Dance | 24. Singles |
| 10. Ethics | 25. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Finance | 26. Strategic Planning |
| 12. Grievance | 27. Synchronized Skating |
| 13. International | 28. Technical Panel |
| 14. International Judges and Officials | 29. Tests |
| 15. Judges | |

Section 2 *Chairs of Permanent Committees*. ~~With the exception of the chairs of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and Finance Committee,~~ The chairs of the permanent committees shall be are appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee with the following exceptions:

A. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be who is elected by athletes from among the athlete representatives to the Board of Directors pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 hereof of these bylaws.

B. The Audit Committee,

C. The Finance Committee.

With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee, the chair of a permanent committee may be removed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 *Committee Groups*. U.S. Figure Skating committees shall be are organized into four committee groups:

- Group 1: Athlete Services: Athletes Advisory, Athlete Development, Coaches, International, Memorial Fund, Parents, and Sports Sciences and Medicine.
- Group 2: Membership Development: Membership, Collegiate Program, Program Development, Special Olympics and State Games.
- Group 3: Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges and Officials, Judges, Pairs, Selections, Singles, Synchronized Skating, Technical Panel and Tests.
- Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Audit, Compensation, Ethics, Finance, Grievance, Rules, Sanctions and Eligibility, and Strategic Planning.

Coordinators of each committee group shall be are nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Governing Council for election.

Section 4 *ISU and Olympic Representatives*. ~~The representatives to the International Skating Union and the United States Olympic Committee, referred to herein as the "ISU Representative" and "Olympic Representative" respectively, shall be appointed by the president and may be removed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 5 *Special and Ad Hoc Committees*. The president, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, may from time to time designate and appoint or abolish special and ad hoc committees and chairs thereof and special offices and officers, each with such duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, or by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The chairs of special and ad hoc committees and any officers appointed pursuant to this section may, upon the invitation of the president, attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will be accorded the privileges of the floor.

Section 6 *Athlete Representation*. At least 20 percent of all committees, subcommittees, task forces and all other types of legislative bodies including the Governing Council, whether permanent, special, ad hoc or otherwise, shall will consist of individuals who are athletes as defined in Article XXII, Section 2 and, to the extent applicable, as defined in GR 3.00.

Section 7 *Ex Officio Members*. Unless a bylaw or official rule provides otherwise, ex officio members may vote, but are not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting.

Section 8 *Reports of Action*. All actions of all committees shall will be reported to the Governing Council and to the Board of Directors at the next ensuing meetings thereof and shall are be subject to alteration or cancellation by the Governing Council or by the Board of Directors, provided that no rights or acts of third parties shall will be adversely affected thereby.

ARTICLE XVII

Duties of Permanent Committees

Section 1 *Enforcement of Official Rules*. Each permanent committee has the duty and power of enforcing and carrying out the official rules which relate to the matters within its jurisdiction.

Section 2 *Formulation of Rules*. Each permanent committee has the duty of formulating rules for the matters within its jurisdiction (as outlined in Article XVIII ~~hereof~~ of these bylaws) and of keeping said rules current and up to date. Any rule changes ~~therein~~ so formulated ~~shall~~ will be submitted to the Board of Directors for action, and no rules or changes ~~therein shall~~ will be effective until approved and published as provided in Article XXI ~~hereof~~ of these bylaws.

ARTICLE XVIII

Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating and to the control of the Board of Directors, ~~shall~~ will have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below:

Adult Skating: encourage and support the growth of figure skating for adults by creating and encouraging the creation of programs addressing the needs of the adult skating community as a whole; the composition and manner of performance of all singles, pairs, and dance tests of adult skaters not specifically delegated to the Singles and Pairs and Dance Committees; and all matters pertaining to adult skating competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Athlete Development: develop recommendations for programs to bring identified athletes to their full potential consistent with the spirit of the rules, regulations and goals of U.S. Figure Skating; consolidate the various athlete developmental programs into one overall plan for the greatest utilization of financial and human resources.

Athletes Advisory: the collection of viewpoints and ideas of active and former competitive athletes, the representation and promotion of the rights and viewpoints of active and former competitive athletes, the conducting of informational meetings and the election of individuals to serve in athlete positions of U.S. Figure Skating as well as athlete positions in the USOC.

Audit: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving the financial reporting, internal control, auditing, tax return and related legal compliance functions of U.S. Figure Skating, including oversight activities pertaining to (i) the integrity of U.S. Figure Skating financial statements and financial and tax reporting, including review of the financial reporting and accounting standards and principles of U.S. Figure Skating, (ii) the qualifications, selection, engagement and independence of U.S. Figure Skating independent auditors and (iii) the performance of U.S. Figure Skating independent and internal audit functions.

Coaches: the collection of viewpoints and ideas at all levels; the coordination and representation of coaches serving on the many committees of U.S. Figure Skating.

Collegiate Program: the encouragement, development, and promotion of figure skating in universities and colleges; the teaching of figure skating and the promotion of its inclusion in the curricula of universities and colleges; the promotion of figure skating as a competitive sport in universities and colleges.

Compensation: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving (i) the selection of the executive director, (ii) the compensation structure and evaluation process for the executive director, and (iii) policies concerning compensation and benefit programs offered to U.S. Figure Skating employees.

Competitions: the conduct and control of all U.S. Figure Skating figure skating competitions on ice held in the United States, including the selection of officials ~~therefore~~; the granting of sanctions ~~therefore~~, except the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and international competitions, sanctions for which ~~shall~~ will be granted by the Board of Directors of U.S. Figure Skating; and the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of referees and accountants.

Dance: the composition, conduct, and manner of performance of all dance tests, the passing marks ~~therefore~~, the standards for the marking and judging ~~thereof~~, the keeping of records of the results ~~thereof~~, the awarding of certificates and emblems ~~therefore~~, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all dance tests and all matters relating to ice dancing in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Ethics: the maintenance and administration of rules governing and applying the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and all other U.S. Figure Skating rules addressing issues of ethics and member or member club conduct.

Finance: the provision of assistance to the treasurer in executing the duties of the office; also, financial policy analysis for the officers, the Board of Directors and the Governing Council; the execution of special financial studies and projects for officers and the Board of Directors and to render such other financial assistance as may further the programs of U.S. Figure Skating.

Grievance: the selection of persons to serve on Hearing Panels and the maintenance and administration of rules governing the conduct of grievance and disciplinary proceedings under U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rules.

International: the relationships of U.S. Figure Skating with the International Skating Union and with the skating associations and clubs of foreign countries; the selection for and entry of figure skaters to represent the United States

in World Championships and other international competitions and in the Olympic Winter Games; and the issuance of sanctions for U.S. Figure Skating skaters in foreign countries (except Canada) and for all foreign skaters (except Canadian) in the United States.

International Judges and Officials: the annual review of and maintenance of the list of referees, judges and other technical officials appointed by the ISU; the preparation of recommendations to the Board of Directors for appointment, promotion, demotion and removal of international referees, judges and other technical officials; the facilitation of ISU specified education of international judges, referees and other technical officials.

Judges: the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of judges for all tests and competitions.

Membership: the maintenance and administration of rules governing applications for membership; the investigation of such applications; the approval or disapproval of applications for collegiate and school-affiliated membership; supportive membership, Theatre On Ice/Team membership; the recommendation to the Governing Council of applicants for full club membership; the approval of change of name and/or of principal skating headquarters of member clubs; the placing of member clubs in an inactive status; the development of programs designed to provide growth in all membership categories; and the providing of assistance to member clubs with respect to their relationships with their rinks.

Memorial Fund: the raising of funds; the assistance by academic and skating scholarships to promising skaters who show future potential for national and international competition and who are in need of financial aid to continue their academic and skating education; and the review of applications for such academic and skating scholarships, designation of those who are to receive such awards and overseeing that the awards are properly made and used.

Pairs: the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all pairs tests, the passing marks ~~thereof~~, the standards for marking and judging ~~thereof~~, the keeping of records of the results ~~thereof~~, the awarding of certificates and emblems ~~thereof~~, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all pairs tests, and all matters relating to pairs skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Parents: collecting viewpoints and ideas of parents of active and former competitive athletes; communicating these ideas and viewpoints; informational and educational meetings for parents; providing guidance to parents in their supportive role in the lives of competitive athletes; promoting Codes of Ethics and good sportsmanship; selecting spokespersons for meetings, seminars and camps.

Program Development: the creation and development of new programs for the benefit of U.S. Figure Skating and its members.

Rules: the review and recommendation of the specific language of all proposals for changes in the bylaws and official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

Sanctions and Eligibility: the maintenance and administration of rules governing carnivals and exhibitions on ice held in the United States; the participation by registered skaters in carnivals and exhibitions in the United States and Canada and by Canadian skaters in the United States; the granting and refusal of sanctions for such carnivals, exhibitions and appearances; the determination and collection of fees and assessments for such sanctions; the determination and control of the amount of expenses and the type and value of gifts allowed to registered skaters appearing in any such carnivals and exhibitions; the definition of eligible and ineligible persons in skating; the maintenance and administration of rules governing standards of participation in U.S. Figure Skating activities by eligible persons and others; the investigation and punishment of violations ~~thereof~~; the classification of eligible persons and others; and the reinstatement of persons whose eligibility has been lost, suspended or restricted.

Selections: approve the naming of officials, judges and support staff to serve at all designated international competitions and ISU Championships. Approve the naming of officials, judges and auxiliary support personnel (accounting, announcing, and music) to serve at all recognized national level domestic competitions.

Singles: the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all singles tests, the passing marks ~~thereof~~, the standards for marking and judging ~~thereof~~, the keeping of records of the results ~~thereof~~, the awarding of certificates and emblems ~~thereof~~, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all singles tests, and all matters relating to singles skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Sports Sciences and Medicine: the dissemination and application of basic and clinical sciences throughout the figure skating community in order to promote and advance skater health, accelerate athlete development and compliance with applicable rules and regulations of figure skating.

Strategic Planning: to create a business plan that promotes and encourages the United States Figure Skating Association's mission.

Synchronized Skating: the composition and manner of performance of all synchronized skating events; the standards for the marking and judging ~~thereof~~; and all matters pertaining to synchronized skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Technical Panel: the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of technical panel officials for competitions.

Tests: the administration of the test rules, testing procedures, the conduct of all tests, test fees, test records, certificates and emblems, rule violations, and all other matters common to tests not specifically delegated to other committees.

ARTICLE XIX Composition of Permanent Committees

Section 1 *General Provisions.*

- A.** Each permanent committee, ~~except the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, the Rules Committee and the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee, shall will~~ consist of no fewer than nine voting members, however the Rules Committee and the Sports Science and Medicine Committee may consist of no fewer than three voting members and the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, the Grievance Committee and the International Judges and Officials Committee will be of such size as specified in Section 2 below. ~~The Rules Committee and Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee may consist of no fewer than three voting members. The Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee and International Judges and Officials Committee shall be of such size as specified below.~~
- B.** The members insofar as practical ~~shall will~~ be evenly divided ~~between among~~ the three sections.
- C.** Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 2 ~~hereof~~ of these bylaws, the chairs of ~~said permanent~~ committees, except the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee, ~~shall will~~ be appointed annually by the president to hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.
- D.** The members of ~~said permanent~~ committees, except the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, and International Judges and Officials Committee, ~~shall will~~ be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Said chairs may remove such members with the concurrence of the president.

Section 2 *Specific Committee Provisions.* The following committees ~~shall will~~ be composed as indicated and all members of such committees will hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.

- A.** The *Audit Committee* ~~shall consists~~ of at least three and not more than five members, a majority of whom ~~shall are~~ not be members of the Board of Directors. The president ~~shall appoints~~ the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must:
- (i) Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment and
 - (ii) Meet any other requirements for independence, expertise or qualifications set forth in the Audit Committee rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Audit Committee.
- (iii)** The members of the Audit Committee ~~shall~~ designate the chair of the committee.
- B.** The *Compensation Committee* ~~shall consists~~ of at least three and not more than five members, all of whom ~~shall be are~~ members of the Board of Directors. The president ~~shall appoints~~ the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must:
- (i) Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment and
 - (ii) Meet any qualifications set forth in the Compensation Committee rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Compensation Committee.
- C.** The *Finance Committee* ~~shall consists~~ of:
- (i)** The treasurer, who serves as chair of the committee ~~(as chair)~~,
 - (ii)** The immediate past treasurer and
 - (iii)** Six members appointed by the chair for their financial business experience.
 - (iv)** The executive director, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of U.S. Figure Skating ~~shall will~~ be ex officio members of the Finance Committee.
- D.** The *Grievance Committee*. The grievance committee will constitute the member pool from which at least two-thirds of the members of any Hearing Panel will be drawn. Each year one-third of the committee will be appointed for a three-year term. The committee shall consists of:
- (i)** A chair annually appointed by the president, and
 - (ii)** 34 members appointed for three-year terms as follows:
 - (a)** Three U.S. Figure Skating members from each region appointed by the appropriate sectional vice president, and
 - (b)** Seven athletes as defined in Article XXII, Section 2, appointed by the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee (herein called "Athlete Members of the Grievance Committee").
- ~~This committee will constitute the member pool from which at least two-thirds of the members of any Hearing Panel will be drawn. Each year onethird of the committee will be appointed for a three year term.~~

- E. The *International Judges and Officials Committee* shall consist of:
- (i) The chair,
 - (ii) The chairs of Competitions, International, and Judges Committees,
 - (iii) The ISU representative,
 - (iv) U.S. Figure Skating vice presidents and
 - (v) Such other members as the president may appoint.

ARTICLE XX

U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund

Section 1 *Establishment of Fund.* There is hereby established within U.S. Figure Skating a special fund which may be referred to as the "U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund."

- A.** The fund shall be managed and administered by the Memorial Fund Operating Committee as more fully described in Section 4 below.
- B.** The fund is to be promoted by the activities of the Memorial Fund Committee described in the Memorial Fund Committee Rules, Article XIX hereof.

Section 2 *Purpose of Fund.* The purpose of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund is to memorialize in a manner that would be of assistance to future aspiring figure skaters the 1961 United States World Figure Skating Team, coaches and officials who lost their lives in the tragic crash of their airplane near Brussels, Belgium, on February 15, 1961, while en route to the World Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Section 3 *Receipt of Property.*

- A.** U.S. Figure Skating shall will receive, accept, take, hold, deal with, disburse and dispose of all property given, transferred, conveyed, devised or bequeathed to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund only in the manner hereinafter authorized and only for the objects, purposes and uses specified in Article II hereof of these bylaws.
- B.** Contributions to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund may be received:
- (i) In the memory of a specific person,
 - (ii) As an unrestricted gift,
 - (iii) ~~or~~ As a restricted gift for the use and benefit of such worthy skaters as U.S. Figure Skating member club or clubs specified by the donor may from time to time select through action of their governing boards, provided, however, that restricted gifts may be subject to a ten percent (10%) contribution to the general funds of U.S. Figure Skating to cover administrative costs and to promote the general purposes of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund.

Section 4 *Memorial Fund Operating Committee.*

- A.** The Memorial Fund Operating Committee shall consist of:
- (i) The president,
 - (ii) The chair of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund Committee, and
 - (iii) Such additional members as may be appointed annually by the president.
- B.** It is the responsibility of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund Operating Committee to determine the policy of the Memorial Fund, especially with regard to investments and operating policies.
- C.** Decisions of the Memorial Fund Operating Committee may be reached by a vote of a majority of the members of the committee acting in person at a meeting or by telephone, telegram or mail.

Section 5 *Memorial Fund Scholarships.* The Memorial Fund Committee may award scholarships to assist deserving and promising figure skaters who are in need of financial assistance in order to continue their education in competitive figure skating and/or to obtain a college or university education,

- A.** By paying to or for the benefit of such skaters the cost of all or any part of the expenses incurred for coaching, ice time, travel to qualifying competitions, skates, competition skating attire and the like, and/or tuition, board and lodging while attending the colleges or universities of their choice.
- B.** Race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin shall will not be considered in the selection of recipients for such awards.

Section 6 *Applications Procedures.*

- A.** The U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund Committee shall will establish procedures, rules and regulations governing the receipt and review of applications for academic and skating scholarships and the designation of those applicants who are to receive such scholarships in order to ensure that the scholarships are properly granted and used.
- B.** The Memorial Fund Committee may establish such criteria and eligibility standards and adopt such application forms and reports to aid them in determining those applicants who are promising and deserving recipients of awards of scholarships, in allocating the same from the funds available for such purposes, and ensuring that such awards are properly made and used as are not inconsistent with this article.

Section 7 *Internal Procedures and Accounting.*

- A.** U.S. Figure Skating shall will adopt and employ such internal administrative procedures and accounting methods as may be necessary and appropriate to maintain the functions of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund.

B. Such procedures and methods ~~shall~~ include:

- (i)** The creation and use of banking and investment accounts for the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund separate from those of U.S. Figure Skating and
- (ii)** Other means sufficient to prevent the commingling of the funds and property of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund with the general funds and property of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE XXI

Official Rules

Section 1 *Rules and Regulations.*

A. The Governing Council, and in the intervals between meetings of the Governing Council, the Board of Directors, may adopt, publish, enforce and change rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of these bylaws for the regulation and carrying out of the purposes, government and management of the affairs of U.S. Figure Skating.

B. Such rules and regulations ~~shall be~~ entitled "Official Rules of U.S. Figure Skating"; and

(i) May be adopted by either body on its own motion or as a result of reports of one or more of the committees specified in Article XVI, Sections 1 and 5 ~~hereof~~ **of these bylaws** and

(ii) ~~shall be~~ **Are** published in such manner and become effective at such time as ~~is~~ provided in Section 3 of this article.

C. In the absence of such rules and regulations, the powers and duties of carrying out the purposes, government and management of the affairs of U.S. Figure Skating remain vested in the Governing Council and Board of Directors as herein provided.

Section 2 *Publication of Rulebook, Contents.* U.S. Figure Skating ~~shall~~ **will** publish each year, as soon after July ~~1 first~~ as is practicable, an annual rulebook containing the bylaws, the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating and such other matters as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 *Effectiveness.* Such rules and regulations or any amendments thereto ~~shall~~ become effective on September ~~1 first~~ each year or upon such specific date as may otherwise be stated in the motion of adoption thereof.

ARTICLE XXII

Prerequisites to Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities and the Definition of Athlete

Section 1 *Prerequisites.*

A. Any person **who is a member in good standing of a member club, collegiate club or an honorary or individual member and is registered with U.S. Figure Skating and is otherwise eligible to do so in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating** ~~shall have~~ **has** the opportunity to participate in the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to:

(i) The opportunity to compete in competitions, take tests and participate in carnivals and exhibitions sponsored by U.S. Figure Skating and

(ii) The opportunity to serve as an officer, a director or committee member or as an official in figure skating, ~~if such person is a member in good standing of a member club, collegiate club or an honorary or individual member and is registered with U.S. Figure Skating and is otherwise eligible to do so in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.~~

B. U.S. Figure Skating does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.

Section 2 *Definition of Athlete.* For all purposes set forth in these bylaws or the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, an athlete ~~shall be~~ **is** defined as a member meeting the prerequisites of Section 1 and:

A. Any person who **has** ~~competes~~ in a sectional championship in singles, pairs or dance in a qualifying event; or U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships **during the prior five years**; or

B. Any person who **has** ~~placed~~ first through fourth in singles, pairs or dance in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships **during the prior five years**; or

~~C. Any person who has met any of the criteria in subsection (A) or (B) within the prior five years; or~~

~~D.~~**C.** Any person who has competed for U.S. Figure Skating as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating team as defined in ICR 4.01 and ICR 9.01 within the prior 10 years.

ARTICLE XXIII

Registration

Section 1 *Registration Requirement Generally.*

A. A registered member is a person registered in accordance with this article who is a member of a member club, a collegiate club, an individual member, or an honorary member.

B. Every officer, committee member and member of the Board of Directors and every delegate to the Governing Council, every referee, judge and accountant or other official in figure skating, and figure skaters who are members of a member club, collegiate club, or an honorary or individual member ~~shall~~ **are to** be registered annually with U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 2 *Registration Procedure.*

- A.** Member clubs and collegiate clubs ~~shall be~~ **are** responsible for:
- (i)** The collection of registration fees from their members,
 - (ii)** The issuance of registration cards thereto, and
 - (iii)** The submission of lists of their registered members together with the amount of the fees therefore to U.S. Figure Skating.

B. Registration of individual members ~~shall be~~ **is** in accordance with, and the annual fee ~~therefore shall~~ **is to** be included in the dues collected pursuant to the Membership Rules.

Section 3 *Registration Cards*. Registration cards ~~shall be~~ **are** valid from July 1 of a year (and the month immediately prior) through June 30 of the following year and renewable before July 31 of that following year.

Section 4 *Registration Monies*. All monies received from registration fees ~~shall~~ become part of the general funds of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE XXIV

Resignations

Any member club, collegiate club, school-affiliated member or Theatre On Ice/Team may resign from U.S. Figure Skating after payment of all dues and other fees then due, including those for the fiscal year in which the resignation is tendered, by mailing written notice of resignation to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges

Section 1 *Delinquent Financial Obligations*.

A. Any member club, collegiate club, school-affiliated member or individual member which fails to make payment of dues, registration fees, or any other financial obligations due U.S. Figure Skating by the January ~~1~~ **first** next succeeding the due date ~~shall~~ **will** be considered delinquent and ~~shall~~ **will** lose all privileges of membership.

B. ~~However,~~ **P**ayment of the delinquent obligations at any time prior to the date of the immediately following annual meeting of the Governing Council ~~shall~~ **will** restore the privileges of membership.

Section 2 *Expulsion of Delinquent Members*.

A. At each annual meeting of the Governing Council, the treasurer ~~shall~~ **will** submit a list of all member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated members and individual members which are delinquent with respect to the payment of dues, registration fees or any other financial obligations due U.S. Figure Skating and ~~shall~~ **will** recommend appropriate action to be taken with respect thereto.

B. Any such delinquent member club, collegiate club, school-affiliated members or individual member may be permanently expelled from membership by a majority vote of the delegates present in person or by proxy at such meeting provided that the delinquent member:

- (i)** ~~shall have~~ **Has** first been afforded notice of the proposed expulsion and
- (ii)** **Has been afforded** an opportunity to be heard pursuant to a fair and reasonable procedure established by the board as written policy of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 3 *Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings*.

All grievance and disciplinary procedures ~~shall~~ **must** be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

A. *Grievance Proceedings*:

~~1-~~**(i)** *Scope*:

- (a)** Any U.S. Figure Skating member or member club aggrieved or harmed by the alleged violation of a U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule by any other U.S. Figure Skating member or member club may bring a grievance citing the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.
- (b)** The member or member club must be a member in good standing both at the time the grievance is filed and at the time of the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.
- (c)** Such grievance must include the allegation that violation of a specific U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule caused harm to the Grievant.

2. **(ii)** *Time period*: A grievance must be filed:

- (a)** Within 60 days of the occurrence of the alleged violation, or
- (b)** Within 60 days of the discovery of the alleged violation, or
- (c)** In the case of a minor, within 60 days after the minor's 18th birthday, whichever is later.

(iii) **Requirements**: The specific Grievance Statement filing requirements and hearing procedure guidelines for a grievance that proceeds under Section 3 (A) ~~shall be~~ **are** found in the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).

B. *Disciplinary Proceedings:*

1. (i) *Scope:* A vice president, by referral to the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair of the Ethics Committee, after a referral by a vice president or the chair of the Grievance Committee pursuant to applicable Grievance Committee or Ethics Committee Rules, may initiate disciplinary proceedings as to any matter arising under GR 1.01, GR 1.02 or GR 1.03.
2. (ii) *Review:* Upon referral of the matter by a vice president, or the chair of the Grievance Committee, the chair of the Ethics Committee ~~shall have~~ **has** 30 days to review the matter.
- (a) If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are not warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee ~~shall in writing~~ **will** so **advise in writing**, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance.
- (b) If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee ~~shall in writing~~ **will** so **advise in writing**, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and indicate either:
- (i) **1.** that such person or the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance may file a Grievance Statement (in which case the person who files the Grievance Statement ~~shall~~ **will** be the “Grievant”) or
- (ii) **2.** alternatively, and at the discretion of the chair of the Ethics Committee, that the chair of the Ethics Committee has decided to file a Grievance Statement (in which case U.S. Figure Skating ~~shall~~ **will** be the “Grievant” with the chair of the Ethics Committee acting on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating).
- (iii) The specific Grievance Statement filing requirements and hearing procedure guidelines for a “Disciplinary Proceeding” under this Section 3 (B) ~~shall be~~ **are** found in the Ethics Committee Rules (ECR).

C. *Appeal from Regular Grievance or Disciplinary Proceedings:*

(For appeals from Expedited Hearings, refer to Article XXV Section 3 (D) (below) and the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR)).

1. *The Appellate Panel:* The Appellate Panel ~~shall~~ **consists** of three persons appointed by the chair of the Grievance Committee, with the approval of the president, for a one-year term.
- (a) One appointed member ~~shall~~ **must** be an athlete and all members of the Appellate Panel ~~shall~~ **must** meet one of the following qualifications:
- (i) Member of the Board of Directors within the 10 years prior to the appointment (but is not currently a member of the board);
- (ii) Chair of either the Ethics or Grievance Committee within the 10 years prior to the appointment (but is not currently serving as Ethics or Grievance Committee chair); or
- (iii) An attorney licensed to practice in any state.
- (b) ~~Should~~ **If** one or more of the appointed persons ~~have~~ **has** a conflict of interest or was the referring vice president or chair of the Ethics or Grievance Committee when the grievance was first filed (or served in any such capacity while the grievance was pending), a substitute panelist ~~shall~~ **will** be appointed by the chair of the Grievance Committee, with the approval of the president, to serve for that appeal. The substitute panelist ~~shall~~ **must** meet the same qualifications as the appellate panel member.
- (c) An Appellate Panel ~~shall~~ **will** retain jurisdiction of any appeal that is filed during its one-year term.
2. *Notice of Appeal:*
- (a) Either the Grievant or the Respondent may appeal the decision of the Hearing Panel for either a grievance or disciplinary matter to the Appellate Panel by filing a written notice of appeal, including statement of the grounds for such appeal, with the chair of the Grievance Committee within 30 days of the receipt of the Hearing Panel’s decision.
- (b) Upon receiving written notice of appeal, the chair of the Grievance Committee ~~shall~~ **will** promptly notify in writing and deliver a copy of the notice of appeal to the members of the Appellate Panel, the chair of the Hearing Panel, and all other parties to the proceeding.
- (c) Other parties to the proceeding may, within 10 days of receipt of the notice of appeal, submit a written statement in response to the appeal; ~~such~~ **which** statement ~~shall~~ **must** be delivered to all other parties to the proceeding and the chair of the Grievance Committee.
- (d) The chair of the Hearing Panel ~~shall cause~~ **will promptly deliver** the record of the hearing ~~to be promptly delivered~~ to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary after receipt of the notice of appeal.
3. *Appeal Guidelines:*
- (a) An appeal of a decision of a Hearing Panel will be based solely upon an allegation that such panel acted erroneously, and must include the allegation that the Hearing Panel incorrectly interpreted or applied the applicable U.S. Figure Skating bylaws or rules, or erred in the analysis of such bylaws or rules as applied to the facts at hand.
- (b) The Appellate Panel’s decision on the appeal must be based solely on the record of the hearing delivered by the Hearing Panel. No new evidence may be presented.

- (c) The Appellate Panel members ~~shall~~ **will** each receive a copy of the record of the hearing and, within 30 days of receipt of the record of hearing, the Appellate Panel will meet in person or by telephone conference call to review the appeal.
4. *Appellate Panel's Decision:*
- (a) The Appellate Panel will issue its written decision within 10 days of the conclusion of its meeting pursuant to Section 3 (C) 3.
- (b) The decision ~~shall~~ **will** be delivered to the parties to the proceeding and to the chair of the Grievance Committee.
- (c) The decision of the Appellate Panel ~~shall~~ **will** be final on its terms, unless the decision involves a matter that is subject to being submitted to arbitration as described in Section 3 (C) ~~3~~ **5**.
5. *Arbitration:*
- (a) If the decision of the Appellate Panel arises from a controversy involving recognition of U.S. Figure Skating as a national governing body or involves the opportunity of any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition as protected by the USOC bylaws, upon demand of the affected person the decision of the Appellate Panel may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with applicable provisions of the USOC bylaws and the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
- (b) Such arbitration ~~shall~~ **will** be conducted at the office of the American Arbitration Association nearest to the headquarters of U.S. Figure Skating unless the parties ~~shall~~ otherwise agree.
- (c) The decision of the American Arbitration Association and any charges of the arbitrator ~~shall~~ **will** be borne by the party against whom the decision of the arbitrator is rendered except as otherwise agreed by the parties.
- D. *Expedited Proceedings:*
1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws or rules to the contrary, when compliance with regular procedures contained in this Section 3 would not, in the discretion of the chair of the Grievance Committee, be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision to do justice to the affected parties, including, but not limited to matters affecting an ongoing, scheduled or impending U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition or any competition protected by the USOC bylaws or the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the matter may be summarily heard and decided on an expedited basis in accordance with provisions of applicable U.S. Figure Skating Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).
 2. The member or member club subject to an expedited grievance or disciplinary proceeding must be given such notice and opportunity for a hearing as time and circumstances may reasonably dictate within the discretion of the chair of the Grievance Committee.
 3. Expedited hearings may be conducted at the site of the athletic competition, at a site convenient to the parties as designated by the chair of the Grievance Committee, or by telephone conference if necessary.
 4. Appeals from decisions heard on an expedited basis ~~shall~~ **will** be taken only in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR) for expedited hearings.

ARTICLE XXVI Indemnification

Section 1 *Indemnification Generally.* U.S. Figure Skating declares that:

- A.** any person who serves at its request as an officer, employee, member of the Governing Council, member or agent of the Board of Directors, chair or member of any U.S. Figure Skating committee or as an elected or appointed official of U.S. Figure Skating ~~shall~~ **is**, in such capacity, ~~be~~ subject to indemnification under the provisions of this article in accordance with and to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as hereafter amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law (for purposes of this article referred to as the "Act" and the indemnification provisions of which are incorporated herein by this reference).
- B.** Any such person ~~shall~~ **will** be indemnified by or on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating against expenses (including attorneys fees), liability, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of U.S. Figure Skating) by reason of such service if such person:
- (i) Acted in good faith,
 - (ii) Reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in an official capacity with U.S. Figure Skating, that the conduct was in the best interests of U.S. Figure Skating and, in all other cases, that the conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of U.S. Figure Skating and
 - (iii) With respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

Section 2 *Prohibited Indemnification*. No person ~~shall~~ **will** be entitled to indemnification under Section 1 of this article either:

- (i) **A.** In connection with a proceeding brought by or in the right of U.S. Figure Skating in which such person was adjudged liable to U.S. Figure Skating or
- (ii) **B.** In connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to such person, whether or not involving action in that person's official capacity, in which such person is ultimately adjudged liable on the basis that the person improperly received personal benefit.

Section 3 *Determination of Right to Indemnification*.

- A.** Any indemnification under Section 1 of this article ~~shall~~ **will** be made by U.S. Figure Skating only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the person is permissible under the circumstances because such person met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1.
- B.** Such determination ~~shall~~ **will** be made by the Board of Directors by a majority of a quorum of disinterested directors who at the time of the vote ~~are not~~, were not, and are not threatened to be made parties to the proceeding or, if such a quorum cannot be obtained, in a manner otherwise prescribed by the act.
- C.** Notwithstanding the prohibitions on indemnification set forth in Section 2 of this article, indemnification may be made by U.S. Figure Skating to the extent that the court in which the subject action or proceeding was brought ~~shall~~ **should** determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability or guilt, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, a person referred to in Section 1 of this article is entitled to indemnity for such expenses and other amounts which the court may deem proper.

Section 4 *Insurance*. The Board of Directors may exercise U.S. Figure Skating's power to purchase and maintain insurance (including, without limitation, insurance for legal expenses and costs incurred in connection with defending any claim, proceeding or lawsuit) on behalf of any person referred to in Section 1 of this article against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in the capacity designated or arising out of the person's status as such, whether or not U.S. Figure Skating would have the power to indemnify that person against such liability under the provisions of this article.

Section 5 *Survival of Indemnification*. The indemnification provided under Section 1 of this article ~~shall~~ **will** continue as to persons who have ceased to serve in the capacity designated with respect to actions in their official capacity while serving as such and ~~shall~~ **will** inure to the benefit of their heirs, executors and administrators.

ARTICLE XXVII

Disposition of Assets

A sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of property or assets of U.S. Figure Skating may be made by the Board of Directors upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may consist in whole or in part of money or property, real or personal, as may be authorized by them, provided, however,

- A.** That a sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all the property and assets ~~shall~~ **will** be authorized only upon receiving the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, and
- B.** Further provided that such disposition is not inconsistent with the provisions of Article XXVIII ~~hereof~~ **of these bylaws** or the articles of incorporation of U.S. Figure Skating, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XXVIII

Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of U.S. Figure Skating for any reason, all of its assets and property ~~shall~~ **will** be distributed, or sold and the proceeds thereof distributed, to the organization which ~~shall~~ **will** be a successor to U.S. Figure Skating, provided that:

- A.** Such organization ~~shall~~ **will** first have obtained a ruling exempting it from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or under the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws (the "Code"), as an organization of the type described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, ~~and or~~
- B.** If such successor organization has not obtained such ruling within a reasonable time following its establishment, or if there ~~shall~~ **will** be no successor to U.S. Figure Skating, then all of U.S. Figure Skating's assets and property ~~shall~~ **will** be distributed, or sold and the proceeds thereof distributed, to or among such one or more organizations as may be selected by the Governing Council as organizations having objects and purposes similar or related to those of U.S. Figure Skating, provided that:
 - (i)** No distributions ~~shall~~ **will** be made to an organization which does not have a ruling exempting such organization from federal income taxation as described above and
 - (ii)** ~~provided further that~~ In no event ~~shall~~ **will** any part of such assets or property, or the proceeds of sale thereof, be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any member or of any individual.
- C.** The procedure for dissolution ~~shall~~ **will** be as provided by and in the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as ~~hereafter~~ amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law.

ARTICLE XXIX
Amendments to Bylaws

Section 1 *Procedure for Amendments*. Amendments proposed to these bylaws may be acted upon at any annual or special meeting of the Governing Council, provided that the notice of the meeting states the specific text of the proposed amendments.

Section 2 *Effective date*. Amendments to these bylaws shall become effective only upon publication in an edition of the rulebook or upon such specific date as may otherwise be stated in the motion of adoption thereof.

Section 2 **3** *Necessary Vote*. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council members present in person or by proxy at the meeting of the Governing Council at which the proposed amendment is acted upon shall be **is** necessary for the adoption of any amendment to these bylaws.

In addition, amending all cross references within the bylaws and rules, where necessary.

53. EXHIBIT B – APPROVED to amend **Article XVII (page 14)** and delete **Article XVIII (pages 14-17)** as shown:

Move and edit the first sentence of Article XVIII to become new Section 1 of Article XVII; renumber the subsequent sections of Article XVII; delete the committee jurisdiction descriptions found in Article XVIII. **Add any jurisdiction references not already appearing in the rules to the respective committee rules.** These amendments effectively delete Article XVIII entirely. All subsequent bylaws and cross references would be renumbered.

ARTICLE XVII

Duties and Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Section 1 *Jurisdiction of Committees*. Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating and to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have has jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below: as defined in the committee rules of such committee.

Section 4 **2** *Enforcement of Official Rules*. Each permanent committee has the duty and power of enforcing and carrying out the official rules which relate to the matters within its jurisdiction.

Section 2 **3** *Formulation of Rules*. Each permanent committee has the duty of formulating rules for the matters within its jurisdiction (~~as outlined in Article XVIII hereof~~) and of keeping said rules current and up to date. Any rule changes therein so formulated shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for action, and no rules or changes therein shall be effective until approved and published as provided in Article XXI hereof.

ARTICLE XVIII

Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

~~Each permanent committee, subject to the provisions of the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating and to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have jurisdiction of all matters relating to the items stated after its title below~~

~~*Adult Skating*: encourage and support the growth of figure skating for adults by creating and encouraging the creation of programs addressing the needs of the adult skating community as a whole; the composition and manner of performance of all singles, pairs, and dance tests of adult skaters not specifically delegated to the Singles and Pairs and Dance Committees; and all matters pertaining to adult skating competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

~~*Athlete Development*: develop recommendations for programs to bring identified athletes to their full potential consistent with the spirit of the rules, regulations and goals of U.S. Figure Skating; consolidate the various athlete developmental programs into one overall plan for the greatest utilization of financial and human resources.~~

~~*Athletes Advisory*: the collection of viewpoints and ideas of active and former competitive athletes, the representation and promotion of the rights and viewpoints of active and former competitive athletes, the conducting of informational meetings and the election of individuals to serve in athlete positions of U.S. Figure Skating as well as athlete positions in the USOC.~~

~~*Audit*: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving the financial reporting, internal control, auditing, tax return and related legal compliance functions of U.S. Figure Skating, including oversight activities pertaining to (i) the integrity of U.S. Figure Skating financial statements and financial and tax reporting, including review of the financial reporting and accounting standards and principles of U.S. Figure Skating, (ii) the qualifications, selection, engagement and independence of U.S. Figure Skating independent auditors and (iii) the performance of U.S. Figure Skating independent and internal audit functions.~~

~~*Coaches*: the collection of viewpoints and ideas at all levels; the coordination and representation of coaches serving on the many committees of U.S. Figure Skating.~~

~~*Collegiate Program*: the encouragement, development, and promotion of figure skating in universities and colleges; the teaching of figure skating and the promotion of its inclusion in the curricula of universities and colleges; the promotion of figure skating as a competitive sport in universities and colleges.~~

~~*Compensation*: the provision of assistance to the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving (i) the selection of the executive director, (ii) the compensation structure and evaluation process for the executive director, and (iii) policies concerning compensation and benefit programs offered to U.S. Figure Skating employees.~~

Competitions: the conduct and control of all U.S. Figure Skating figure skating competitions on ice held in the United States, including the selection of officials therefore; the granting of sanctions therefore, except the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and international competitions, sanctions for which shall be granted by the Board of Directors of U.S. Figure Skating; and the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of referees and accountants.

Dance: the composition, conduct, and manner of performance of all dance tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for the marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all dance tests and all matters relating to ice dancing in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Ethics: the maintenance and administration of rules governing and applying the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and all other U.S. Figure Skating rules addressing issues of ethics and member or member club conduct.

Finance: the provision of assistance to the treasurer in executing the duties of the office; also, financial policy analysis for the officers, the Board of Directors and the Governing Council; the execution of special financial studies and projects for officers and the Board of Directors and to render such other financial assistance as may further the programs of U.S. Figure Skating.

Grievance: the selection of persons to serve on Hearing Panels and the maintenance and administration of rules governing the conduct of grievance and disciplinary proceedings under U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rules.

International: the relationships of U.S. Figure Skating with the International Skating Union and with the skating associations and clubs of foreign countries; the selection for and entry of figure skaters to represent the United States in World Championships and other international competitions and in the Olympic Winter Games; and the issuance of sanctions for U.S. Figure Skating skaters in foreign countries (except Canada) and for all foreign skaters (except Canadian) in the United States.

International Judges and Officials: the annual review of and maintenance of the list of referees, judges and other technical officials appointed by the ISU; the preparation of recommendations to the Board of Directors for appointment, promotion, demotion and removal of international referees, judges and other technical officials; the facilitation of ISU specified education of international judges, referees and other technical officials.

Judges: the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of judges for all tests and competitions.

Membership: the maintenance and administration of rules governing applications for membership; the investigation of such applications; the approval or disapproval of applications for collegiate and school affiliated membership; supportive membership, Theatre On Ice/Team membership; the recommendation to the Governing Council of applicants for full club membership; the approval of change of name and/or of principal skating headquarters of member clubs; the placing of member clubs in an inactive status; the development of programs designed to provide growth in all membership categories; and the providing of assistance to member clubs with respect to their relationships with their rinks.

Memorial Fund: the raising of funds; the assistance by academic and skating scholarships to promising skaters who show future potential for national and international competition and who are in need of financial aid to continue their academic and skating education; and the review of applications for such academic and skating scholarships, designation of those who are to receive such awards and overseeing that the awards are properly made and used.

Pairs: the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all pairs tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all pairs tests, and all matters relating to pairs skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.

Parents: collecting viewpoints and ideas of parents of active and former competitive athletes; communicating these ideas and viewpoints; informational and educational meetings for parents; providing guidance to parents in their supportive role in the lives of competitive athletes; promoting Codes of Ethics and good sportsmanship; selecting spokespersons for meetings, seminars and camps.

Program Development: the creation and development of new programs for the benefit of U.S. Figure Skating and its members.

Rules: the review and recommendation of the specific language of all proposals for changes in the bylaws and official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

Sanctions and Eligibility: the maintenance and administration of rules governing carnivals and exhibitions on ice held in the United States; the participation by registered skaters in carnivals and exhibitions in the United States and Canada and by Canadian skaters in the United States; the granting and refusal of sanctions for such carnivals, exhibitions and appearances; the determination and collection of fees and assessments for such sanctions; the determination and control of the amount of expenses and the type and value of gifts allowed to registered skaters appearing in any such carnivals and exhibitions; the definition of eligible and ineligible persons in skating; the maintenance and administration of rules governing standards of participation in U.S. Figure Skating activities by

~~eligible persons and others; the investigation and punishment of violations thereof; the classification of eligible persons and others; and the reinstatement of persons whose eligibility has been lost, suspended or restricted.~~

~~*Selections:* approve the naming of officials, judges and support staff to serve at all designated international competitions and ISU Championships. Approve the naming of officials, judges and auxiliary support personnel (accounting, announcing, and music) to serve at all recognized national level domestic competitions.~~

~~*Singles:* the composition, conduct and manner of performance of all singles tests, the passing marks therefore, the standards for marking and judging thereof, the keeping of records of the results thereof, the awarding of certificates and emblems therefore, the determination of fees to be charged, all other administrative matters common to all singles tests, and all matters relating to singles skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

~~*Sports Sciences and Medicine:* the dissemination and application of basic and clinical sciences throughout the figure skating community in order to promote and advance skater health, accelerate athlete development and compliance with applicable rules and regulations of figure skating.~~

~~*Strategic Planning:* to create a business plan that promotes and encourages the United States Figure Skating Association's mission.~~

~~*Synchronized Skating:* the composition and manner of performance of all synchronized skating events; the standards for the marking and judging thereof; and all matters pertaining to synchronized skating in competitions not specifically delegated to the Competitions Committee.~~

~~*Technical Panel:* the appointment, promotion, demotion, removal, education, conduct, qualification and performance of technical panel officials for competitions.~~

~~*Tests:* the administration of the test rules, testing procedures, the conduct of all tests, test fees, test records, certificates and emblems, rule violations, and all other matters common to tests not specifically delegated to other committees.~~

54. **EXHIBIT C – WITHDRAWN** - request to amend **Article XVIII (page 14)**.

55. **EXHIBIT D – APPROVED** to amend **Article V (pages 2 and 3)** as shown:

ARTICLE V Membership

Section 1 *Classification*. There shall be eight types of membership in U.S. Figure Skating:

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, herein called "member clubs";
- B. Individual **persons** ~~figure skaters or coaches~~ registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual **persons** ~~figure skaters or coaches~~ who are not home club members of any member club, called "individual members";
- D. Honorary members;
- E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;
- F. Basic Skills members;
- G. Supportive members; and
- H. Theatre On Ice/Team

Section 2 *Member Clubs*. Member clubs shall consist of full member clubs, provisional member clubs, and such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council. Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a full member club by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to provisional membership until the next subsequent annual meeting in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Provisional member clubs shall have only such privileges as are specified therein.

Section 3 *Individual Members*. Any individual ~~figure skater or coach~~ **person** not a home club member of any member club may upon written application and upon compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating become an individual member. Individual membership ~~shall~~ **will** automatically terminate when an individual member joins a member club as a home club member.

56. EXHIBIT E – APPROVED to amend Article IX, section 20 (pages 9-10) as shown:

ARTICLE IX
Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 20 *Action by the Board of Directors Without a Meeting.* Between meetings, votes of the Board of Directors may be taken ~~by mail and/or by facsimile~~ at the direction of the president in the following manner:- **(A) Such action without a meeting may be taken if notice (for purposes of this Section 20, the “Notice”) is transmitted in writing to each member of the Board of Directors and every member of the Board of Directors by the time stated in the Notice in writing either (i) votes in writing for such action or (ii) votes in writing against such action or abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond or vote; and ~~waives the right~~ fails to demand in writing that action not be taken without a meeting be held. **(B) The notice will state (i) the action to be taken; (ii) the time by which a director must respond; (iii) that failure to respond by the time stated in the Notice will have the same effect as: (a) abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice; and (b) failing to demand in writing by the time stated in the Notice that action not be taken without a meeting; and (iv) any other matters U.S. Figure Skating determines to be included in the Notice.** **(C) Action is taken only if at the time stated in the Notice: (i) the affirmative votes for such action equal or exceed the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the directors then in office were present and voted-; and (ii) U.S. Figure Skating has not received a written demand by a director that such action not be taken without a meeting other than a demand that has been revoked pursuant to paragraph F of this Section 20.** The action shall only be effective if there are writings which describe the action, signed by all of the directors, received by U.S. Figure Skating and filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors. Any such writings **(D) Any writing by a director under this Section 20 must be in a form sufficient to inform U.S. Figure Skating of the identity of the director, the vote, abstention, demand, or revocation of the director, and the proposed action to which such vote, abstention, demand, or revocation relates. All communications under this Section 20 may be transmitted or received by electronically transmitted facsimile, e-mail or other form of wire or wireless communication providing U.S. Figure Skating with a complete copy of the document including a copy of the signature.** **(E) Actions taken shall be effective at the end of the time stated in the Notice when the last writing necessary to effect the action is received by U.S. Figure Skating unless the Notice states writings set forth a different effective date.** **(F) Any director who in writing has voted, abstained, or demanded action not be taken without a meeting signed a writing may revoke it such vote, abstention or demand by a writing received by U.S. Figure Skating by the time stated in the Notice, signed, dated and stating the prior vote is revoked. However, such writing must be received by U.S. Figure Skating before the last writing necessary to effect the action is received.** **(G) Any director’s right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting is deemed to have been waived unless U.S. Figure Skating receives such demand from the director in writing by the time stated in the Notice and such demand has not been revoked pursuant to paragraph F of this Section 20.** **(H) All such action taken pursuant to this Section 20 shall have has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of the directors. All writings made pursuant to this Section 20 will be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors.** **(I) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 20** ~~foregoing,~~ any action required or permitted by these bylaws or other provision of law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members of the Board of Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter ~~thereof~~ of the action taken.**

57. EXHIBIT F – APPROVED to amend Article XIX, sub-paragraph E. (page 18) as shown:

ARTICLE XIX
Composition of Permanent Committees

Section 2 *Specific Committee Provisions.*

- E. The *International Judges and Officials Committee* ~~shall~~ will consist of ~~the~~ its chair, plus the chairs of Competitions, International ~~and~~ , Judges and Technical Panel Committees, the ISU representative, U.S. Figure Skating vice presidents and such other members as the president may appoint.

58. EXHIBIT G – APPROVED to amend Article XXV, section 3, subparagraph (C.)(2.) (page 22) as shown:

ARTICLE XXV
Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings
Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges

Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.

(C)(2) - *Notice of Appeal*: last sentence ...

The chair of the Hearing Panel shall ~~must promptly deliver~~ **cause** the record of the hearing ~~to be promptly delivered~~ to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary **and the Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator** after receipt of the notice of appeal.

59. EXHIBIT H – APPROVED AS AMENDED to amend Article V (pages 2 and 3) as shown:

ARTICLE V
Membership

Section 1 *Classification*. There shall be ~~eight~~ **nine** types of membership in U.S. Figure Skating:

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, herein called “member clubs”;
- B. Individual figure skaters or coaches registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual figure skaters or coaches who are not home club members of any member club, called “individual members”;
- D. Honorary members;
- E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;
- F. Basic Skills members;
- G. Supportive members; and
- H. Theatre On Ice/Team
- I. Introductory members**

Section 9: Introductory Members. Introductory members are individuals who have never been a full member as in Section 1 (B) or individual member, as in Section 1 (C) of U.S. Figure Skating who may join only as members of a member club. They will receive a special discounted membership rate for one year only, and will be accorded all the benefits and privileges of membership. No person can be an introductory member for more than one year, even if their membership lapses.

Implementation date: July 1, 2010

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

60. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Athlete Development Committee

Amend rule ADCR 2.01 (page 27 Rulebook) and add new rule ADCR 2.02 to reorganize the structure of the Athlete Development Committee (ADC) as follows:

ADCR 2.00 Organization

ADCR 2.01 The Athlete Development Committee **is organized into four subcommittees: Dance Development, Pairs Development, Singles Development and Synchronized Development.** ~~shall consist of a chair, the chairs of each of the listed committees plus additional members as necessary to conduct the business of the committee. The committee may not exceed 20 members in total:~~

- ~~A. Athletes Advisory
 - ~~1. Two additional athletes~~~~
- ~~B. Coaches
 - ~~1. Five additional coaches (two of these coaches should be involved with PSA Educational Development).~~~~
- ~~C. Dance~~
- ~~D. International~~
- ~~E. Pairs~~
- ~~F. Parents~~
- ~~G. Singles~~
- ~~H. Sports Sciences and Medicine~~

ADCR 2.02 The committee will consist of a chair and four national vice chairs, one for each subcommittee defined in ADCR 2.01. In addition, each subcommittee will consist of the following members:

- A. The chairs of the committees described below:**
 - 1. The chair of the Dance Committee will be a member of the Dance Development Subcommittee**
 - 2. The chair of the Pairs Committee will be a member of the Pairs Development Subcommittee**
 - 3. The chair of the Singles Committee will be a member of the Singles Development Subcommittee**
 - 4. The chair of the Synchronized Skating Committee will be a member of the Synchronized Development Subcommittee**
- B. One judge**
- C. One technical panel official**
- D. Three coaches, one from each section**
- E. Two athlete representatives**
- F. One member from the International Committee or the Synchronized Management Subcommittee**
- G. Two additional members as selected by the chair and the national subcommittee vice chair**

In addition to the two athlete representatives, one of the other members of each subcommittee must be an athlete as defined in Article XXII, section 2 of the bylaws.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

61. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Athlete Development Committee

Delete rules STSCR 4.00-4.02 (page 109 Rulebook) as follows:

STSCR 4.00 Synchronized Development Subcommittee

~~**STSCR 4.01** The Synchronized Skating Committee shall have a nine member Synchronized Development Subcommittee (SDS). The chair of the SDS shall be the Synchronized Skating Committee chair and other members as are appointed in accordance with Article XIX of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.~~

~~**STSCR 4.02** The responsibilities of the Synchronized Development Subcommittee shall be to:~~

- ~~**A.** Create programs that address particular needs of synchronized skating athletes;~~
- ~~**B.** Experiment with ideas and concepts and develop implementation plans for new programs;~~
- ~~**C.** Create a plan for continuance of successful programs.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

62. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Athlete Development Committee

Add rules DCR 2.04 (page 38 Rulebook), PCR 2.03 (page 91 Rulebook), SICR 2.03 (page 104 Rulebook) and STSCR 2.04 (page 109 Rulebook) to make the national vice chair of each Development Subcommittee an ex-officio member of the respective technical committee as follows:

DCR 2.04 The National Vice Chair of Dance Development on the Athlete Development Committee will be an ex-officio member of the Dance Committee.

PCR 2.03 The National Vice Chair of Pairs Development on the Athlete Development Committee will be an ex-officio member of the Pairs Committee.

SICR 2.03 The National Vice Chair of Singles Development on the Athlete Development Committee will be an ex-officio member of the Singles Committee.

STSCR 2.04 The National Vice Chair of Synchronized Development on the Athlete Development Committee will be an ex-officio member of the Synchronized Skating Committee.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

63. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Athlete Development Committee

If exhibit C passes, then this request for action is deemed to also have passed. If the exhibit fails or is withdrawn, then this request for action will need to be voted on by the Governing Council.

Amend rule ADCR 3.01 and delete rules ADCR 3.02 and ADCR 3.03 (page 28 Rulebook) as follows:

ADCR 3.00 Responsibility

ADCR 3.01 The Athlete Development Committee will develop recommendations for programs to bring identified athletes to their full potential consistent with the spirit of the rules, regulations and goals of U.S. Figure Skating. Create objectives and programs to foster the growth, development and long-term success of dance, pairs, singles and synchronized skating athletes.

~~ADCR 3.02~~ The Athlete Development Committee will consolidate the various athlete developmental programs into one overall plan for the greatest utilization of financial and human resources and rank these programs in order of importance.

~~ADCR 3.03~~ The Athlete Development Committee will work with the treasurer in determining budget for all programs within each of the above listed committees.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

64. APPROVED - Membership Committee

Amend rule MR 5.06 (page 83 Rulebook) as follows:

MR 5.06 Dues of Basic Skills Members. The dues of Basic Skills members ~~shall~~ **will** be determined by the Board of Directors and published annually ~~in the Basic Skills Subcommittee Rules~~ **on the program's web page at www.basicskillsprogram.com. Upon payment of dues**, Basic Skills members ~~shall~~ **will** receive, ~~upon payment of such dues~~, a membership card and **other** information **as applicable** about U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund.

65. APPROVED - Membership Committee

Delete the final sentence of rule MR 5.10 (page 84 Rulebook) as follows:

~~MR 5.10~~ ~~In addition to the acquisition of required credits, a non-compliant coach will be charged a \$15 reactivation fee.~~

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

66. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee

Establish lower passing averages for adult and masters age levels as follows:

Provide Masters Passing Averages for Adult Moves in the Field Tests including separate codes and recognitions for a Masters version

- Amend passing marks to 0.2 lower than Adult MIF tests for Adult Masters 50+ (bronze through gold)

Provide Adult and Masters Passing Averages for Moves in the Field Tests including separate codes and recognitions for Adult and Masters versions

- Amend passing marks to 0.2 below standard MIF tests for Adults **25**-49 (intermediate and higher)
- Amend passing marks to 0.4 below standard MIF tests for Adult Masters 50+ (intermediate and higher)

See below for detail of all passing averages (proposed new passing averages are underlined):

	Standard	Adult	Masters
Pre-Preliminary	Pass/Retry	N/A	N/A
Preliminary	2.5	N/A	N/A
Pre-Juvenile	2.7	N/A	N/A
Juvenile	3.0	N/A	N/A
Intermediate	3.2	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.8</u>
Novice	3.5	<u>3.3</u>	<u>3.1</u>
Junior	4.0	<u>3.8</u>	<u>3.6</u>
Senior	4.5	<u>4.3</u>	<u>4.1</u>
Adult Pre-Bronze	N/A	Pass/Retry	N/A
Adult Bronze	N/A	2.5	<u>2.3</u>
Adult Silver	N/A	2.7	<u>2.5</u>
Adult Gold	N/A	3.0	<u>2.8</u>

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

67. DID NOT APPROVE - Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 3502 (page 213 Rulebook)** to allow vocal music with lyrics for adult skating as follows:

3501 Music - Singles, Pairs and Dance

3502 For singles, pairs and dance, music is chosen by the competitor except for compulsory dances;

- A. For singles and pairs short program and free skate, vocal music with lyrics is not permitted, except as follows:
 1. For all short and free skate programs up to and including intermediate level and for all events using the 6.0 system of judging, vocal music with lyrics is permitted.
 2. **For all adult free skate programs up to and including the adult silver level, vocal music with lyrics is permitted, regardless of the judging system.**
 3. **For all adult pair programs up to and including the adult silver level, vocal music with lyrics is permitted, regardless of the judging system.**

Note: Because this request for action was not approved, the rule defaults to allow vocal music with lyrics at all levels of adult competitions.

68. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 3780, 3790, 3800 and 3805 (pages 256-258 Rulebook)** to remove all references to ISI tests from the test requirements.

69. APPROVED - Competitions Committee, Judges Committee and Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rules CR 8.01 (page 37 Rulebook)** and **JR 4.04 (page 67 Rulebook)** as follows:

CR 8.01 Officials of U.S. Figure Skating must be current members to serve in any capacity at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event. If officials do not renew their ~~registration~~ **membership** by ~~Sept. 1~~ **March 1 of the following year**, they ~~shall~~ **will** be deemed to have resigned their appointment and their name ~~shall~~ **will** be removed from the list. Such officials include: referees, accountants, music coordinators, announcers, ice technicians and technical panel officials.

JR 4.04 Judges of U.S. Figure Skating must be current members to serve in any capacity at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event. If judges do not renew their ~~registration~~ **membership** by ~~Sept. 1~~ **March 1 of the following year**, they ~~shall~~ **will** be deemed to have resigned their appointment as a judge and their name ~~shall~~ **will** be removed from the judges lists.

70. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3323 (page 178 Rulebook)** as follows:

3323 At qualifying competitions, the chart (rule 3325) ~~shall~~ **will** be used for determining the size of the warm-up groups **and the official pre-event warm up groups.**

A. This chart does not apply to official practice ice.

B. The chief referee may extend the maximum number on the warm-up and/or official pre-event warm-up by one skater/couple if needed.

71. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Amend rules 3065, 3066 and 3067 (pages 157-159 Rulebook); delete rules 3068, 3070, 3088, 3089, 3095 and 3096 (pages 159-161 Rulebook); and renumber rules 3069, 3071, 3072 and 3090 (pages 159-161 Rulebook).

The revised and renumbered rules would read as follows:

3065 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in National, Sectional or Regional Championships — Singles, Pairs and Dance and Synchronized Skating

3066 Non-U.S. citizens 18 years or older: who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have never competed internationally for another national skating federation may enter U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions if qualified by test level.

- A. ~~In order to be eligible to compete at a national, sectional or regional championship, or the qualifying (championship) events at adult sectional or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, a non U.S. citizen 18 years or older shall make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee by submitting a non U.S. application to compete.~~
- B. ~~The application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English no later than September 1 (January 2 for adults wishing to compete in qualifying events at an adult sectional and January 15 for adults wishing to compete in the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships) of the year in which the applicant wishes to compete, and shall include the following:~~
1. ~~Proof that applicant has reached the age of eighteen as of the close of entries for the regional championships as provided in 3212, or has reached the age of 21 by the close of entries for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships or the adult sectional championships.~~
 2. ~~A copy of the applicant's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of the skater's country of citizenship establishing that the applicant has resided in the United States for one year prior to the date of application (hereinafter the "One Year Residency Requirement").~~
Note: Residency requirements do not apply to synchronized skating. See 3088. Residency requirements do not apply to non championship events at either the adult sectional championships or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. See 3051.
 3. ~~Competitive record of the applicant in its entirety.~~
 4. ~~Proof that applicant has initiated the process of filing an application with the proper authorities of the United States government to become either a lawful permanent resident or a full citizen of the United States. A copy of the filing application, along with the filing date must accompany the application:~~
 - a. ~~The term "citizen" means a status of full citizen without qualification or restriction, and must be equal in status to a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States;~~
 - b. ~~The term "resident" means one who has established residency. To establish residency, a person must be physically present in a place for a minimum of one year with an intention to remain for an indefinite period of time. There should be no temporary character to residency, such as student, visitor, tourist, etc. The United States government may grant permanent residence status pending admission to citizenship;~~
 5. ~~Is a current member of U.S. Figure Skating;~~
 6. ~~The chair of the Competitions Committee may request additional documentation;~~
 7. ~~An application shall not be considered complete until the chair of the Competitions Committee has received all required or subsequently requested documentation.~~
- C. ~~In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in 3212. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement.~~
- D. ~~Within 45 days of receipt of the completed application, the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee and the appropriate sectional vice president in which the applicant resides, shall rule by majority vote.~~
- E. ~~Once an applicant has been approved to compete, they do not need to reapply for permission to compete in future competitions, as long as they continue to compete.~~

- 3067 Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of 18 Years Who Have Represented Their Association: **who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have competed internationally for another national skating federation will make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee by submitting a Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete.**
- A. ~~In order to be eligible to compete in a national, sectional or regional championship, a non U.S. citizen under the age of 18 years who has represented applicant's association at the national level or higher shall make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee for permission to compete by submitting a Non U.S. Citizen Application to Compete.~~
- B. ~~A. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English no later than September 1 of the year in which the applicant wishes to compete and shall include the following:~~
- ~~1. Proof that applicant has not reached the age of 18 as of the deadline provided in 3212;~~
 - ~~2. A copy of the applicant's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of applicant's country of citizenship establishing that applicant has resided in the United States for one year prior to the date of application;~~
 - ~~3. A statement that the applicant resides in the United States with one or both parents or a legal guardian and the name(s) and address of same. Proof that the parent(s) (legal guardian) has begun the process of either citizenship or permanent residency or the necessary information to obtain the release from applicant's association;~~
 - ~~a. Upon receiving the application, the chair of the Competitions Committee will direct U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters staff to request this consent from the applicant's national association if necessary.~~
 - ~~4. Competitive record of the applicant in its entirety;~~
 - ~~5. Is a current member of U.S. Figure Skating;~~
 - ~~6. The chair of the Competitions Committee may request additional documentation;~~
 - ~~7. An application shall not be considered complete until all required or subsequently requested documentation has been received by the chair of the Competitions Committee.~~
- C. ~~B. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in 3212. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this **requirement** agreement.~~
- D. ~~Within 45 days of receipt of the completed application, the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional vice president in which the applicant resides, shall rule by majority vote.~~
- E. ~~Once an applicant has been approved to compete, they do not need to reapply for permission to compete in future competitions as long as the applicant continues to skate.~~
- A. Single skaters must have resided in the United States and cannot have competed for a foreign federation for one year preceding the date of the first competition the skater wishes to enter.**
- ~~C. B. In the case of pair or dance couples, one partner of the couple must be a citizen of the United States. **The non-U.S. citizen partner must have permission from the foreign federation of the country in which the skater is a citizen**~~
- ~~a. **Siblings who are skating together as a couple, both of whom are under the age of 18, are excluded from the requirement that one partner be a U.S. citizen as long as all other requirements of 3065 through 3072 are met.**~~
- ~~D. C. **A non-U.S. citizen may compete for a U.S. Synchronized Skating team provided that:**~~
- ~~b. **the foreign federation of the country in which the skater is a citizen provides permission;**~~
 - ~~c. **the skater has not represented a foreign federation in the course of the same membership year (July 1-June 30);**~~
 - ~~d. **at least 75 % of the team members are citizens of the United States.**~~
- 3068 **The application and supporting documentation, including release from the previous federation, competitive history, and a copy of the applicant's valid passport from the country of citizenship, must be submitted in English no later than the deadline for registration for the competition the skater is seeking to enter.**
- 3069 **In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in 3212. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement agreement.**

- ~~3068~~ ~~Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of 18 with No Prior Experience Representing Their Association:~~
- ~~A. In order to be eligible to compete in a national, sectional or regional, a non-U.S. citizen under the age of 18 years who has never represented the applicant's association at the national or higher level shall be exempt from the application requirements of 3067, but shall fulfill all other requirements as of the deadline for entries as provided in 3212 and must submit all paperwork to the chair of the Competitions Committee no later than September 1.~~
- ~~1. Proof that the applicant will not have reached the age of 18 as of the deadline for entries;~~
- ~~2. A copy of the skater's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of the applicant's country of citizenship establishing that applicant has resided in the United States for one year prior to the date of the entry;~~
- ~~3. A statement that the applicant resides in the United States with one or both parents or legal guardian and the name(s) and address of same;~~
- ~~4. Is a current member of U.S. Figure Skating.~~
- ~~B. Such individuals shall be required to submit the application requirements to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters along with their entry form, with a copy to the chair of the Competitions Committee.~~
- ~~C. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in 3212. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken and may elect to waive all or part of this agreement.~~
- ~~D. Once an applicant has been approved to compete, they do not need to reapply for permission to compete in future competitions. Such approval is good for as long as the applicant continues to compete.~~
- 3069** **3070** Any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact on the application, the entry form or on any documents provided will subject the applicant to discipline as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. For purposes of this rule, a material fact is a fact, which, if it were properly disclosed, would result in an application being denied and an entry rejected.
- 3070** In the case of pairs and ice dance couples; one partner of the couple shall be a citizen of the United States. All other requirements of 3065 shall apply to the non-U.S. citizen partner. Notwithstanding the provisions of 3072, a pairs or ice dance couple may represent the United States in an international competition if the non-citizen partner has complied with 3065 and has never represented a foreign country in an international or world competition. In addition, the non-citizen partner must be in full compliance with all applicable ISU rules pertaining to applicant's participation in any international or world competition.
- ~~A. Siblings who are skating together as a couple, both of whom are under the age of 18, are excluded from the requirement that one partner be a U.S. citizen as long as all other requirements of 3065 through 3072 are met.~~
- 3071** Except as otherwise provided, only citizens of the United States are eligible for selection to the U.S. Olympic Team, the U.S. World Team, the U.S. World Junior Team or U.S. Figure Skating Team.
- 3072** All non-U.S. citizens who have at any time skated in United States national, sectional or regional competition and subsequently represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition ~~shall~~ **will** not be eligible to compete in United States national, sectional or regional competition unless they reapply for permission to compete as provided for under the provisions of 3065.
- ~~3088~~ ~~Foreign skaters who are also members of a member club may comprise a maximum of 25 percent of any team as long as they do not represent another ISU member in the course of the year July 1-June 30. Such skaters may compete on the team during qualifying competitions if they have permission from the national association of the country of which they are a citizen.~~
- ~~3089~~ ~~For international competitions, foreign skaters who qualify under ISU regulations may compete provided they are in compliance with all other requirements as designated in the U.S. Figure Skating rules.~~

Renumber rule 3090 accordingly.

~~3095~~ ~~Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens—Synchronized Skating~~

~~3096~~ ~~Residency requirements do not apply to synchronized skating.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

72. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3301 (page 176 Rulebook)** to read:

3301 Qualifying rounds ~~may~~ **will not** be held at the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

73. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

To remove Amend **rule GR 2.02 (B.) (page 52 Rulebook)** as follows **from the rulebook and incorporate the language below into the U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:**

GR 2.02 Travel Expense Within the United States:

B. Room and Meals:

Reimbursement will be made **for expenses actually incurred at the location of the event or at necessary stopovers during travel** up to **a maximum of** \$150 per day, for room, ~~three meals, applicable taxes and tips at the location of the event or at necessary stopovers during travel.~~ Expenses for less than a full day will be ~~reimbursed~~ up to \$100 for room, \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$30 for dinner including applicable taxes and tips.

74. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

Amend **rule GR 2.02 (page 52 Rulebook)** to increase per diem and maximum reimbursement expenses to \$15 for breakfast and \$15 for lunch and \$160 per day (dinner would remain at \$30).

75. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3595 and 3596 (page 219 Rulebook)** as follows:

Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating

3595 For the short program and free skate 10 minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than the ~~three~~ **one and one-half** minute mark in this session. The music will be played for the second time no later than the six ~~and one-half~~ minute mark of the session. A 30 second warning announcement ~~shall~~ **will** be given prior to the start of the music for both times. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

3596 For the free skate 12 minute sessions, the music will be played for the first time no later than the ~~two~~ **one and one-half** minute mark of the session. **The music will be played for the second time no later than the six and one-half minute mark of the session.** A 30 second warning announcement ~~shall~~ **will** be given prior to the start of the music for both times. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

76. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3592 and 3597 (page 219 Rulebook)** as follows:

Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating

3592 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 12 minute official practice ice segment: senior free skate, junior free skate and collegiate free skate. **The skate order for the junior and senior free skate practice ice segments will be determined by the draw for the respective free skates.**

3597 Official practice ice for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships ~~shall~~ **will** be organized and skated by sections, **except as stated in rule 3592.** (*Balance of rule remains unchanged.*)

77. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend rules 3311 and 3313 (pages 176 & 177 Rulebook) as follows:

3310 Qualifying Rounds and Seeding - Synchronized Skating

3311 Synchronized qualifying rounds:

A. Sectional qualifying and championship rounds:

1. **Seeded** qualifying rounds ~~shall~~ **will** be held if more than **24 teams are entered in the senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate and adult levels, or if more than** 18 teams are entered in the ~~senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, adult and masters levels.~~ **Unseeded** qualifying rounds ~~for all other divisions shall~~ **will** be held if more than 12 teams are entered **in any nonqualifying levels.** ~~They shall be divided into seeded flights. See 3313. Balance of rule remains unchanged.~~

3313 Qualifying Round Chart - Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships

Event: Senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult and masters synchronized skating.			
Number of teams	Qualifying round (QR) groups	Number of places advancing	Championship round (CR) group
1-18	-	-	18
19-31	2	9	18
Event: Senior, junior, novice, intermediate, collegiate and adult synchronized skating.			
1-24	-	-	24
25-31	2	9	18
All other event levels			
1-12	-	-	12
13-15	2	4	8
16-18	2	5	10
19-24	2	6	12
19-24 25-31	3	4	12

78. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend rules 3212 (page 167 Rulebook), 3241 (page 170 Rulebook) and 1512 (F) (page 138 Rulebook) as follows:

3211 Entries — Qualifying Competitions

3212 Entry forms for singles/pairs/dance for qualifying competitions may be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters using only the method(s) indicated.

Deadline (close of entry)	Discipline/ Competition	Entry method
Jan. 2 Feb. 1	Adult sectional qualifying events	Online registration only (no paper entry accepted)
Jan. 15 Feb. 1	U.S. Adult Championships	Online registration only (no paper entry accepted)

(Balance of rule and deadlines for other qualifying competitions remain unchanged.)

3241 The entry deadline for adult sectionals is ~~Jan. 2~~ and the deadline for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships is ~~Jan. 15~~ **Feb. 1.**

1512 The announcements must be made as follows:

- F. The announcements for the adult sectional and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships ~~shall~~ **will** be made available by ~~Oct. 1~~ **Nov. 1.**

79. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Add a **new rule** as follows:

Competition Definitions

The following events, for which the entries are controlled by U.S. Figure Skating, are defined as qualifying competitions:

- A. U.S. Figure Skating Championships**
- B. U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships**
- C. U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships**
- D. U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships**
- E. U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships**
- F. sectional figure skating championships**
- G. regional figure skating championships**
- H. sectional synchronized skating championships**
- I. sectional adult figure skating championships**

80. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 1010 and 1011 (page 129 Rulebook)** as shown below:

1010 Qualifying Competitions Competition Sanctions

1011 ~~The chair of the Competitions Committee shall issue sanctions as directed by the Board of Directors.~~

The Board of Directors must sanction the following competitions:

- A. U.S. Figure Skating Championships
- B. U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships
- C. U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships
- D. U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
- E. U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- F. Skate America
- G. North American International Synchronized Skating Competition
- H. Special national competitions

Applications for these competitions will be made as directed by the chair of the Competitions Committee. Applications will be provisionally accepted by the committee and sanctions issued.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

81. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Remove the short program requirements from the rulebook for junior singles, senior pairs, junior pairs, novice pairs and synchronized skating for FUTURE seasons and put them on the web site. The web site location will be referenced in the rulebook. The requirements for the CURRENT season will continue to be published in the rulebook. Rules affected are **rule 3651** (Junior Men), **rule 3652** (Junior Ladies), **rule 4041** (Senior Pairs), **rule 4051** (Junior Pairs), **rule 4061** (Novice Pairs), and **rules 4663, 4664 and 4673** (Synchronized Skating).

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

82. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3533 (page 215 Rulebook)** as follows:

3533 Program timing starts from the moment ~~any member of the team commences to move~~ **begins a skating movement (glide) or skating until arriving at** ~~- Timing stops when the team reaches a complete stop~~ **at the end of the program.**

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

83. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 54.01 (page 53 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 54.01 Juvenile Free Dance Test

The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning dancers to learn the fundamentals of free dance. **General requirements outlined for the preliminary compulsory dance test apply equally to the juvenile free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. The program should display fairly good edges and some evidence of good form** The use of varied dance positions and holds to be included are Kilian, Foxtrot (open), Waltz (closed), cross arm. In addition, basic maneuvers such as layover/drape, pull through legs, side pull, front drop and other original dance moves may be used. A juvenile free dance must include the following required elements: *(Balance of rule remains unchanged.)*

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

84. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 54.02 (page 53 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 54.02 Intermediate Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the bronze compulsory dance test apply equally to the intermediate free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. The program should display **moderately** good edges and ~~some evidence of~~ **moderately** good form. An intermediate free dance program must include the following required elements: *(Balance of rule remains unchanged.)*

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

85. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 54.03 (page 54 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 54.03 Novice Free Dance Test

General requirements outlined for the pre-silver compulsory dance test apply equally to the novice free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. While technically a basic program demonstrating fundamental dance moves, it should have **moderately** good edges and flow, good timing, some expression and display **moderately** good form and unison. A refined presentation is not expected. A novice free dance program must include the following required elements: *(Balance of rule remains unchanged.)*

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

86. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule 4412 (page 311 Rulebook) the compulsory dances to be competed for novice dance.

Proposed Novice

Group A – Starlight*, Blues, Paso
Group B – Argentine*, Kilian, Starlight

Current Novice

Group A – Blues, American, Paso*
Group B – Starlight, Tango, Kilian*

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

87. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule 4422 (page 313 Rulebook) the compulsory dances to be competed for intermediate dance.

Proposed Intermediate

Group A – Tango*, American, Foxtrot
Group B – Rocker*, 14, European

Current Intermediate

Group A – 14, Foxtrot, American*
Group B – 14, Rocker, European*

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

88. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend **rule 4432 (page 315 Rulebook)** the compulsory dances to be competed for juvenile dance.

Proposed Juvenile

Group A – 14*, Hickory, 10-Fox
Group B – Willow*, Fiesta, Foxtrot

Current Juvenile

Group A – Swing, Hickory Hoedown, 14*
Group B – Fiesta, Willow and 10-Fox*

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

89. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend **rules 3502 (page 213 Rulebook), 4221 (page 294 Rulebook), 4222 (page 294 Rulebook), 4223 (page 295 Rulebook) and 4412 (page 311 Rulebook)** to allow novice dance couples to choose their competition music for the asterisked dance (see rule 4412, pg 311 Rulebook). Official U.S. Figure Skating music will not be used for this dance; instead each competing couple will choose and register their own music.

Skaters' chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals. Music introduction and number of patterns to be skated would not change.

Competition warm up time would be the same as the warm up time for standard compulsory dance competitions, but no competition music would be played during warm up. Soft background music may be played.

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

90. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend **rules 3502 (page 213 Rulebook), 4221 (page 294 Rulebook), 4222 (page 294 Rulebook), 4223 (page 295 Rulebook) and 4422 (page 313 Rulebook)** to allow intermediate dance couples to choose their competition music for the asterisked dance (see rule 4412, pg 311 Rulebook). Official U.S. Figure Skating music will not be used for this dance; instead each competing couple will choose and register their own music.

Skaters' chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals. Music introduction and number of patterns to be skated would not change.

Competition warm up time would be the same as the warm up time for standard compulsory dance competitions, but no competition music would be played during warm up. Soft background music may be played.

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

91. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend **rules 3502 (page 213 Rulebook), 4221 (page 294 Rulebook), 4222 (page 294 Rulebook), 4223 (page 295 Rulebook) and 4432 (page 315 Rulebook)** to allow juvenile dance couples to choose their competition music for the asterisked dance (see rule 4412, pg 311 Rulebook). Official U.S. Figure Skating music will not be used for this dance; instead each competing couple will choose and register their own music.

Skaters' chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals. Music introduction and number of patterns to be skated would not change.

Competition warm up time would be the same as the warm up time for standard compulsory dance competitions, but no competition music would be played during warm up. Soft background music may be played.

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

92. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Add new deduction to **rule 3437 (A)(1)(m)(i) (page 204 Rulebook)** for incorrect tempo: -2.0 points from Total Segment Score, applied by the referee.

Implementation date: July 1, 2011

93. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Add **new rule JR 1.03** (and renumber subsequent rules accordingly) as follows:

JR 1.03 Judges will not write down the announced scores of any skater or team during an event that they are judging.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

94. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule JR 3.01 (page 67 Rulebook)** as follows:

JR 3.01 ~~A mailing or electronic notification will be sent from Headquarters~~ **will post** apprising all judges of new rules and rule changes **on its web site.**

95. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule JR 18.03 (page 79 Rulebook)** as follows:

JR 18.03 Registration fees, which ~~help defray~~ **help defray** ~~cover ice costs, and fees paid~~ **expenses** to **bring in** speakers and demonstrators, **and costs associated with food and printed materials may** ~~will not~~ be charged to officials attending sanctioned judges schools or seminars. ~~However, additional fees for food and printed materials may be charged.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

96. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule 2032 (C) and (E) (pages 140-141)** as follows:

Marking of Singles Short Program (6.0 system)

C. The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission; an additional deduction of ~~0.1~~ **0.2** for an extra element should be taken in the mark for technical elements.

E. An element is omitted when it is not tried; the jump combination is omitted when neither one of the two jumps is attempted. Deductions must be made according to the following scale of values:

Singles	Failures	Omissions
Jump combinations, solo jumps, spins, flying spins and spin combinations	0.1 to 0.4	0.5
Step sequences and spiral step sequences	0.1 to 0.3	0.4
Extra or repeated elements	0.1 to 0.2	-

97. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule 2052 (A) (page 142 Rulebook)** as follows:

Marking of Pairs Short Program (6.0 system)

A. An element is omitted when it is not tried. Deductions must be made according to the following scale of values:

Pairs	Failures	Omissions
Lifts, throw jump, solo jump, spin, spin combination and death spiral	0.1 to 0.4	0.5
Step sequences and spiral step sequences	0.1 to 0.3	0.4
Extra or repeated elements	0.1 to 0.2	-

98. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule 2082 (E) (pages 143-144 Rulebook)** as follows:

Marking of Synchronized Skating Short Program (6.0 system)

E. The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission, and an additional deduction of ~~0.1~~ **0.2** for an extra element should be taken in the mark for technical elements.

99. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Delete **rule 2042 (C)(3) (page 141 Rulebook)** as follows (*subsequent rules would be renumbered accordingly*):

Marking of Singles Free Skate

~~3. When making a comparison between a well-executed double jump and a well-executed triple jump, either individually or in combination, the difference in value should be very small (from 0.1 to 0.2, depending upon the difficulty of the jump up to a maximum of 0.3 in the case of very difficult triple jump combinations).~~

100. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Delete **rule JR 16.02 (C) (page 77 Rulebook)** as follows:

Trial judges:

~~C. registered at time of publication will be sent a rulebook and directory free of charge.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

101. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Amend **rule JR 12.01 (B) (page 75 Rulebook)** as follows:

B. Competitions. ~~Competition~~ Judges may earn CEUs by serving as a judge, trial judge, JET, or referee at qualifying, nonqualifying, and/or ~~approved nonqualifying competitions~~ **Basic Skills competitions** over a four-year period.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

102. APPROVED - Selections Committee

Amend **rule SCR 4.02** and delete **subparagraph (A) (page 104 Rulebook)** as follows:

SCR 4.02 For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships **and any synchronized skating selection competition for international events as described in ICR 10.25 (B)**, the total number of judges/officials and the list of names of judges/officials selected to officiate **shall will** be determined by the Selections Committee after giving due consideration to the needs of the competition, the desirability of geographical representation and the financial limitations of the event.

~~A. The committee shall select, from the approved lists, the referees, judges, accountants, and if needed, the music coordinators, announcers and technical representatives.~~

103. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3672 (page 244 Rulebook)** as follows:

3672 The Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin, ~~and~~ one a combination spin with at least ~~one change of foot and at least one change of position,~~ **and one a spin in one position with no change of foot and no flying entry**).

C. Spins: ~~All spins~~ In the intermediate free skate, **only the flying spin and the combination spin may begin with a flying entry** ~~have flying entries,~~ may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the intermediate free skate is five, two of which must be in the landing position. The combination spin must have a minimum of **8 revolutions total** ~~4 revolutions on each foot.~~ **The minimum number of revolutions in the solo spin is five with no change of foot and no flying entry.** ~~The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 5 revolutions.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

104.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3681 (page 245 Rulebook) as follows:

3681 The Juvenile & Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin, ~~and~~ one a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one a spin with only one position with no change of foot and no flying entry).

D. Spins: The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the juvenile or open juvenile free skate is five, a minimum of two of which must be in the landing position. The minimum number of revolutions in the combination spin is eight total. The skater must change position at least once and may change feet. The minimum number of revolutions in the solo spin is five with no change of foot and no flying entry. ~~The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 5 revolutions.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

105.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3681 (page 245 Rulebook) as follows:

3681 The Juvenile & Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ five jump elements (one of which must be an Axel-type jump).

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

106.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 3671 (page 243 Rulebook) as follows:

3671 Intermediate Short Program

A. Technical elements are:

2. One double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other free skate movements;

3. One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump, ~~or~~ two double jumps, a triple jump and a single jump, or a triple jump and a double jump (jump attempted in (1) and (2) may not be repeated in this combination);

B. Remarks: The jump performed in (1) may not be repeated as either the jump in (2) or as a part of the combination (3). The jump performed in (2) may not be repeated as part of jump combination (3); the different jump chosen for (3) may however be performed twice as jump combination (3). When a triple jump is executed in (2), a triple jump cannot be included again in the jump combination. Spin combination (5) must include two of the three basic spin positions.

Implementation date: June 1, 2010

107.APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 32.04 (page 27 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 32.04 Juvenile Free Skate Test

Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ five jumping elements including the following requirements: *(balance of rule remains unchanged)*

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

108.APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 32.03 (page 27 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 32.03 Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test

Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ five jumping elements including the following requirements: *(balance of rule remains unchanged)*

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

109.APPROVED - Singles Committee and Tests Committee

Add new rules TR 25.13 and TR 25.14 (page 24 Tests Book) as follows

TR 25.13 Intermediate Supplemental Moves in the Field – may be taken after passing the Intermediate Moves and/or the Adult Gold Moves in the Field tests

1. Forward and Backward Crossovers (Preliminary)
2. Forward Circle 8 (Preliminary)
3. Forward and Backward Power Stroking (Pre-Juvenile)
4. Backward Circle 8 (Pre-Juvenile)
5. Eight-step Mohawk Sequence (Juvenile)
6. Spiral Sequence (Intermediate)
7. Forward Twizzles (Intermediate)

One element may be retried, if necessary.

<u>Passing total: 22.4</u>	<u>Adult passing total: 21.0</u>	<u>Masters passing total: 19.6</u>
<u>Passing average: 3.2</u>	<u>Adult passing average: 3.0</u>	<u>Masters passing average: 2.8</u>

(Approximate time for test: 15 minutes)

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank singles/pairs or dance judges who are certified to judge moves in the field tests

TR 25.14 Senior Supplemental Moves in the Field – may be taken after passing the Senior Moves in the Field test

1. Inside 3's/Rocker-Choctaw Sequence (Novice)
2. Forward Loops (Novice)
3. Backward Twizzles (Novice)
4. Backward Loop Pattern (Junior)
5. Straight Line Step Sequence (Junior)
6. Spiral Sequence (Senior)
7. Serpentine Step Sequence (Senior)

One element may be retried, if necessary.

<u>Passing total: 31.5</u>	<u>Adult passing total: 30.1</u>	<u>Masters passing total: 28.7</u>
<u>Passing average: 4.5</u>	<u>Adult passing average: 4.3</u>	<u>Masters passing average: 4.1</u>

(Approximate time for test: 15 minutes)

Judging panel required: Three gold singles/pairs or dance judges who are certified to judge moves in the field tests

Implementation date: September 2, 2010

110.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 3261 (page 172 Rulebook) regarding cross-over skaters as follows:

3261 Synchronized teams may enter more than one level, using different music and a different program, provided that there is no less than a 50 percent change of skaters. See 3260 for exceptions. **No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes who are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes who are skating on the ice at any given competition.**

111.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 3260 (pages 171-172 Rulebook)** by adjusting the matrix to allow skaters in intermediate to crossover to juvenile, novice, junior or senior as follows:

3260 An individual skater may skate on more than one, but not more than two, synchronized skating teams as long as the respective teams are in different levels. All of the stipulations of 3261, 1452 and 4660-4790 must be adhered to. See matrix below for restrictions.

Level Athlete is Skating In	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Masters	Adult
Preliminary													
Pre - Juvenile													
Open Juvenile													
Juvenile					X	X							
Intermediate				X	X	X	X	X					
Novice				X	X	X	X	X					
Junior				X	X	X		X		X			
Senior					X	X	X			X			X
Open Collegiate													
Collegiate							X	X					X
Open Adult													
Masters													X
Adult								X		X		X	

The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An “X” indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined in 3261, 1452 and 4660-4790.

112.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4760 (page 364 Rulebook)** regarding pre-juvenile as follows:

Requirements as of the preceding July 1:
~~8-12~~ **16** skaters with the majority of the team under 12 years of age.

113.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4770 (page 364 Rulebook)** regarding open juvenile as follows:

Requirements as of the preceding July 1:
~~8-12~~ **16** skaters with the majority under 19 years of age.

114.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4780 (page 365 Rulebook)** regarding Open Adult as follows:

Requirements as of the preceding July 1:
~~8-12~~ **16** skaters with the majority 19 years or older.

115.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Technical Panel Committee

Add new technical panel committee rule after TPCR 1.01 (page 109 Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR X.XX Organization

TPCR X.XX The Technical Panel Committee will consist of a chair and vice chairs as outlined below plus additional members as necessary to conduct the business of the committee:

A. A sectional vice chair from each section

B. A vice chair to oversee synchronized skating

C. A national vice chair of Technical Panel Rules

1. Reporting to the national vice chair are vice chairs for each discipline (singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating);

D. A national vice chair of Technical Panel Education

1. The national vice chair of Technical Panel Education will be responsible for the development of educational standards and promotional exam standards for Technical Panel Seminars.

2. Reporting to the national vice chair are five vice chairs: one for each discipline (singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating) and one for data operators.

116.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.01 (page 112 Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 4.01 National technical specialists, national technical controllers and national data operators may be appointed by the Board of Directors **at any in-person** ~~either its spring or fall~~ meeting upon presentation of the candidate's name, recommendation and record by the chair of the Technical Panel Committee.

117.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 3.01 (page 110 Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 3.01 Technical controller qualifications:

A. Sectional and National championships singles, pairs, dance and synchronized technical controller: must be a U.S. Figure Skating judge or referee of the rank of national or above (ISU or international) in the discipline in which they serve as a technical controller.

B. Sectional singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical controller: must be a U.S. Figure Skating judge or referee of the rank of **sectional** or above (ISU or international) in the discipline in which they serve as a technical controller.

C. Regional championships singles technical controller: must be a U.S. Figure Skating judge of a rank of **sectional regional** competition or above in the discipline in which they serve as a technical controller.

D. Nonqualifying competitions singles, pairs, dance, and synchronized skating technical controller: must be a U.S. Figure Skating judge of the rank of regional competition level or above in the discipline in which the judge serves as technical controller.

118.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 3.02 (page 111 Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 3.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

A. Sectional and national championships singles, pairs, dance, and synchronized skating technical specialist (except as stated in TPCR 3.02 (B) below) must either be:

1. a former senior, junior or novice competitor in the discipline in which they serve as a technical specialist at one of the following competitions:

- U.S. Figure Skating Championships (**singles, pair and dance**)
- U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships (**synchronized skating**)
- an equivalent championship conducted by an ISU member,

2. the coach/coaches responsible for 50% or more of such competitors training described in (1) above,

3. a national level judge.

4. an individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in Rule TPCR 3.02 (B) below, promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee.

- B. Regional championships **singles technical specialist**, U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, adult sectional championships and U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships: must either be:
1. a former senior, junior or novice competitor at a sectional championships that qualifies competitors ~~either~~ to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships ~~or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships~~;
 2. the coach/coaches responsible for 50% or more of such competitors training described in (1) above,
 3. a sectional-level competition judge.
 4. an individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in Rule TPCR 3.02 (C) below, promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee.
- C. Nonqualifying **singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist** competitions must be either a:
1. a former senior, junior or novice competitor at ~~either~~ regional championships (**singles, pairs, and dance**) ~~or sectional synchronized skating championships (synchronized skating)~~
 2. the coach/coaches responsible for 50% or more of such competitors training described in (1) above,
 3. a regional-level competition judge.

119. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Add new rule 2621 (page 153 Rulebook) as follows:

2621 Level and Number of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions

See Appendix A for chart.

120. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 2.02 (page 110 Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 2.02 Individuals **nominated by U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with rule IJOCR 3.04 and** certified by the ISU as technical panel officials ~~may shall automatically~~ be certified as national technical panel officials of U.S. Figure Skating. ~~and shall serve as mentors and trainers to the domestic technical panel officials and trainees.~~

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

121. APPROVED - Finance Committee

Amend rule GR 2.01 (page 52 Rulebook) as follows:

GR 2.01 Expenses to Board of Directors Meetings:

- A. ~~Unless such payment is disapproved by the president and the treasurer, U.S. Figure Skating shall will, unless such payment is disapproved by the president and the treasurer, reimburse expenses incurred for transportation, room and meals by members of the Board of Directors, other than honorary members, for attendance at meetings of the Governing Council and of the Board of Directors as follows: per the current and approved U.S. Figure Skating Travel and Expense Policy, available online at www.usfigureskating.org.~~
- B. ~~Expenses as defined in GR 2.02 the current and approved US Figure Skating Travel and Expense Policy (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/TravelPolicy.pdf>) for transportation, room and meals incurred by members of the Board of Directors, other than honorary members.~~

122. APPROVED - Finance Committee

Amend rule GR 2.02 (pages 52-53 Rulebook) as follows:

GR 2.02 Travel Expense within the United States:

Reimbursement for personal transportation, room and meal expenses actually incurred in connection with a carnival, exhibition, competition, meeting or test will be made **in accordance with the current, approved US Figure Skating Travel and Expense Policy, available online at www.usfigureskating.org** on the following basis: (See rule 1301 and TR 7.14)

A. ~~Transportation:~~

1. ~~When air transportation is used, reimbursement will be made for coach airline fares, ground transportation to and from airports, airport parking, applicable taxes and tips. Reimbursement will not be made for the additional expense of first-class or one-class air fares unless an explanation submitted with the reimbursement request establishes that less expensive air travel was not usable.~~
2. ~~When air transportation is usable but other transportation is used, reimbursement will be made for the actual cost of transportation but shall not exceed the cost of air transportation as outlined above.~~
3. ~~When air transportation is not usable, reimbursement will be for the actual cost of travel on the public conveyance used, or as outlined below, if private automobile is used.~~

4. ~~When private automobile is used for all or any portion of the transportation, reimbursement at the current Internal Revenue Service business rate plus necessary tolls will be made. Total reimbursement for the use of private automobile shall not exceed the cost of transportation by air or other public conveyance as outlined above.~~

B. ~~Room and Meals:~~

~~Reimbursement will be made, up to \$150 per day, for room, three meals, applicable taxes and tips at the location of the event or at necessary stopovers during travel. Expenses for less than a full day will be reimbursed up to \$100 for room, \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$30 for dinner including applicable taxes and tips.~~

C. ~~Duration of Expense Period:~~

~~The expense reimbursement period shall begin one day before the event and terminate one day after the event unless other arrangements are made in advance between the person to be reimbursed and the organization making the reimbursement.~~

D. ~~Whenever reimbursement is requested for expenses in excess of those listed above, an explanation shall be submitted with the reimbursement request establishing that such expenses were essential to the fulfillment of the assignment.~~

E. ~~Expense accounts for attendance at various national championships or at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent to the local organizing committee or U.S. Figure Skating treasurer respectively. Expense accounts for attendance at other meetings shall be sent to the chair of the committee having jurisdiction over the meeting. All other expense accounts shall be sent to the organization making the reimbursement.~~

F. ~~Request for reimbursement pursuant to the foregoing shall be made to the reimbursing organization not later than 30 days following the completion of travel or by such later date as may have been agreed to by such organization, and shall include substantiating evidence (supporting documents).~~

123. APPROVED - Grievance Committee

Amend rules GCR 3.02 (C)(1) (page 54 Rulebook); GCR 3.04 (D) and (E) (pages 55-56 Rulebook); GCR 3.05 (G) (page 56 Rulebook); GCR 5.04 (A)(3)(d) GCR 5.04 (B)(2) and GCR 5.03 (C)(3) (pages 57-58 Rulebook); GCR 6.01 (A) (page 59 Rulebook); and rule 3853 (page 218 Rulebook) by adding the Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator to the list of persons receiving information.

124. APPROVED - Sanctions & Eligibility Committee

Amend rule SR 2.04 (page 94 Rulebook), the definition of a “series of exhibitions,” as follows:

SR 2.04 A “series of exhibitions” is a skating performance by an eligible skater(s) by itself or as part of some other entertainment, relating to a single organized event which has repeat performances with the same cast, or where the same exhibition takes place within a 45-day period, or where the same exhibition is performed during a continuous season. (See SR 3.04 B.)

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

125. APPROVED the strategic planning goals as presented.

126. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Add the category of Adult Centennial Pairs as follows:

Test Requirements – Centennial Pairs

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

- **Both partners must be 50 years of age or older at the close of entries**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Both partners of each team must have passed at least one of the following tests:

- **The adult silver pairs test**
- **The adult silver free skate test**
- **The standard preliminary or pre-juvenile pairs test**
- **The standard pre-juvenile free skate test**
- **There is no maximum limit on tests passed**

Program Duration

Free Skate 3:10 max

- **This event will be judged under the 6.0 judging system**
- **Teams that enter Adult Centennial Pairs may not enter any other open pairs event**

Centennial Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate Must Contain:

(allows the same elements as the Silver/Adult Gold/Master/Championship events, with the following exceptions):

- **No overhead lifts allowed.**
- **Only single twist lifts permitted.**
- **Only single throw jumps permitted.**
- **Single jumps only in side-by-side jumps and jump combinations/sequences (Axels are permitted).**
- **No additional spin, death spiral, or step/spiral sequence permitted.**

Throw Jumps: Maximum of one throw jump (single jumps only).

Solo Jump: Maximum of one solo jump (single jumps only).

Jump Combination or Sequence: Maximum of one jump combination or sequence. Single jumps only. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two. No limit to the number of jumps in the jump sequence.

Solo Spins or Solo Spin Combination: Maximum of one solo spin or solo spin combination. Minimum 3 revolutions if no change of foot. Minimum 5 revolutions if change of foot. Minimum 2 revolutions in each position.

Pair Spin or Pair Spin Combination: Maximum of one pair spin or pair spin combination. Minimum 2 revolutions in each position. If pair spin, minimum 3 revolutions total with optional change of position. If pair spin combination, minimum 5 revolutions total.

Pivot or Death Spiral: Maximum of one pivot or death spiral. Pivot position not required. Skaters may choose the position and hand hold.

Steps or Spiral Sequence: Maximum of one step sequence (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) or spiral sequence utilizing at least one-half the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral sequences will not be counted as a step sequence but will be counted as transitions and marked as such.

127. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 3741, 3751 and 3761 (pages 252-254 Rulebook), well-balanced free skate requirements for Championship Master Junior-Senior, Masters Senior and Masters Junior as follows:

Jumps, & Jump Combinations & Jump Sequences: A maximum of seven jump elements. These must include an Axel-type jump and at least one combination or sequence of jumps. ~~There may be up to three jump combinations or sequences. Each jump combination and/or sequence counts as one jump element. The number of jumps in a combination or sequence is limited. One jump combination/sequence could consist of three jumps, and the other two up to two jumps. Single, double and triple jumps are permitted.~~ **Up to three of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free, however only the two highest value jumps in a jump sequence will be counted.**

Jump repetitions: No Axels or multi rotation jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, those jumps must be in combination or sequence.

128. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 1441 (B) (page 136 Rulebook), rule 3291 (page 175 Rulebook) and rule 4241 (A) (page 296 Rulebook), and add new rules after rule 4511 (page 323 Rulebook) to permanently add adult bronze solo dance, adult silver solo dance and adult gold solo dance events to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships as follows:

1441 The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and the adult sectional championships shall consist of the following events:

- B. Events which do not require qualification from sectionals: masters senior free skate, masters junior free skate, masters novice free skate, masters intermediate free skate, adult gold free skate, adult silver free skate, adult bronze free skate, masters pairs, adult gold pairs, adult silver pairs, adult bronze pairs, masters open dance, adult gold dance, adult pre-gold dance, adult silver dance, adult pre-silver dance, adult bronze dance, adult pre-bronze dance, adult centennial dance, masters interpretive free skate, adult interpretive free skate, **adult gold solo dance, adult silver solo dance, adult bronze solo dance**

3291 Qualifying rounds may be held at adult competitions **with the exception of adult solo dance events, which will have no qualifying rounds.** If there are more than 24 entries in any event, skaters will be divided by age into groups in accordance with 3276.

- 4241 A. For senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and all adult dance events, the chair of the Dance Committee will draw and announce the compulsory dances for the upcoming competitive season no later than the May Board of Directors meeting.
1. In the case of adult solo dance events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, the chair of the Adult Skating Committee will draw and announce the compulsory dances for the upcoming competitive season no later than the May Board of Directors meeting.

4520 Adult Gold Solo Dance Event

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters pre-gold dance.

4521 Selection of Compulsory Dances

Dance 1: One gold or pre-gold dance

Dance 2: One gold dance

- A. Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.
- B. Draw for the skating order will be made in accordance with rule 4204.

4530 Adult Silver Solo Dance Event

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters pre-silver dance and no higher than one standard, adult or masters pre-gold dance.

4531 Selection of Compulsory Dances

Dance 1: One silver or pre-silver dance

Dance 2: One silver dance

- A. Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.
- B. Draw for the skating order will be made in accordance with rule 4204.

4540 Adult Bronze Solo Dance Event

Test Requirements

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete standard, adult or masters preliminary dance test and no higher than one standard, adult or masters pre-silver dance.

4541 Selection of Compulsory Dances

Dance 1: One bronze or pre-bronze dance

Dance 2: One bronze dance

- A. Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.
- B. Draw for the skating order will be made in accordance with rule 4204.

129. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Membership Committee

Add new rule to the Membership Rules as follows:

MR 5.XX Introductory Members will pay a fee as outlined below. Such members may join only as members of a member club; however members can change their home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

A. First family introductory member dues are \$25 per person.

1. The first family member will receive a membership card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.
2. Each family must have at least one first family member.

B. Subsequent family member dues are \$15 per person.

1. Subsequent family members are related persons permanently residing at the same address.
2. Subsequent family members will receive a membership card only.

130.DEFERRED UNTIL THE JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL - Technical Group Coordinator, Hal Marron

Amend **rules 3601, 4001, 4201 and 4601 (pages 220, 260, 293 and 323 Rulebook)** to add the following language as a subparagraph of each rule:

A. In the event of a substantive change by the ISU to any required program element(s), the chair of the respective Technical Group committee may revise the affected programs to include such change(s) as soon as practical. Revisions or clarifications will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site as Technical Notifications, and when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

131.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Tests Committee

Amend **rule TR 3.09 (page 3 Tests Book)** as follows:

TR 3.09 Except as otherwise set forth ~~herein~~ **in these rules**, all tests ~~shall~~ **may** be held only within the geographical jurisdiction of U.S. Figure Skating. However, subject to the general approval of ~~Skate Canada~~ **another ISU member**, U.S. Figure Skating tests may also be held within the geographical jurisdiction of ~~Skate Canada~~ **that ISU member** provided that such tests are sponsored and conducted by a **U.S. Figure Skating** member club in strict accordance with these rules.

Implementation Date: June 1, 2010

132.APPROVED – Membership Development Group Coordinator, Mike Meyer

To allow the Program Development Committee to move forward with the concept of a national open solo dance championship.

133.CLARIFIED that the first U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships were held April 20-23, 1995, in Wilmington, Del., and hosted by the SC of Wilmington.

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

134.DID NOT APPROVE - Presented by Gerald Miele, Pawtucket & Providence FSC

Add subsection 11 to **rule 3432 (B) (page 188 Rulebook)** to read as follows:

B. Event Referee

- a.** **May bring an electronic format of the rulebook, but no other form of electronic communication system, to the judges stand.**

135.APPROVED - Presented by Mark Ladwig, Athlete Delegate

Add new subsections A, B and C to **rule 3142 (page 164 Rulebook)** to read as follows:

3142 All juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance skaters will compete at their respective sectional championship. The eight highest-placing teams in each division (i.e. juvenile pairs, juvenile dance, intermediate pairs, intermediate dance) will advance to the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships.

- b.** **In addition, if there are fewer than eight teams from one or more sections, a sufficient number of teams from other section(s) will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of entrants up to a maximum of 24 at US Junior Figure Skating Championships.**
- c.** **These additional entrants in the intermediate pairs and dance and juvenile pairs and dance events will be selected in the order of their placement at the comparable sectional event of the same year.**
- d.** **If two teams are tied for the additional place both will be permitted to enter.**

136. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Presented by Wendy Enzmann, Yarmouth Ice Club

Propose to amend rule 3432 (D) (page 189 Rulebook) as follows:

3432 IJS – Duties of Event Officials – All Skating Disciplines

D. Technical controller

12. A technical controller may serve as an assistant technical specialist ~~in qualifying competitions~~ as follows:
- i. Sectional-level-and-above technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at regional and sectional qualifying competitions **and all nonqualifying competitions** in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.
 - ii. Regional-level technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at regional qualifying competitions **and all nonqualifying competitions** in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.
 - iii. **Nonqualifying level technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.**

Implementation date: May 2, 2010

137. REFERRED TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Presented by Leigh Chambers, Kerri Tanner and Lynn Goldman, Wichita FSC, SC of Phoenix and Austin FSC

Amend rule MR 13.11 (pages 87 & 88 Rulebook) as follows:

MR 13.11 U.S. Figure Skating Policy on the Basic Skills Program

- A. The U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program's role is the development of basic skills skating in the United States, and whose members are U.S. Figure Skating members pursuant to Article V, Section 6.
- B. U.S. Figure Skating agrees that the participation of U.S. Figure Skating members in U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills-endorsed skating activities, such as recitals, shows and exhibitions, and tests is hereby permitted without violating the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, provided that such activities (1) are conducted by U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills registered rinks, clubs or skating schools in their normal course of business; (2) are not conducted by or for the benefit of a third party that exceeds the spirit of this special permission; (3) do not include the participation of U.S. Figure Skating member skaters who are or have been active U.S. Championship competitors at or above the novice level within the past two years unless participation has been permitted as described below; ~~and~~ (4) are not intended for television or Internet broadcast or rebroadcast; **(5) have at least 51% of participants be Basic Skills members; (6) will document all non-Basic Skills members as guests on the Basic Skills Performance Approval application; and (7) will not include non-U.S. Figure Skating Members.** This paragraph represents a grant of special permission from U.S. Figure Skating, in the spirit of cooperation with the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program, to allow its members to participate in U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills-endorsed skating activities without the need for a separate U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills activities exceeding the scope of this paragraph are not covered in this grant of special permission; therefore, U.S. Figure Skating members participating in such activities shall be in violation of the rules and policies of U.S. Figure Skating unless U.S. Figure Skating approval by way of sanction, ESCA (Eligible Skater Compensation Agreement) or special permission is obtained.
- C. U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program competitions are governed separately by the specific U.S. Figure Skating rules for Basic Skills competitions.

Proviso: As part of the referral, committee must consider “51 percent” vs. “more than half”.

138. REFERRED TO THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE - Presented by Howard Andrews, Jr., Orange County FSC

Add a new rule to the Competition Rules to withhold a sanction for any competition or event that infringes, limits, restricts or otherwise prevents a parent or legal guardian from taking photographs and/or motion pictures for personal use that involve their son or daughter in any event or exhibition. This rule applies only to areas of public access.

139. REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AMENDED - Presented by Veronica Nebb and Andrea Ewing, Santa Rosa FSC

Refer to the Board of Directors and Finance Committee, development of policies, procedures and/or rules as appropriate relating to fiscal planning and financial reporting.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

140.APPROVED the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

141.APPROVED to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the year except those actions rescinded, referred, or amended by the Governing Council.

142.ELECTED the following:

OFFICERS

President	Patricia St. Peter
Midwestern and First Vice President	Kathy Slack
Pacific Coast and Second Vice President	Jessica Gaynor
Eastern and Third Vice President	Ann O'Keefe
Secretary	Samuel Auxier
Treasurer	Warren Naphtal

GROUP COORDINATORS

Athlete Services	Brittney Bottoms
Membership Development	Michael Meyer
Technical	Hal Marron
Administrative/Legal	Winston Burbank

COACHING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Alex Chang
Mark Mitchell

143.ANNOUNCED

ATHLETE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD as elected by the athletes

Brandon Forsyth (Dance)*
Mark Ladwig (Pairs)
Cathleen Renzi (Synchronized)
Lindsey Weber (Singles)

*non-voting member of the Board of Directors

144.The President ACCEPTED the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs

Adult Skating	Alexis "Lexi" Rohner
Athlete Development	Benjamin "Ben" Miller
Coaches	Jackie Yarema-Brenner
Collegiate Program	Michelle Zeles-Hahn
Competitions	Lynn Goldman
Dance	John Millier
Ethics	Karen Terry Perreault
Grievance	Gretchen Bonnie
International	Doug Williams
International Judges and Officials	Kristina Lundgren
Judges	Dawn Eyerly
Membership	Maureen Dalton
Memorial Fund	Leslie Gianelli
Pairs	Deveny Deck
Parents	Gordon Benson
Program Development	Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Rules	Heather Nemier
Sanctions and Eligibility	Melissa Dillenbeck
Selections	Kitty DeLio LaForte
Singles	Kim Heim
Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating	Sandy Lamb
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Kathryn "Kat" Arbour
State Games	Hope Wheeler
Strategic Planning	Terri Levine
Synchronized Skating	Karin Sherr
Technical Panel	Wendy Enzmann
Tests	Christie Moxley-Hutson

145.ANNOUNCED the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative Charles Z. Cyr

ISU Representative Gale Tanger

146.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2010-2011:

EASTERN

MIDWESTERN

PACIFIC COAST

Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term

Elliot Schwartz (NE)

Anne Cammett (NA)

Kim Moore (SW)

Kathleen Krieger (UGL)

Larry Kriwanek (SWP)

Phillip Deaver (NWP)

Elected by the Governing Council in 2009 to serve a two year term (this is year two)

Derrick Delmore (SA)

Jerod Swallow (EGL)

Laurie Johnson (CP)

Elected by the Athletes to serve a one year term

Cathleen Renzi (E)

Lindsey Weber (M)

Angela Nikodinov (P)

147.ANNOUNCED that the 2011 Governing Council meeting will be held at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, Ill., on the dates of April 29 & 30, 2011.

APPENDIX A

2621 Level and Number of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions (from item 121)

Competition	Requirements Singles	Requirements Pairs	Requirements Dance	Requirements Synchronized Skating	Requirements Data Operators
<u>U.S. Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>Nat'l Singles TS and Nat'l Singles TC</u>	<u>Nat'l Pairs TS and Nat'l Pairs TC</u>	<u>Nat'l Dance TS and Nat'l Dance TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>Sectional championships</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>Regional championships</u>	<u>Nat'l, Sect'l or Reg'l Singles TS and Nat'l, Sect'l or Reg'l Singles TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l, Sect'l or Reg'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l SyS TS and Nat'l SyS TC</u>	<u>Nat'l Data Operator for SyS</u>
<u>Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l SyS TS and Nat'l or Sect'l SyS TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Data Operator for SyS</u>
<u>U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Singles TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Pairs TC</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TS and Nat'l or Sect'l Dance TC</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Nat'l or Sect'l Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance</u>
<u>Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Nonqualifying Competitions</u>	<u>Any level of appointed Singles TS and any level of appointed Singles TC</u>	<u>Any level of appointed Pairs TS and any level of appointed Pairs TC</u>	<u>Any level of appointed Dance TS and any level of appointed Dance TC</u>	<u>Any level of appointed SyS TS and any level of appointed SyS TC</u>	<u>Any level of appointed Data Operator for Singles/Pairs/Dance (for singles, pairs & dance events) or appointed Data Operator for SyS (for SyS events)</u>