

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

taken by the

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic ballots - various dates

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Denver, Colorado - May 1, 2008

III. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Denver, Colorado – May 2-3, 2008

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - various:

May 6, 2007, Reno, Nevada

1. **APPROVED** the President's appointment of Jack Curtis to the Audit Committee.

2. **APPROVED** the President's appointment of the following members to the Compensation Committee: Patricia St. Peter (Chair), Tamie Campbell, and Justin Dillon.

3. **APPROVED** to accept a resolution giving the US Figure Skating Executive Director authorization to sign contracts under \$50,000.

July 13, 2007, e-mail ballot

4. **APPROVED** by a unanimous vote the President's appointment of Sam Singer to replace a resigning member of the Audit Committee.

July 23, 2007, conference call

5. **APPROVED** that Individuals assigned to the following positions as a member of a U.S. Team delegation for an international competition must pass a mandatory background check: Team leader, assistant team leader, team doctor, team physiotherapist, any other designated official team support person, and any U.S. Figure Skating staff member that is part of the official delegation.

6. **APPROVED** a motion requiring the mandatory background checks be effective immediately.

August 20, 2007, conference call

7. **APPROVED** that in the event the chief referee determines that there is need for additional video operators at a competition (regional and nonqualifying), a short training session will be conducted on site. The training will be assigned to a certified video operator. Upon successful completion, the candidate will be approved to act as a video operator only at the specified competition. The candidate may apply to the Technical Panel Committee for official certification as a video operator following the competition. This action to take effect immediately.

8. **APPROVED** that President Hershberger has the authority to negotiate a new employment contract with David Raith, within the parameters of the recommendation made by the Compensation Committee. This negotiation will begin immediately.

September 17, 2007, conference call

9. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2008 Skate America to be held in Everett, Wash., on the dates of October 22-26, 2008 (dates tentative) subject to the execution of a host agreement with US Figure Skating.

10. **APPROVED** the nomination of Jeanette Davey to take the exam for promotion to ISU judge for synchronized skating.

October 28-29, 2007, Reading, Pennsylvania

11. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Rule JR 8.02 Synchronized Skating Judges - amend to require an appointment as a singles/pairs or dance test judge prior to obtaining a synchronized judging appointment.

JR 8.02 Persons seeking appointment as a synchronized skating judges must obtain at least a bronze singles/pairs test or bronze dance test appointment ~~within two (2) years of~~ **before** being appointed **as** a synchronized skating judge.

NOTE: All current junior sectional judges would be grandfathered to the existing rule and giving them the full two years from their appointment date to get their bronze singles/pairs or dance test appointment

12. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Rule JR 9.01 – Appointment of Judges – amend as shown:

JR 9.01 Appointments or promotions to any judge’s classification shall be for an initial term expiring on the date of the publication of this rulebook following the date of the appointment. All subsequent reappointments to the same classification shall be for a period of one year coinciding with the publication of this rulebook unless the classification of the judge is changed by action of the Judges Committee. **If the decision of the Judges Committee is not to reappoint the judge must be notified and will have 30 days to respond.**

13. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Rule JR 12.04 Requirements for Officials Judges – amend as shown:

JR 12.04 Renewal of appointments is not automatic. Judges whose appointments are not renewed by decision of the Judges Committee **must** shall be notified **of the decision of the Judges Committee** ~~not later than May 15 of the year of expiration of their current term and~~ **will** shall have the right **30 days** to respond.

14. ACCEPTED Resignations of Officials and Judges

From the Competitions Committee

A. Resignations:

John Goggin, National Music Coordinator, Eden Prairie, Minn.
Robert Houk, National Dance Referee, Spokane, Wash.

From the Judges Committee

B. Resignations:

Janet Bates, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Port St. Joe, Florida
Jane Lavintman-Rosenzweig, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Minneapolis, Minn.
Joan McDonnell, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Palo Alto, Calif.
J. Barlow Nelson, National Judge, Tulsa, Okla.
Robert Houk, National Dance Judge, Spokane, Wash.

15. APPROVED the appointment of **J. Barlow Nelson** as an honorary national judge

16. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee, the Synchronized Development, Competitions, and Management Subcommittees and the Collegiate Program Committee

*Rule 4720-Collegiate Program Duration of Skating and rule 4720-Collegiate Well-Balanced Program WBP) requirements – amend to reduce the program duration to **4:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds** and **adopt the junior team WBP** requirements. *To become effective for the 2008-09 season.**

17. ELECTED John Misha Petkevich to be a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation, fulfilling the remaining Trustee term of Sue Keogh through 2009.

18. APPROVED to rename the annual U.S. Figure Skating/PSA Sport Science Coaching Award to the Pieter Kollen Sport Science Coaching Award.

January 27, 2008, Saint Paul, Minnesota

19. APPROVED to nominate Jenny Mast to the ISU as an International Referee for Dance.

February 25, 2008, conference call

20. APPROVED Buffalo, New York as the site of the 2009 Governing Council Meeting.

21. APPROVED the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual, dated January 2008.

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22. APPROVED the Minutes of the April 7, 2008 conference call meeting.

23. ADOPTED the Convention Standing Rules.

24. ADOPTED the proposed agenda.

25. APPROVED promotions and ACCEPTED resignations and notifications

From the Competitions Committee

A. Promotions

National Referee - Singles and Pairs

Linda Chihara, Seattle, Washington

National Referee - Dance

Kevin Elvin, Hillsborough, North Carolina

Marge Heslin, Murrieta, California

National Referee - Synchronized Skating

Karin Sherr, Tustin, California

National Accountant

Andy Plasky, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

National Announcers

Robin Heagan, New York, New York

Ann O'Keefe, Haverford, Pennsylvania

B. to accept the following resignation(s):

Miriam Hillier, San Mateo, California – National Accountant

C. the nomination of Miriam Hillier as an Honorary Accountant

D. notification of the following vacated national appointments:

William Wall (deceased) – National Referee for Singles/Pairs, Dance, & Synchronized Skating

From the Judges Committee

E. Promotions

National Judge

Carrie Bacasa, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cynthia Drayton, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Eric Hampton, Marquette, Michigan

Brook Tloughan, Phoenix, Arizona

National Dance Judge

Barbara Buch, Baltimore, Maryland

David Hold, Sun Valley, Idaho

Hazel Wecal, Denver, Colorado

National Synchronized Skating Judge

Robert Bauer, Schiller Park, Illinois

Lauren Whittaker, Naperville, Illinois

F. to accept the following resignation(s):

Nola Joy Carello, Sacramento, California – National Synchronized Skating Judge

Mary Cook, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin – National Judge

G. the nomination of Mary Cook as an Honorary National Judge

H. notification of the resignation of Patricia French as an ISU (World) judge

I. notification of the following vacated national judging appointments:

William Wall (deceased) – National Judge for Dance and Synchronized Skating

From the Technical Panel Committee

J. Promotions

National Technical Specialist

Dede Disbrow (Pairs), Edina, Minnesota
Alexandra Mahler-Haug (SyS), Branford, Connecticut
Sandra Hurtubise-Ulmer (Singles), Fairfax, Virginia
Jenny Salado (SyS), Battle Ground, Washington
Scott Wendland (Singles), Irvine, California
Barbara Roles Williams (Singles), Newark, Delaware

National Technical Controller

Wendy Enzmann (Singles), Stow, Massachusetts
Stefanie Mathewson (Singles), Northridge, California
Colette Nygren (SyS), Sudbury, Massachusetts
Doug Williams (Singles), Los Angeles, California

National Data Operator

James Achtenberg, (SyS), Manchester, Michigan
Erin Bridge (SyS), Troy, Michigan
John Cole (S/P/D), Hunt Valley, Maryland
Jeanette Davey, (SyS), LaMesa, California
Dawn Eyerly (S/P/D), Los Angeles, California
Felicia Haining-Miller (SyS), Dearborn, Michigan
Devon Hensel (SyS), Westfield, Indiana
Dann Krueger (SyS), Minneapolis, Minnesota
Lisa Marsocci (SyS), New York, New York
Elliot Schwartz (SyS), West Roxbury, Massachusetts
Karin Sherr (SyS), Tustin, California
Thomas Tanger (SyS), Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
Megan Walsh (SyS), Acton, Massachusetts
Robert Withrow (SyS), Swampscott, Massachusetts

National Video Operator

James Achtenberg, (SyS), Manchester, Michigan
Elliot Schwartz (SyS), West Roxbury, Massachusetts
Thomas Tanger (SyS), Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
Robert Withrow (SyS), Swampscott, Massachusetts

26. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Final Sanctions

2008 US Collegiate Championships, Mile High FSA, Arvada, CO	August 7-9, 2008
2008 Skate America, Everett, Washington	October 24-26, 2008
2009 US Junior Championships, SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY	December 8-13, 2008
2009 US Synchronized Skating Championships, North Atlantic FSC, Portland, ME	March 3-7, 2009

III. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Denver, Colorado – May 2-3, 2008 - (INCLUDES ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MODIFIED AND/OR RATIFIED)

27. ADOPTED the Convention Standing Rules.

28. ADOPTED the proposed agenda with revision.

29. RECEIVED the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2007 Governing Council meeting held May 4 and 5, 2007 in Reno, Nevada.

30. ANNOUNCED that the 2009 Governing Council meeting will be held in Buffalo, New York on the dates of May 1-2, 2009.

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

32. APPROVED not to hold the scheduled *Meet the Candidates Forum*.

33. ELECTED the following Provisional Clubs to Full Membership in U.S. Figure Skating:

Brazos Valley FSC	College Station, TX
Breezy Point FSC	Breezy Point, MN
The Chagrin Valley FSC	Chagrin Falls, OH
Cutting Edge FSC, Ltd.	Pleasant Prairie, WI
Desert Ice SC of Arizona	Chandler, AZ
Durango FSC	Durango, CO
Grand Valley FSC	Grand Junction, CO
The SC of New Hampshire	Rochester, NH
FSC of Park City	Park City, UT
Port City SC, Inc.	Wilmington, NC
Shattuck-St. Mary's	Faribault, MN
Silver Star FSC	Pineville, NC
Space Coast Ice Plex FSC	Rockledge, FL
Summit FSC of NC, Inc.	Greensboro, NC
Tahoe FSC	S Lake Tahoe, CA

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

EXHIBIT A

34. APPROVED to amend **Article V, Sections 1 and 3 (page 2-3)** as shown:

Article V Membership

Section 1 *Classification*.

A. No change

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, herein called "individual members";

Section 3 *Individual Members*. Any individual figure skater **or coach** 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 automatically terminate when an individual member joins a member club as a home club member.

EXHIBIT B

35. APPROVED to amend **Article VII, Section 4 (page 4)** by deleting the language of the committee election requirements from the bylaws and moving them to the AAC rules

Article VII Delegates to the Governing Council

Section 4 ~~Election of Athlete Delegates~~. Athlete delegates ~~who meet the definitions in Article XXII, Section 2 and GR 3.00 shall be selected annually by the athletes as defined in Article XXII, Section 2 of the bylaws, and shall number no more than fifty (50). The athlete delegates shall be equally divided among ladies, men, pairs, dance and synchronized team skating, except when a delegate's proxy has been given in accordance with Article IX, Section 6. 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.~~

The athlete ~~members~~ **delegates to the Governing Council** shall be **the Athletes Advisory Committee members** elected by the athletes ~~and shall number no more than fifty (50). The athlete delegates shall be equally divided~~

among ladies, men, pairs, dance and synchronized team skating, except when a delegate's proxy has been given in accordance with Article IX, Section 6. 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. in compliance with AACR 1.10 **

** AACR 1.10 is a new section in the Athletes Advisory Committee Rules

EXHIBIT C

36. APPROVED to amend **Article XVIII**, (page 15) as shown:

ARTICLE XVIII **Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees**

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

EXHIBIT D

37. APPROVED to amend **Article XVIII**, (page 15) as shown and insert the deleted language into the Sports Sciences and Medicine rules at **SMCR 3.00**:

ARTICLE XVIII **Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees**

Sports Sciences and Medicine: the application of basic and clinical sciences throughout the figure skating community in order to promote and advance skater health, accelerate athlete development, and prevent injury.

~~Subsidiary purposes include:~~

- ~~A. to collect, develop and adapt scientific, clinical and athlete training information for the benefit of figure skaters and the sport of figure skating; to provide clinical and educational support to athlete development~~
- ~~B. to provide or ensure adequate clinical support for U.S. Figure Skating championships and other U.S. Figure Skating sponsored skating events~~
- ~~C. to carry out obligations and manage responsibilities with respect to USOC and ISU medical requirements~~
- ~~D. to disseminate sports science information throughout the figure skating community~~
- ~~E. to facilitate access for skaters, coaches, rink managers and others to well qualified professional services in sports science, sports medicine and related clinical and educational fields~~
- ~~F. to guide national programs with special clinical content.~~

EXHIBIT E

38. REFERRED back to the Board of Directors and the Ethics and Strategic Planning Committees with **Amendment** the request to amend **Article VIII**, Section 2 (page 5) as shown:

ARTICLE VIII **Board of Directors**

Section 2 *Composition and Qualifications.* The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of (i) the president, (ii) the three vice presidents each representing a different section, (iii) the secretary, (iv) the treasurer, (v) the four group coordinators as specified in Article XVI Section 3, (vi) two coaches actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, and (vii) 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 at least eighteen (18) years of age, be a registered member of U.S. Figure Skating and otherwise be qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. With the exception of athletes and coaches, no person holding an elected position as an in the International Skating Union (ISU) Official, ISU Committee Member or ISU Council Member may serve as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors. 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 also be nonvoting ex officio members.

EXHIBIT F

39. APPROVED to amend **Article IX, Section 10 (page 8)** as shown:

**Article IX
Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors**

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

EXHIBIT G

40. DID NOT APPROVE to amend **Article VIII Section 2**

EXHIBIT H

41. APPROVED to amend **Article VIII, section 4 (page 5)** as shown:

**ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors**

Section 4 *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 memberships 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.

EXHIBIT I

42. DID NOT APPROVE to amend **Article VIII, Section 3 and Article X, section 2:**

EXHIBIT J

43. APPROVED to amend **Article XV, Section 1 (page 11)** as shown:

**ARTICLE XV
Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors**

Section 1 *Nominating Committee*. Each year there shall be established a twelve member Nominating Committee, which shall consist of (i) nine registered members, none of whom shall represent the same region, and (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. 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 ~~from each section by the Board of Directors~~ 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. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be 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 eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the ~~six~~ nine registered members to be elected by it. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

EXHIBIT K

44. DID NOT APPROVE to amend Article XV, Section 1 and add new Section 2:

EXHIBIT L

45. DID NOT APPROVE to amend Article XV, Section 1 (page 11):

EXHIBIT M

46. WITHDRAWN - the request to amend Article XV, Section 4:

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (Group 1)

47. APPROVED - Athletes Advisory Committee [as amended by the Governing Council]

To add new rule AACR 1.10

AACR 1.10 Organization

AACR 1.11 the members of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall be elected annually each spring as follows:

1. Athletes meeting the definition of Article XXII section 2 shall elect those athletes meeting the definition of "athlete" in Article XXII, section 2 and also GR 3.00 to serve as members of the committee for a period of one year and shall number no more than 50.

A. Those elected must be at least 18 years of age, and must be equally divided among ladies, men, pairs, dance, and synchronized skating.

B. Athletes elected must not have competed for another country within the prior 2 years. **

C. Athletes elected to serve on the Athletes Advisory Committee will serve as delegates to the Governing Council held the year after the annual election.

The process and conduct of the annual elections of members of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be determined by US Figure Skating Headquarters in conjunction with the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.

*** Note: any athlete who is a member of the AAC at the time this rule change becomes effective will be exempted from the requirement.*

48. APPROVED - Athletes Advisory Committee

To amend rule AACR 2.00 (page 24) as shown:

AACR 2.00 Responsibility

AACR 2.01 The Athletes Advisory Committee shall:

A. no change

B. ~~Make recommendations of individuals~~ Identify from among the elected members of the Athletes Advisory Committee those persons who will to serve as the athlete members of the Board of Directors ~~and as~~ the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, ~~to~~ and the athlete members of the Nominating Committee ~~and Board of Directors as appropriate;~~

C. no change

D. no change

E. no change

49. APPROVED - Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee

To amend SMCR 2.00 (page 119) as shown to properly reflect the organizational structure of the committee

SMCR 2.00 Organization

SMCR 2.01 The committee is organized into a ~~Sports Medicine Council and a Sports Science Council.~~

Medical Services Subcommittee, a Research and Education Subcommittee, and a High Performance Subcommittee.

A. SMCR 3.01 ~~The Sports Medicine Council-~~ **Medical Services Subcommittee** is responsible for team coverage recommendations; outreach and education at multiple levels; ensuring applicability of research as it relates to figure skating; doping control and medical oversight for championships and other competitions.

B. SMCR 3.02 ~~The Sports Science Council~~ **Research and Education Subcommittee** is responsible for setting research agendas, soliciting research proposals, assisting with proposal development and funding, ensuring definable and practicable outcomes of research and disseminating resulting information.

C. The High Performance Subcommittee is responsible for athlete performance improvement through training in strength and conditioning, psychology, physiology, nutrition, and biomechanics.

50. APPROVED - Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee

To delete all reference to the Sports Medicine Society – *SMCR 4.00 through 4.06 (page 120)*

SMCR 4.00 Sports Medicine Society

~~SMCR 4.01~~ The purpose of the society is to foster and stimulate interdisciplinary research and to provide professional service and education in figure skating sports medicine and sports science for enhancement of performance and prevention of injuries of figure skaters.

~~SMCR 4.02~~ Application for professional or affiliate membership in the society shall be submitted to the Membership Committee of the society. Professional members consist of:

~~A.~~ Members of the medical profession in good standing and other individuals with appropriate doctoral degrees in a medical or scientific field who manifest by their work in a significant interest and competence in figure skating sports medicine and/or sport science and whose professional activity is consistent with the purposes of the society; and

~~B.~~ Individuals with a degree in medical or scientific fields who manifest by their professional contributions a significant interest in figure skating and who have been active in the field for at least three (3) years. Affiliate members are those interested in the sports medicine and sports science of figure skating who do not meet the requirement for professional membership.

~~SMCR 4.03~~ The Sports Medicine Society participates in programs of the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee including local seminars (outreach) for medical personnel, skaters, coaches, professionals, rink managers and others.

~~SMCR 4.04~~ Members, from time to time, may be asked to serve as U.S. Figure Skating team personnel.

~~SMCR 4.05~~ An annual meeting is to be held at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

~~SMCR 4.06~~ The Sports Medicine Society is governed by the organization and operational procedures adopted by the society on Feb. 13, 1999, which may be amended from time to time.

51. APPROVED - Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee

To amend *SMCR 3.00 (page 119)* by substituting with the following language:

SMCR 3.00 Responsibility Mission

SMCR 3.01 To collect, develop and adapt scientific, clinical and athlete training information for the benefit of figure skaters and the sport of figure skating; to provide clinical and educational support to athlete development

SMCR 3.02 To provide or ensure adequate clinical support for U.S. Figure Skating Championships and other U.S. Figure Skating sponsored skating events

SMCR 3.03 To carry out obligations and manage responsibilities with respect to USOC and ISU medical requirements

SMCR 3.04 To disseminate sports science information throughout the figure skating community

SMCR 3.05 To facilitate access for skaters, coaches, rink managers and others to well qualified professional services in sports science, sports medicine and related clinical and educational fields

SMCR 3.06 To guide national programs with special clinical content.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (Group 2)

52. APPROVED - Membership Committee

To add to *MR 5.03 – Dues (page 91)* a new category of Collegiate Membership available through individual membership. **This new program to begin in 2009-2010.** *

MR 5.03 Dues of Individual Members and Individual Collegiate members.

A. The annual dues of individual members shall be \$85, due by July 1 of each skating year. Annual dues for the second and each subsequent member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) shall be \$40. Individual members paying \$85 shall receive, upon payment of such dues, a registration card, a subscription to SKATING magazine and a copy of the current rulebook. Individual members paying \$40 in dues shall receive a registration card only.

B. the dues of individual collegiate members shall be \$170, due by July 1, and such membership shall be for a four-year period. Collegiate individual members paying \$170 dues shall receive, upon payment of such dues, a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

53. APPROVED - Membership Committee

To add to *MR 5.08 – Dues (page 92)* - a new category of Collegiate Membership available through club membership. **This new program to begin in 2009-2010.** *

MR 5.08 Registration Fee for Members and Collegiate Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs.

Each registrant of a member club or a collegiate club shall pay an annual fee as outlined below. The first family member shall receive upon payment of such fee a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine. The second and each subsequent member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) shall receive a registration card only. Such registrants shall register only as members of their designated home club, provided, however, that such registration shall not preclude such registrant from changing their home club in the course of a skating year (July 1 to June 30) in accordance with any rules governing such change.

~~2007-2008 season: First family member \$35, second and subsequent members \$12~~

~~2008-2009 season: First family member \$40, second and subsequent members \$15~~

Dues of collegiate members of member clubs shall be \$70 due by July 1, and such membership shall be for a four-year period. Collegiate members of member clubs paying \$70 dues shall receive upon payment of such dues, a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

** Note: the start dates for this new program in items 52 and 53 was reported incorrectly to the Governing Council and not caught and verified until May 7. An e-mail is being sent to all club membership chairs to clarify. The collegiate membership will begin in 2009-2010. The previously approved dues increase will still begin in 2008-2009*

54. APPROVED - Membership Committee

To amend *MR 3.01 (page 89)*, *MR 5.09 (page 92)* and add *new MR 9.00* as shown:

MR 3.01 Any club, individual, coach, school, Theatre On Ice/Teams, college or university meeting the qualifications for membership and desiring admission thereto shall file application on the appropriate forms which are available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

MR 5.09 Coach's Registration Fee

Each coaching member shall pay an annual registration fee as outlined below in addition to the annual membership fee dues:

If a current PSA member with general liability ~~h~~insurance through PSA or submits proof of current general ~~h~~liability insurance with limits of \$1 million ~~P~~per occurrence occurrence/\$5 million aggregate: A fee not to exceed \$40
All other coaches: A fee not to exceed \$170

The coach's registration fee will include the cost of the background screening requirement and a US Figure Skating rulebook.

MR 9.00 [New]Qualifications for Coaching Membership

MR 9.01 The applicant must:

A. File application on the forms supplied by US Figure Skating Headquarters;

- B. Submit with the application the payment of the annual dues and applicable coach's registration fee specified for coaching members;**
- C. Successfully fulfill the background screening process;**
- D. Be in good standing and agree to abide by these rules**

55. APPROVED - Basic Skills

To amend *Rule 1032 (page 144)* as shown:

1032 Basic Skills Competitions may include events for skaters who have passed no higher than the preliminary moves in the field, preliminary free skate, preliminary dance or adult bronze free skate tests without applying for a U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required from the appointed Basic Skills representatives.

56. APPROVED – from the Membership Committee (also Athletes Advisory, Athlete Development and Coaches Committees) [as amended by the Governing Council]

To add a new rule to the Membership Rules to create a Coaching Member Definition and Continuing Education Requirements (CER) to be incorporated into USFS Membership Rules starting with the membership period beginning July 1, 2010. If approved, it is requested that CER go into effect July 1, 2008, so that Coaching Members will have from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 (2 years) to earn the required CER course credits. Starting with the membership year beginning on July 1, 2010 the requirement will be renewed annually. The final plan must be presented to the Board of Directors by July 1, 2008.

CONTINUING EDUCATION GUIDELINES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARNING COURSE CREDITS:

- All seminars delivered by U.S. Figure Skating and/or PSA will receive credit for CER courses based upon content and length according to the current system used to evaluate educational offerings (seminars, workshops, conference, etc.).
- PSA online learning system will be made available with competency test to complete.
- Coaching members will have the option to “test out” of courses by passing a competency exam.

EXPIRATION OF COURSE CREDITS

- The required CER course credits will expire annually and will need to be fulfilled every year either by passing a competency test or by enrolling in a course and then passing the test.
- All CER course credits can be applied to the retention of PSA ratings and expire in the current method used by PSA for ratings retention. The PSA requirement for 28 credits in a three-year period for retaining a rating will not change.
- PSA software will issue a 90-day notice and a 30-day notice that CER course credits are due for expiration. Course credits will expire annually on June 30 starting in 2011.
- Coaches will be given 30 calendar days of probationary status before their membership status becomes “non-compliant.”
- There will be consideration of extenuating circumstances for expiration of course credits.

CRITERIA CONSTITUTING COURSE CREDIT:

- PSA and U.S. Figure Skating will work closely together to ensure every educational opportunity is evaluated to give coaches the most applicable information. Initially, the Coaches Committee Continuing Education Requirement Task Force will make this decision and PSA staff will administer the course credits.

PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

- If a coach is not in compliance with the mandatory education requirement, a coach will be considered a “non-compliant” member of U.S. Figure Skating and PSA and they will not be allowed to coach athletes, nor have contact, directly or indirectly in person or through a third party, at a venue for practice or/and event(s) at USFS Sanctioned events. (U.S. Figure Skating tests, competitions, performance activities, club ice and workshops).
- If a coach is not in compliance with the mandatory education requirement, a coach will be considered a “non-compliant” member of U.S. Figure Skating and PSA and will not be eligible for a ratings test, a ranking review, or a coaching award.
- In addition to the acquisition of the CER Course Credits, a \$15.00 membership reactivation fee will be charged to the “non-compliant” coach.

ENFORCEMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE PENALTY:

- The penalty for non-compliance of the required CER course credits will be enforced by a joint effort of PSA and U.S. Figure Skating.
- PSA will track CER course credits for every coach after each educational offering and send notice to U.S. Figure Skating if a membership has become inactive.
- U.S. Figure Skating membership card will be issued to coaches only if the coach is in compliance with CER by July 1, 2010. This membership card must be presented at all sanctioned events.
- Since U.S. Figure Skating sanctions the events, U.S. Figure Skating will enforce the penalty for non-compliance and will be responsible to disseminate the information to the LOC of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events.

- U.S. Figure Skating will disseminate information to LOC of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events on how to properly enforce CER at sanctioned events.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that this process is fair and equitable.
- At the 2008 Governing Council, the CER task force will request that the proposal be declared urgent (go into effect July 1, 2008) so that coaches would have two years (from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010) to obtain CER.

APPENDIX D – as taken from the meeting book and modified by the Governing Council

COACHING CATEGORIES	CER COURSES REQUIRED	COURSES CREDITS OR COMPETENCY TEST REQUIRED
<p><u>CATEGORY A: PROFESSIONAL COACH (OR CHOREOGRAPHER) OF QUALIFYING LEVELS OF COMPETITION SKATERS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Defined as one who is coaching, teaching or instructing one or more skaters or teams that are participating in qualifying levels of qualifying competitions or championships. This includes, but is not limited to: primary coaches, choreographer, assistant coaches, and element specialists (spin coaches, jump coaches, style coaches etc.)</i> • <i>Qualifying competitions are defined as regionals, sectionals, synchronized skating sectionals and adult sectionals.</i> • <i>Championships are defined as U.S. Junior Championships, U.S. Championships, U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships, U.S. Adult Championships and U.S. Collegiate Championships.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPORTS SAFETY • ETHICS TRAINING • U.S. FIGURE SKATING RULES • IJS RULES 	<p>1 CREDIT PER COURSE ANNUALLY (4 TOTAL PER YEAR)</p>
<p><u>CATEGORY B: PROFESSIONAL COACH (OR CHOREOGRAPHER) OF SKATERS PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING U.S. FIGURE SKATING SANCTIONED EVENTS (EXCLUDING QUALIFYING EVENTS COVERED UNDER CATEGORY A):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Defined as one who is coaching, teaching or instructing one or more skaters or teams that are participating in non- qualifying levels of sanctioned competitions or championships. This includes, but is not limited to: primary coaches, choreographer, assistant coaches, and element specialists (spin coaches, jump coaches, style coaches etc.)</i> • <i>U.S. Figure Skating tests (pre-preliminary and up)</i> • <i>Performance activities (shows, carnivals, exhibitions, etc.)</i> • <i>Nonqualifying competitions(pre-preliminary and up)</i> • <i>Nonqualifying event at a qualifying competition</i> • <i>Member club ice activities (workshops, seminars, club ice etc.)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPORTS SAFETY • ETHICS TRAINING • U.S. FIGURE SKATING RULES 	<p>1 CREDIT PER COURSE ANNUALLY (3 TOTAL PER YEAR)</p>
<p><u>CATEGORY C: GROUP INSTRUCTOR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Defined as one who teaches group lessons only.</i> 	<p>CLASS MANAGEMENT ETHICS TRAINING</p>	<p>0 COURSE CREDITS <i>(at this time)</i></p>
<p><u>CATEGORY D: PROFESSIONAL SPORT SCIENCE SUPPORT SERVICES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Defined as one who is a Sport Psychologist; PT; ATC, or the like.</i> • <i>Must submit a signed affidavit stating credentials and be able to produce current proof of professional credentials in their field of expertise.</i> • <i>If an individual performs Sport Science Support Services and also performs duties as a professional coach or choreographer, that individual must meet Category A or B requirements.</i> 	<p>CURRENT PROOF OF PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS IN THEIR FIELD OF EXPERTISE</p>	<p>0 COURSE CREDITS</p>
<p>1) Coaching Members will be required to fulfill the CER course(s) that are at the highest coaching category at which they are currently coaching skaters or teams.</p> <p>2) Coaching Members will be required to fulfill the CER course(s) in the discipline area of skaters or teams that they are currently coaching. (Example: IJS and USFS pair rules for coaches coaching pairs, etc.) <i>If coaches coach skaters in multiple disciplines, they are only required to take courses in one of those disciplines but are encouraged to take courses in all disciplines coached.</i></p> <p>3) <i>Foreign</i> coaches coaching U.S. athletes at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events will be required to fulfill the same requirements as U.S. coaches coaching U.S. athletes. <i>Foreign</i> coaches coaching <u>only foreign athletes</u> at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events will not have this mandatory education requirement.</p> <p>4) ISI and unaffiliated coaches who coach at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events will be required to meet the continuing education requirements. All ISI and unaffiliated coaches are invited and welcome to participate in the continuing education credit programs. <u>ISI coaches coaching only ISI athletes at U.S. Figure Skating/ISI sanctioned events will not have this mandatory education requirement.</u></p> <p>5) Coaching members will have the option to “test out” of courses by passing a competency exam.</p>		

TECHNICAL GROUP (Group 3)

57. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule 3800 (page 292) Program Duration for adult bronze free skate event*
Increase the duration of skating for men and ladies from 1:40 max to **1:50 max**

58. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule TR 32.10 (page35-36 Tests Book)* the adult bronze free skate test by increasing the duration from Not to exceed 1:40 to **not to exceed 1:50**

59. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule 3292 (page210)* by redefining the age categories for adult free skate and interpretive events as shown:

- I. – 21 years through ~~28~~ **30** years
- II – ~~29~~ **31** years through ~~35~~ **40** years
- III – ~~36~~ **41** years through ~~45~~ **50** years
- IV – 46 **51** years through ~~55~~ **60** years
- V – ~~55~~ **61** years and over

60. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule 3780 (page 290)* by substitution of the existing test qualifications at close of entries with the following:

To compete in Adult Gold or Championship Adult Gold, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- **The adult gold free skate test.**
- **The standard juvenile free skating test, and no higher standard free skate tests.***

*** If a skater has passed the standard juvenile free skate test on or after Oct. 1, 1994, and no higher standard free skate tests, the skater must compete in adult gold.**

Skaters may have passed the ISI freestyle 6 test, but no higher ISI freestyle tests. Skaters may have passed the 2nd figure test, and no higher, before Oct. 1, 1977. Skaters may have passed any figure tests or moves tests after Oct. 1, 1977.

61. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule 3790 (page 291)* by substitution of the existing test qualifications at close of entries with the following:

To compete in Adult Silver, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- **The adult silver free skate test, and no higher adult free skate tests.**
- **Before Oct. 1, 1994, the standard juvenile free skate test and no higher standard free skate tests.**
- **On or after Oct. 1, 1994, the standard pre-juvenile free skate test and no higher standard free skate tests.**

Skaters may have passed the ISI Freestyle 5 test, but no higher ISI Freestyle tests. Skaters may have passed the 2nd figure test, and no higher, before Oct. 1, 1977. Skaters may have passed any figure tests or moves tests after Oct. 1, 1977.

62. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To amend *rule 3800 (page 292)* by substitution of the existing test qualifications at close of entries with the following:

To compete in Adult Bronze, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- **The adult bronze free skate test, and no higher adult free skate tests.**
- **The standard preliminary free skate test, and no higher standard free skate tests.**

Skaters may have passed the ISI freestyle 4 test, but no higher ISI freestyle tests. Skaters may have passed the 2nd figure test, and no higher, before Oct. 1, 1977. Skaters may have passed any figure tests or moves tests after Oct. 1, 1977.

63. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

To require that solo dance events be offered at the US Adult Championships on a trial basis for a minimum of two years beginning with the 2009 Championships. Details of the events will be posted on the Adult Program page of the web site and in the announcement.

64. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 3155 (page 198)* as shown:

~~If Should~~ a senior skater who did not place in the top five (5) at the previous U.S. Figure Skating Championships earns a berth in the ISU Grand Prix Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final; the skater ~~shall~~ **will** receive a bye to the current U.S. Figure Skating Championships only in the discipline in which they earned the berth.

65. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *Rule 3156 (page 198)* as shown:

A junior skater, who earns a berth in either the ISU Grand Prix Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final, ~~shall~~ **will** receive a bye to the current U.S. Championships only in the discipline in which they earned the berth.

66. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *Rule 3281 (page 209)* and chart appearing on **page 210** for US Junior Championships by deleting the row of 41-48 and editing the prior row to 37 **or more**.

Number of entries	Number of qualifying rounds	Number advancing to final round from each group	Final round (see NOTE)
20 or fewer	None		20 or fewer
21-24	2	6	12
25-28	2	7	14
29-32	2	8	16
33-36	2	9	18
37 or more-40	2	10	20
41-48	3	6	18

67. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *Rule 3435 (page 230) ISU Judging System - Calculations of Results - Singles and Pairs* as shown. ***This amendment to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council meeting.***

A. Basic principles of calculation

1. In the free skate of singles and pairs skating, the base values for all jumps and throw jumps ~~executed~~ **commenced** in the second half of the program will be multiplied by a special factor of 1.1 in order to give credit for even distribution of difficulties in the program.

68. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 3276 (page 208)* by eliminating the second qualifying round (Championship Initial Round (CIR)). Competitors from the Qualifying Rounds (QR) would advance directly to a Championship Round (CR) as shown in the charts that were provided. Current rules provide for two (2) qualifying rounds to reach the final championship round when there are more than 72 entries.

Note: The actual number of skaters in the ~~CR, CIR or CFR~~ may increase if there are ties.

QR	CR	
Number of groups	Number advancing	
19-36	2	12
37-54	3	15
55-72	4	16
73-90	5	20
91-108	6	24
109-126	6	24
127-144	6	24
145-168	7	28
169-196	7	28

69. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **rule 3272 (page 206) Notification** as shown:

A. As soon as possible after the close of entries, U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters staff ~~shall~~ **must** notify the following people of the events at a regional championship that exceed 18 entrants: the sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee, the chief referee, the chief accountant, and the Local Organizing Committee.

B. and C. no change

D. Promptly thereafter, all competitors will be notified of the time of their practice(s), the qualifying group they have been assigned to (if applicable), and their tentative competition time(s). **The complete roster for each event and/or qualifying round will be posted on the LOC web site.**

~~**E.** The complete roster for each event and/or qualifying round will not be announced or posted until the first official practice ice, together with the compulsory dances to be skated.~~ **Once groups and seeding have been established, an alternate for a withdrawn skater will be assigned to the withdrawn skater's group. Any skaters who are added to an event due to unforeseen circumstances will be added to one of the groups (which group will be at the discretion of the chief referee) up to 48 hours before the start of the first qualifying group in that event. No reseeding or reassignments between groups will be made after the initial draw is posted. Posting to be at the arena or on the LOC web site**

F. The official schedule of events will be posted at the competition.

70. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

That factor tables, charts and related relevant rules for the 6.0 and IJS scoring system be removed from the rulebook and placed on the U.S. Figure Skating (USFS) web site for anyone who needs or wants to know about the 6.0 and IJS scoring systems. **Rulebook will reference the specific web address so it is easily found.**

71. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **rule 3430 (page 227)** to permit that the calculation method for IJS allow the use of a simple mean instead of a trimmed mean in nonqualifying competitions, when five or fewer judges are used on a panel. ***This amendment to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.***

Rule 3430 (D) (1)

1. The marks of all judges assigned to a panel in a US Figure Skating event using the ISU judging system **must** be used in the calculation of the trimmed mean; there **will** be no blind draw of the judging panel. **When there are five or fewer judges on the judging panel a simple mean may be used.**

72. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **rules 3321 (page 212) and 3401 (page 221)** so that references to software programs in the rulebook for calculating 6.0 system results be made consistent with the wording of rules for calculating IJS results. ***This amendment to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council meeting.***

3321 (B) May be drawn by the chief accountant, in the presence of at least two other officials, by using the random draw feature of ~~the **an**~~ approved U.S. Figure Skating program ~~Hal2~~. The drawn starting orders for each event ~~shall~~ **must** be posted no less than twelve hours before the start of the first event of the competition.

3401 The chief accountant ~~shall~~ **will** be responsible for the accuracy of the computations including the placement of the competitors, subject to verification by the referee. Computer placements utilizing ~~the current Hal2~~ **a currently approved software** program are regarded and used as the official result.

73. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **Rule 3284 (page 210)** and the rules necessary to establish a permanent seeding procedure for the US Junior Championships. It should be noted in the rule that the seeding procedure can be found under the accountant home page on the US Figure Skating web site.

The purpose of seeding competitors into the US Junior Nationals groups:

- Skaters for each place should be distributed between two groups or among 3 groups.
- regions should be distributed between two groups or among 3 groups.
- The groups should be equal in size or one less skater in one (or 2 in the case of 3 groups).
- To keep the seeding procedures as simple and fair as possible and to make it as obvious as possible to those involved so that if questioned the referee can explain the reason that a certain skater or skaters are in a certain group.

74. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rules 3067 (page 190-191) and 3068 (page 191) Non-US Citizens Under 18* as shown:

3067 Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of Eighteen (18) Years who Have Represented Their Association:

A. no change

B. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English ~~prior to the close of entries as provided in 3212~~ **no later than August 1**, and shall include the following:

3068 Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of Eighteen (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 eighteen (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 August 1.**

75. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 3143 (page 197)* by deleting the entire rule. Also amend *rule 3109(A) which refers to 3143*

~~**3143** Those intermediate and juvenile skaters who qualify for the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships have the option of testing up to a higher level only after their regional competition is concluded. For 2007-08, this includes pairs and dance teams that elect to skate at their sectional championships.~~

76. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *Rule 2103 Stops (page 176)* sections (B) and (E) to allow the period of time for the continuation of a program be changed from two (2) minutes to three (3) minutes.

77. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 2204 (page 178) Referee Reports* as shown:

2204 The referee shall within thirty (30) days after a nonqualifying competition:

A. Send a report as outlined in 2203; ~~except that~~ **The record of initial and final placements in each event may be one of the following should be sent electronically or on paper**

~~1.~~ **1.** A marked copy of the program;

~~2.~~ **2.** Completed copies of signed component and cumulative results;

~~1-3.~~ **3.** Computer summaries of placements from a program approved under 3400, **including component and cumulative results, are to be sent electronically in the currently approved program.**

78. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 3183 Alternates (page 199)* by deleting the phrase "shall be by certified letter" and replace with **"must be by e-mail or phone followed by an e-mail response."**

79. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend *rule 3152 (page 198)* as shown:

3152 For all championship (senior) events, the following competitors will receive an automatic invitation to the same event. **At least 60 days prior to the competition the skater must submit a signed Statement of Intent which will be provided by Headquarters to all skaters qualified under this rule;**

A. A competitor or couple placing in the top five at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships;

B. A competitor or couple who won a medal at the most recent Olympic Winter Games;

C. A competitor or couple who won a medal at the most recent World Championships.

80. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

However, see item 124

Rule 1015 (page 143) The Competitions Committee requests that rule 1015 remain as it currently reads in the 2008 Rulebook so that US Figure Skating would continue to be authorized to have the option of conducting two regionals separately, but in one location.

81. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **Rule CR 7.03 (page 31-32) Recommendations for Appointment of referees:**

Specifically CR 7.03 (A) Singles & Pairs, (B) dance, and (C) synchronized skating to state that to be appointed as a national referee for singles/pair, dance or synchronized skating that the candidate must be a judge at the national level in the discipline.

Note: Currently appointed referees would not be impacted by this rule change if approved.

82. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

To amend **Rule CR 7.03 (page 31-32) Recommendations for Appointment of referees:**

Specifically CR 7.03 (C) synchronized skating to state that to be appointed as a sectional synchronized referee the candidate must be a senior sectional synchronized skating judge.

Note: Currently appointed referees would not be impacted by this rule change if approved.

83. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend **rule 4460 Championship Adult Dance Event (page 347-349)** by replacing the Final Round Original Dance with a Free Dance; increase the duration from 2:40 max to 3:10 max; and define the Free Dance requirements in **rule 4462 (page 348)** by substituting the language below for the Original Dance language. Delete **rule 4463 entirely.**

Rule 4460 last section to read:

Program Duration

~~Original Dance~~ **Free Dance** ~~2:40 max~~ **3:10 max**

Rule 4462 to read:

Free Dance

In the final round each of the couples shall present a free dance in accordance with 4270. For the applicable required elements, ISU calling specifications and judging instructions apply. Please refer to ISU Communications.

The following are the requirements for a well-balanced Championship Adult free dance program:

- A. Lifts:** Two (2) different types of lifts selected from the following list, one (1) of which may be selected from those lifts with a duration of up to twelve (12) seconds;
1. Lifts not to exceed six (6) seconds in duration:
 - a. Stationary lift
 - b. Straight-line lift
 - c. Curve lift
 - d. Rotational lift
 2. Lifts not to exceed twelve (12) seconds in duration:
 - a. Serpentine lift
 - b. Reverse rotational lift
 - c. Combination lift
 3. Lifts should be aesthetically pleasing to the viewer or deductions will be taken by the judges. An upside down split pose is not permitted in any type of lift and it will be called as an illegal element.
- B. Dance Spins:** One (1) dance spin selected from the following types:
1. **Spin:** Both partners must complete at least three (3) rotations on one (1) foot simultaneously.
 2. **Combination Spin:** Both partners must complete at least three (3) rotations on one (1) foot, followed by a change of foot for both simultaneously and three (3) further rotations on the other foot, with no more than one-half (1/2) rotation on two (2) feet during "change of feet." A change of center of rotation is not permitted.
- C. Synchronized Twizzles:** One(1) synchronized twizzle as described below:
1. The four (4) different twizzle entry edges are: forward inside, forward outside, backward inside, backward outside;
 2. The twizzles shall be at least one (1) rotation on one (1) foot performed simultaneously (at the same time);

3. Partners may be side by side turning in the same direction (matching), side by side turning in the opposite direction (mirror) or follow one another (each partner may skate either forward or backward);
4. Both partners must skate the same number of rotations for each twizzle;
5. The twizzles must travel across the ice during the turns (if the action stops, they become spins);
6. More twizzles may be added but shall not be counted;
7. No stops are permitted before the first twizzle;
8. Variety of entry edge including back edges and direction of rotation will contribute to the variety of the program.

Note: Additional twizzles may be performed, but only the first synchronized twizzle performed will be identified and considered in determining the level of difficulty. Additional twizzle(s) will be considered by the judges in marking the component for linking footwork/movements.

D. Step Sequence: One step sequence selected from the following:

1. **Circular** — direction optional (clockwise or counterclockwise); utilizing the full width of the ice surface on the short axis of the rink.
2. **Midline** — skated along the full length of the center (long) axis of the ice surface.
3. **Diagonal** — skated as fully corner to corner as possible.
 - a. The step sequence must be skated in varied dance holds (except hand in hand in the sustained position with fully extended arms). Dance positions must be maintained throughout the step sequence.
 - b. The step sequence must incorporate difficult steps and turns and edges for both partners (twizzles may be included but are not counted as the required synchronized twizzle). Lifts, jumps of more than one half (1/2) rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern regressions and loops are not to be included in the selected step sequence.
 - c. Combined spins and lifts: Combined spins and lifts are permitted but are to be counted as separate elements: i.e. as one of the permitted lifts and the selected dance spin.

Note: The midline not touching and serpentine step sequence for free dance is not permitted.

Rule 4463 to be deleted entirely

84. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend **rule 4470 Adult Gold Dance Event (page 350)** by replacing the Final Round Original Dance with a Free Dance; increase the duration from 2:40 max to 3:10 max; and change the reference language of **rule 4472 (page 350)** by substituting as shown:

Rule 4470 last section to read:

Program Duration	
Original Dance Free Dance	2:40 max 3:10 max

Rule 4472 to read:

Free Dance

In the final round each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of 4462.

85. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend **rule 4480 Adult Pre-Gold Dance Event (page 351)** by replacing the Final Round Original Dance with a Free Dance; increase the duration from 2:40 max to 3:10 max, and change the reference language of **rule 4482 (page 351)** by substituting as shown:

Rule 4480 last section to read:

Program Duration	
Original Dance Free Dance	2:40 max 3:10 max

Rule 4482 to read:

Free Dance

In the final round each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of 4462.

86. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend *rule 4483 Masters Open Dance Event (page 352)* by replacing the Final Round Original Dance with a Free Dance; increase the duration from 2:40 max to 3:10 max; and change the reference language of *rule 4485 (page 352)* by substituting as shown:

Rule 4483 last section to read:

Program Duration

~~Original Dance~~ **Free Dance** ~~2:40 max~~ **3:10 max**

Rule 4485 to read:

Free Dance

In the final round each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of 4462.

87. WITHDRAWN - Dance Committee

To amend *rule 4415 (D) Novice Dance Event (page 341)* to include the following selection of a Not Touching Midline step sequence. This step sequence will be included in the choice of step sequences for the novice free dance in years when it is included in the junior and senior free dance (as announced by the ISU IDRC for the given year.)

88. WITHDRAWN - Dance Committee

To amend *TR 54.03 Novice Free Dance Test (page 62 – Tests Book)* to include the selection of a Not Touching Midline step sequence in the Required Elements.

89. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend *Rule 4412 Novice Dance Compulsory dance selections (page 340)* as shown:

~~2009-2010~~ **2008-2009** Group A European Waltz-~~Blues, Rocker Foxtrot~~ **American Waltz**, Paso Doble*
~~2007-2008~~ **2009-2010** Group B American **Starlight** Waltz, Tango, Kilian*
~~Group C Foxtrot, Blues, Starlight Waltz* (08/09)~~

The groupings are being proposed along with the asterisk dance. The asterisked (*) dance plus one dance drawn per rule 4241 will be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The asterisked (*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at sectional championships:

90. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend Rule 4425 (C) Intermediate Dance Event, page 343 to read “Synchronized twizzles: One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles”

The performance and technical panel calling specification will follow the instructions for junior and senior.

NOTE: This revision will not be integrated into the intermediate free dance test. This revision is for competition only.

91. APPROVED - Judges and Tests Committees

To amend *JR 6.01 E (Singles/Pairs Judges) (page 76)*, *TR 25.01 (page 13 Tests Book)*, *TR 25.09 (page 22 Tests Book)*, *TR 32.01 (page 30 Tests Book)* and *TR 32.09 (page 35 Tests Book)* to permit bronze level singles/pairs judges to serve as a single judge panel for the pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze free skate tests and the pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests.

92. APPROVED - Judges and Tests Committees

To amend *JR 7.01 (A) (Dance Judges) (page 77)*, *TR 25.01 (page 13 Tests Book)*, *TR 25.09 (page 22 Tests Book)*, and *TR 49.01 (page 52-53 Tests Book)* to permit bronze level dance judges to serve as a single judge panel for the preliminary compulsory dance test, and the pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests.

93. APPROVED - Judges and Tests Committees [as amended by the Governing Council]
to amend *TR 23.01 (page 12)*, *TR 30.01 (page 29)*, *TR 37.01 (page 39)* and *TR 53.51 (page 60)* – all in the *Tests Book* – by adding the following sentence to each rule: (note that this does not pertain to compulsory dance tests where the reskate rule is slightly different). *This amendment to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council meeting.*

If a majority of the panel requests a reskate then the judge-in-charge will direct the skater to reskate the agreed upon element.

94. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.01 (page 40 Tests Book)* by renaming the Preliminary Pairs Test to the Pre-Juvenile Pairs Test, delete entirely the current language in the rule and replace the rule with the following language:

TR 39.01 Pre-Juvenile Pairs Test

The Pre-Juvenile pairs test shall consist of variety of skating moves and connecting steps skated to music. Pairs must demonstrate good form with some degree of unison, especially in stroking and footwork.

The following elements are required:

- a) One lift from Group 1 or the waist loop lift from Group 2
- b) One throw jump, single, optional
- c) One solo jump, single
- d) One jump combination or jump sequence, single jumps only
- e) One pair spin, minimum 3 revolutions, no change of foot or position
- f) One solo spin, minimum 3 revolutions, no change of foot or position
- g) One death or pivot spiral, no minimum requirements, optional
- h) Stroking forward and backward, clockwise and counter clockwise
- i) Footwork and connecting moves (spirals, spread eagles) utilizing ½ the ice surface

Extra elements may be repeated without penalty.

Duration: 2 minutes (+/- 10 seconds) to music of the skaters' choice.

Two (2) different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 12.0

Passing total: 5.4

Passing average: 2.7

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

95. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.02 - Juvenile Pairs Test (page 41 Tests Book)* by deleting entirely the required elements as currently listed and replace with the following list of required elements:

- a) Two lifts from Group 1 or one lift may be the waist loop lift from Group 2, minimum 1 revolution of the man
- b) One throw jump, single
- c) One solo jump, single or double
- d) One jump combination or jump sequence consisting of single or double jumps
- e) One pair spin, minimum 4 revolutions, optional change of position (minimum 2 revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- f) One solo spin or combination spin, minimum 5 revolutions, optional change of position (minimum 2 revolutions in each position, no change of foot
- g) One death or pivot spiral, minimum ½ revolution by the man in pivot position
- h) One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface

96. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.03 - Intermediate Pairs Test (page 41-42 Tests Book)* by deleting entirely the required elements as currently listed and replace with the following list of required elements:

- a) Two different lifts from Group 1 and the waist loop lift from Group 2, or one may be a forward press, two-handed star or platter lift, minimum 1 revolution of the man
- b) One twist lift, single
- c) One throw jump, single or double
- d) One solo jump, single or double
- e) One jump combination or jump sequence consisting of single or double jumps
- f) One pair spin, minimum 5 revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner either together or separately, minimum 2 revolutions in each position, no change of foot
- g) One solo spin combination, minimum 5 revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum 2 revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- h) One death spiral, minimum ½ revolution by the man in pivot position
- i) One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface

97. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.04 - Novice Pairs Test (page 42 Tests Book)* by deleting entirely the required elements as currently listed and replace with the following list of required elements:

- a) Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum 1 revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- b) One twist lift, single or double
- c) Two different throw jumps, single or double
- d) One solo jump, selected from single axel or any double jump
- e) One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double
- f) One pair spin combination, minimum 6 revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately), minimum 2 revolutions in each position
- g) One solo spin combination, minimum 6 revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum 2 revolutions in each position), change of foot optional, if performed, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot
- h) One death spiral, minimum 1 full revolution by the man in pivot position
- i) One sequence of spirals fully utilizing the ice surface, number of spirals optional, but balanced between the partners, all spirals held for a minimum of 3 seconds

98. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.05 - Junior Pairs Test (page 43 Tests Book)* by deleting entirely the required elements as currently listed and replace with the following list of required elements:

- a) Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum 1 revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- b) One twist lift, double
- c) Two different throw jumps, both double
- d) One solo jump, double
- e) One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double and different from the solo jump
- f) One pair spin combination, minimum 8 revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately), minimum 2 revolutions in each position
- g) One solo spin combination, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (minimum 2 revolutions in each position), minimum 4 revolutions on each foot
- h) One death spiral performed on a forward edge, minimum 1 full revolution by the man in pivot position
- i) One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface
- j) One sequence of spirals fully utilizing the ice surface, number of spirals optional, but balanced between the partners, all spirals held for a minimum of 3 seconds

99. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To amend *TR 39.06 - Senior Pairs Test (page 43-44 Tests Book)* by deleting entirely the required elements as currently listed and replace with the following list of required elements:

- a) Three different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4 and at least one lift must be from Group 5, minimum 1 revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- b) One twist lift, double
- c) Two different throw jumps, both double
- d) One solo jump, selected from double flip, double Lutz or double axel
- e) One jump combination or jump sequence, two jumps must be double of a like or different nature, both must be different from the solo jump
- f) One pair spin combination, minimum 8 revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately), demonstrating all 3 basic positions, minimum 2 revolutions in each position
- g) One solo spin combination, each partner must change feet once and change position at least two times, demonstrating all 3 basic positions (minimum 2 revolutions in each position), minimum 5 revolutions on each foot
- h) One death spiral performed on a backward edge, minimum 1 full revolution by the man in pivot position
- i) One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface
- j) One sequence of spirals fully utilizing the ice surface, number of spirals optional, but balanced between the partners, all spirals held for a minimum of 3 seconds

100. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

To delete *rule 4100 and 4101 - Preliminary Pairs (page 313)* entirely.

101. DID NOT APPROVE - Singles Committee

the *Moves in the Field Implementation Program* as outlined below:

HOWEVER, see item 125

The following time line and associated work efforts are proposed based upon a September 2009 start date.

- **May 2008** – New Moves in the Field Tests receive approval from Governing Council
- **June/July 2008** – A seminar is held with 8 to 10 officials from US Figure Skating and 8 to 10 from PSA. These 16 to 20 individuals will form the core group for PSA and US Figure Skating training seminars. Agreement to serve as part of the core training group will be a requirement to be part of this initial seminar. The seminar will establish the Test Expectations for each of the new moves, as well as document the common errors. The execution of each move will be reviewed and refined. Video Taping of the new moves will be filmed during this seminar for educational materials. New diagrams will also be sketched out for final graphics. A budget of \$20,000 is estimated for this seminar.
- **August 2008 through November 2008** – Production of educational materials for new Moves in the Field Tests. These will include new DVD's and Graphics. Work with judges committee and JETS/PSA on locations and budgets for training seminars. Present training schedule plan and anticipated costs to US Figure Skating BOD at November 2008 meeting.
- **November 2008 to March 2009** – Prepare final materials for judges / coaches seminars.
- **March 2009 to September 2009** – Hold seminars across the country to introduce new moves in the field. The seminars will be mainly on ice. Faculty will consist of one core group member from PSA and one from US Figure Skating. The seminar will deal with both test expectations and instruction tips on the new moves.
- **September 2, 2009** – Testing of the new moves begin.

102. WITHDRAWN - Singles Committee

To amend by inserting new *TR22.02 (B) (page 11 Tests Book)* and renumber remaining items:

B. Prior to commencing the test session, the designated Judge-in-Charge will flip a coin to indicate the starting direction of the items marked on the test form with a "*" for the entire test day. Heads will indicate a clockwise start, and tails will indicate a counter clockwise start. The denoted moves in the test will alternate in direction between clockwise and counter-clockwise based upon the start of the initial move.

103. REFERRED BACK TO RELEVANT COMMITTEES

To amend *TR 25.04 Juvenile Moves in the Field Test (page 16-17 Tests Book)* to include the following moves:

1. Stroking: Forward Power Circle*

Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform forward crossovers progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move, from a slow, but gradually accelerating pace to fully accelerated crossovers. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in either a counterclockwise or clockwise direction (based upon pre-test selection). It is recommended that no more than fifteen crossovers be utilized in completing this move.

Primary focus: Power

2. Stroking: Backward Power Circle*

Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform backward crossovers progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move, from a slow, but gradually accelerating pace, to fully accelerated crossovers. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in either a counterclockwise or clockwise direction (based upon pre-test selection). It is recommended that no more than fifteen crossovers be utilized in completing this move.

Primary focus: Power

3. Eight-step Mohawk Sequence*

The skater will perform an eight-step mohawk sequence counterclockwise or clockwise (based upon pre-test selection) on a large circumference circle. The skater will perform three (3) sequences that may require approximately 1 1/2 circles to complete. Introductory steps are optional. Skater should utilize a march cadence (one (1) beat per step) with even rhythm.

Primary focus: Quickness

Secondary focus: Power

4. Forward and Backward Free Skating Cross Strokes

The skater will perform free skating cross strokes the length of the ice surface. Forward cross strokes will be skated for one (1) length of the arena and backward cross strokes skated for the second length of the arena. Introductory steps and end patterns are optional.

Primary focus: Power

5. Backward Power Three-turns

The skater will perform three to five backward power three-turns per circle in a figure eight pattern. One (1) complete figure eight is required. A one- or two-foot glide may be utilized when changing circles. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

6. Forward Double Three-turns

The skater will perform consecutive forward double three-turns on half circles, with alternating of feet. Four to six half circles will be skated depending on the length of the arena and strength of the skater. The sequence begins with FO double three-turns covering the first length of the arena. The FI double three-turns will cover the second length of the arena. Introductory steps and end patterns are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

7. Juvenile Spiral Sequence – New move

Final description to be finalized

Primary focus: Extension

Secondary focus: Edge quality

One (1) element may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 6.0

Passing total: 21.0

Passing average: 3.0

104. REFERRED BACK TO RELEVANT COMMITTEES

To amend *TR 25.05 Intermediate Moves in the Field Test (page 17-18 Tests Book)* to include the following moves:

1. Forward Outside and Inside Twizzles – New move

Across width of ice. Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Quickness

2. Backward Outside and Inside Twizzles – New move

Across width of ice. Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Quickness

3. Backward Perimeter Power Crossover Stroking with Backward Power Three-turns *

The skater will perform four (4) power sets down the length of the arena followed by backward power three-turns around both ends of the arena. This stroking sequence covers one (1) full lap of the arena and is performed in either counterclockwise or clockwise direction (based upon pre-test selection). Transitions will be with a wide step and on two (2) feet. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

4. Backward Double Three-turns

The skater will perform consecutive backward double three-turns on half circles with alternating of feet. Four (4) to six (6) half circles will be skated depending on the length of the arena and strength of the skater. The sequence begins with BO double three-turns covering the first length of the arena. The BI double three-turns will cover the second length of the arena. Introductory steps and end patterns are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Extension

5. Brackets in the Field Sequence

The skater will perform two (2) sets of turns on half circles (RFO-LBI) down approximately half the length of the arena. Continuing down the remaining length of the arena the skater then will perform two (2) sets of turns (LFO-RBI) with an optional step to transition to the LFO edge. Once completed, the entire sequence is repeated, performing two (2) sets of turns (LFI-RBO) down approximately half the length of the arena. The skater then performs two sets of turns (RFI-LBO) down the remaining length of the arena with an optional step to transition to the RFI edge. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

6. Inside Slide Chassé Pattern

The skater will perform four (4) alternating patterns of inside slide chassés preceded by backward power three-turns. Introductory steps are optional. The pattern should cover the entire length of the arena.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Extension

One (1) element may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 6.0 Passing total: 19.2 Passing average: 3.2

Judging panel required: Three (3) silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges or dance judges who are certified to judge MIF tests.

105. REFERRED BACK TO RELEVANT COMMITTEES

To amend *TR 25.06 Novice Moves in the Field Test (page 18-19 Tests Book)* to include the following moves:

The candidate must give a performance that is generally good. The preciseness of the footwork should be nearly faultless, the body motion well timed and the flow and power very good. No major consistent errors should be in evidence.

1. Backward perimeter power stroking with back inside 3-tturns and forward inside three-turns*

The skater will perform power stroking in either counterclockwise or clockwise directions (based upon pre-test selection). One (1) full lap of the arena will be skated with backward inside three-turns and forward inside three-turns around both ends of the arena. Four (4) power sets will cover the length of the arena, with eight to ten (10) three-turns around the ends of the arena. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Quickness

2. Forward perimeter power crossover stroking to a backward quick rocker-turn sequence *

The skater will perform power crossover stroking in either counterclockwise or clockwise directions (based upon pre-test selection). One (1) full lap of the arena will be skated with the rocker sequence repeated on both ends of the arena. Four (4) power sets will cover the length of the arena with five (5) to seven (7) rocker sequences around the ends (quick). The end pattern may utilize open choctaw ends or closed choctaw ends. The introductory steps and the FI chassé are optional.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Quickness

3. Forward and backward outside counters

The skater will perform forward outside counters followed by two (2) backward free skating cross strokes to a backward outside counter. Two (2) forward free skating cross strokes to a forward outside counter then follows each backward counter. The skater

has the option of starting the first length with either the right or left forward counter. The second length will be performed with forward and backward outside counters on the opposite foot. The introductory steps and complete loop are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary Focus: Power

4. Forward and backward inside counters

The skater will perform forward inside counters followed by two (2) backward inside rolls to a backward inside counter. Each backward inside counter is then followed by two (2) forward inside rolls to a forward inside counter. The skater has the option of starting the first length with either the right or left forward counter. The second length will be performed with forward and backward inside counters on the opposite foot. The introductory steps and the end patterns are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Power

5. Backward rocker choctaw sequence

The skater will perform a backward inside rocker-choctaw followed by a deep backward outside edge. This sequence is performed in six (6) to eight (8) consecutive half circles on alternating feet. The introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality and extension

Secondary focus: Power

6. Novice Spiral sequence – New move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Extension

Secondary focus: Edge quality

7. Bracket Twizzle Sequence – New move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Quickness

One (1) element may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 6.0 Passing total: 24.5 Passing average: 3.5

Judging panel required: Three (3) silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges or dance judges who are certified to judge MIF tests.

106. REFERRED BACK TO RELEVANT COMMITTEES

To amend *TR 25.07 Junior Moves in the Field Test (page 19-20 Tests Book)* to include the following moves:

The candidate must give a performance that is generally very good in all respects. Focus should be on power, flow, edge quality and line and footwork control.

1. Forward power circles*

Starting from a standing position the skater will perform forward crossovers progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move, from a slow but gradually accelerating pace, to fully accelerated crossovers. The skater will exit the move with a forward diagonal glide to the end of the arena with an extended free leg held to the back. As the skater accelerates the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed either in counterclockwise or clockwise directions (based upon pre-test selection). The two (2) glides should be on different feet. It is recommended that no more than fifteen (15) crossovers be utilized in completing this move.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Extension

2. Backward power circles*

Starting from a standing position the skater will perform backward crossovers progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move, from a slow but gradually accelerating pace, to fully accelerated crossovers. The skater will exit the move with a backward diagonal glide to the end of the arena with an extended free leg held to the back. As the skater accelerates the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed either in counterclockwise or clockwise directions (based upon pre-test selection). The two (2) glides should be on different feet. It is recommended that no more than fifteen (15) crossovers be utilized in completing this move.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Extension

3. Forward and backward outside rockers

The skater will perform forward outside rockers followed by a cross in front, then feet together and push to a back outside rocker. This backward outside rocker is followed by two (2) forward outside crossrolls to a forward outside rocker. The skater has the

option of starting the first length with either the right or left forward rockers. The second length will be performed with forward and backward outside rockers on the opposite foot. The introductory steps and end sequence of steps are optional. There should be two (2) forward and two (2) backward rockers.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Power

4. Forward and backward inside rockers

The skater will perform forward inside rockers followed by backward inside rolls to a backward inside rocker. This backward inside rocker is followed by forward inside rolls to a forward inside rocker for the length of the arena. The skater has the option of starting the first length with either the right or left forward rockers. The second length will be performed with the forward and backward inside rockers on the opposite foot. The introductory steps and end sequence of steps are optional. There should be two (2) forward and two (2) backward rockers.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Power

5. Power pulls

The skater will perform a sequence of three (3) power pulls followed by two (2) quick twisting rockers. This sequence is then repeated consecutively down the entire diagonal of the arena. It is then performed on the opposite diagonal of the arena on the other foot. There should be a total of three (3) to four (4) sequences per foot. The introductory and end steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Quickness

6. Choctaw sequence

The skater will perform a choctaw sequence that covers the entire diagonal length of the arena and which is then repeated on the second diagonal. This sequence is performed with two (2) consecutive choctaws that are then performed in the opposite direction. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Power

7. Outside and Inside Counter/Twizzle Step – New move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Edge quality

Secondary focus: Quickness

One (1) element may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 6.0 Passing total: 28.0 Passing average: 4.0

Judging panel required: Three (3) gold singles/pairs judges or dance judges who are certified to judge MIF tests.

107. REFERRED BACK TO RELEVANT COMMITTEES

To amend *TR 25.08 Senior Moves in the Field Test (page 21-22 Tests Book)* to include the following moves:

The candidate must give an excellent performance, displaying power, strong edge control and depth, extension, and precise footwork control.

1. Sustained edge step

The skater will powerfully perform a BI three-turn to a sustained swing change of edge followed by a FI rocker, stepping to a BI double three turn. Backward crossover steps follow this sequence. This pattern is then repeated to cover the entire surface of the arena. The skater will then repeat this step in the opposite direction. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Edge Quality

Secondary focus: Power

2. Extension spiral step – New Move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Extension

Secondary focus: Edge quality

3. Change Loop Movement, Back Outside and Back Inside – New move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Extension

Secondary focus: Edge quality

4. Backward outside power double three-turns to power double inside rockers

The skater will perform BO power double three-turns, then complete a power pull to BI double rockers. These rockers are immediately followed by another power pull. This sequence is repeated consecutively down the entire diagonal of the arena. The skater will then perform the same step using the opposite foot down the opposite diagonal of the arena. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Quickness

5. Backward inside power double three-turns to power double outside rockers

The skater will perform BI power double three-turns, then complete a power pull to BO double rockers. These rockers are immediately followed by another power pull and the sequence is then repeated consecutively down the entire diagonal of the arena. The skater will then perform the same step using the opposite foot down the opposite diagonal of the arena. Introductory steps are optional.

Primary focus: Power

Secondary focus: Quickness

6. Senior Quick edge step – New move

Description still to be finalized

Primary focus: Quickness

Secondary focus: Edge quality

One (1) element may be retried, if necessary.

Maximum points: 6.0 Passing total: 27.0 Passing average: 4.5

Judging panel required: Three (3) gold singles/pairs judges or dance judges who are certified to judge MIF tests.

108. APPROVED - Singles Committee

To amend *TR32.04 Juvenile Free Skating Test (page 31-32 Tests Book)* by revising item 4 under Jumps to read:

4. In addition to the listed jumps at least one of the following must also be included: split jump, stag jump, falling leaf or half loop. **This element while required does not count towards the maximum jump allowance in the program.**

109. DID NOT APPROVE - Singles Committee

To add new *TR29.05 under Marking for Free Skate Tests (page 29 Tests Book)* to read:

TR 29.05 - In the event the maximum number of jump, spin, footwork, or other required elements is exceeded, those elements in excess of the required elements will not count either for or against the skater. The inclusion of an extra element will not prevent the skater from passing the test if all test requirements have already been fulfilled. However, if a test requirement is completed after the required maximum number of elements in a classification has been completed the element is not considered as completed. The element may be requested to be performed as part of the normal reskate protocol by the panel of judges.

110. APPROVED - Singles Committee [as amended by the Governing Council]

To amend *Preliminary through Senior Free Skate tests – TR 32.02 to TR 32.08 (pages 30-34 Tests Book)* by

~~removing the words **amending as follows:** “Extra elements, up to the maximum allowed, may be added without penalty.”~~ From the rules and test forms. ***This amendment to become effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting.***

111. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

To amend the language of *Rule 3432 (page 229-233)* by the addition of the following bold and underlined new language, conform to the new judging classification language (senior comp is now sectional comp, junior comp is now regional comp, etc.) and conform the use of the word “former” to the language of 3432(E)(1)(a) by specifically referencing it to the individuals in subparagraphs (i) only in (b) and new (c):

- E. Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist
- 1. Qualifications:
 - a. For national championships (except as stated in (b) below) and sectional championships: must either be:
 - (i) a former senior, junior or novice competitor at one of the following competitions: U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, or an equivalent championship conducted by an ISU member,
 - (ii) the coach of such competitor(s) described in (i) above,
 - (iii) a national level judge,
 - (iv) **an individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in Rule 3432(E)(1)(b) below, promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee**
 - b. Regional championships, the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, adult sectional championships and the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships: must either be:
 - (i) a former senior, junior or novice competitor at a sectional championship *that* qualifies competitors either to a U.S. Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships,
 - (ii) the coach of such competitor(s) described in (i) above,
 - (iii) a **sectional level** competition judge,
 - (iv) **an individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in Rule 3432(E)(1)(c) below, promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee.**
 - c. **Non-Qualifying competitions: must be either a:**
 - (i) **a former senior, junior, novice, intermediate or juvenile competitor at a regional championships or a U.S. Junior Championships,**
 - (ii) **the coach of such competitor(s) described in (i) above,**
 - (iii) **a regional level competition judge.**

NOTE: this does not change the threshold qualifications presently in our rules for initial appointment or advancement.

112. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

To clarify the language of *Rule 3432(E)(1)(d) (page 231)* with respect to the length of time a person must be retired from active competition before serving as a technical specialist in a qualifying competition. The present rule does not contain a time period.

- d. Must be retired as an active competitor **for at least one (1) year** if serving in a qualifying event.

113. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

To conform the language governing qualifications of technical controllers to that of 3432(E)(1) governing qualifications of technical specialists **by deleting “to serve at qualifying competitions” from Rule 3432(D)(1) (page 230).**

114. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

To amend *Rule 3432 (D) (1) (page 230)* by adding a category (c) for nonqualifying technical controller as we have done above for technical specialists to codify the requirements we use at the seminars and re-number the remaining subparagraphs.

- (c) **Nonqualifying: 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.**

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (Group 4)

115. APPROVED - Ethics Committee

To amend **GR 1.02 - Code of Conduct (page 53-54)** adding new item E as shown and reletter the balance

GR 1.02 Code of Conduct – The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including, but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, and training camps:

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including, but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, and training camps is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored, or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. no change
- B. no change
- C. no change
- D. no change

E. I will comply with all applicable Anti-Doping Rules including but not limited to, ISU Anti-Doping Rules.

Balance remains unchanged except E, F and G become F, G and H respectively

116. APPROVED - Ethics Committee

To amend **GR 1.05 – Jurisdiction (page 54)** as shown:

GR 1.05 Jurisdiction – The United States Figure Skating Association is a member of the International Skating Union (ISU), an Olympic / Pan American member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and an allied member of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU). U.S. Figure Skating is recognized by the ISU, USOC and AAU as the governing body of figure skating on ice in the United States. As such, U.S. Figure Skating observes the rules of the ISU **including but not limited to, the ISU Anti-Doping Rules**, and administers its own rules so as to ensure the eligibility of qualified United States skaters and officials to participate in international skating events. In addition, the purpose of the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, and in particular those rules relating to eligibility and sanctions, is to protect the eligibility of registered members so as to enable them to fully participate in the benefits of such membership.

116. REFERRED back to the Strategic Planning Committee

To add a new rule in the **Membership Rules at MR 10.00** to provide for Regional Representatives as follows:

MR 10.00 Regional Representatives.

MR 10.01 One representative for each region will be elected at the sectional meetings of the annual Governing Council meeting and report to the vice president representing their section. The regional representative will be responsible for representing the clubs and councils within their region. The regional representative will serve a one (1) year term and may be re-elected for up to three (3) consecutive terms. Election of the regional representative will follow the same process as the election of Nominating Committee members.

Renumber the balance of the MR section

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

117. APPROVED - Judges Committee

to amend **JR 9.03 on page 79**

JR 9.03 Application forms ...

... A written exam must be taken to qualify for promotion. When a candidate submits an application for appointment to the appropriate regional or sectional vice chair of the Judges Committee, an exam will be sent to the candidate **once all other requirements as set forth in the Judges Committee Guidelines have been met.** Upon receipt, ...

118. APPROVED - Admin/Legal Group Coordinator

to amend *NCR 3.04 on page 101-102*

NCR 3.04 Annually, the committee shall:

A. through I – no change

~~J. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of its nominees and all other properly nominated candidates for election to the Governing Council not later than the start of the sectional general meetings or 7:00 p.m. of the evening immediately prior to the start of Governing Council, whichever is earlier.~~

J. The Nominating Committee shall have Headquarters include in the delegates’ registration packets the names of all other properly nominated candidates for election along with the candidate’s statement of qualifications and statement of purpose.

~~K. There shall be a candidates’ forum on the evening immediately prior to the start of the Governing Council so that the delegates to the Governing Council can meet all the nominated candidates who choose to appear at the forum.~~

119. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

to amend *Rule 3781 (page 290)* the Well-Balanced Program Requirements for the Championship Adult Gold & Adult Gold Free Skate Event as shown:

The Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold Well-Balanced Program Must Contain:

JUMPS & JUMP COMBINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A Maximum of six (6) jump elements</u> - <u>May include an Axel and all single jumps</u> - <u>Double jumps permitted are the double toe loop and double Salchow.</u> - <u>Double jumps not permitted are the double loop, double flip, double Lutz and double Axel.</u> - <u>Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination and/or sequences.</u> - <u>There must be at least one (1) jump combination or sequence, but there may be up to three jump combinations or sequences. Each jump combination or sequence counts as one jump element.- The number of jumps in a combination or a sequence is limited. One jump combination may consist of three (3) jumps, and the other two may only have two jumps.</u> - <u>No double-double jump combinations or sequences are permitted.</u>
SPINS	No change
STEPS	No change

120 APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

to amend the Masters Novice by reformatting into three competitive levels (currently one level) each with the same WBP requirement but with different test requirements for each of the levels and to amend the well-balanced program requirements by substitution and to amend the program duration. There will be a need to do some renumbering within the section for adult singles events.

Test requirements as of the close of entries for each level:

[new] Championship Masters Intermediate/Novice: The standard intermediate free skate test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test, and no higher than the standard novice free skate test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test.

[new] Masters Intermediate: The standard intermediate free skate test and no higher OR, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and no higher.

Masters Novice: The standard intermediate free skate test OR, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test, and no higher than the standard novice free skate test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 5th figure test.

The Well-Balanced program requirements for each level

Championship Masters Intermediate/Novice; Masters Novice; and Masters Intermediate Well-Balanced Program Must Contain:

Maximum time: ~~3:40~~ **3:10**

JUMPS & JUMP COMBINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A maximum of seven (7) jump elements.</u> - <u>Must include an Axel-type jump and at least one combination or sequence of jumps.</u> - <u>Double jumps permitted are the double toe loop, double Salchow and double loop.</u> - <u>Double jumps not permitted are the double flip, double Lutz, and double Axel.</u> - <u>No triple jumps are permitted.</u> - <u>Only three combination or sequences permitted.</u> - <u>One combination/sequence may have three jumps, others may have only two.</u> - <u>May perform only one double/double combination or sequence.</u> - <u>Jumps may be repeated only once and if repeated it may only be in combination or in sequence.</u> - <u>There may be up to three jump combinations or sequences. Each jump combination and/or sequence counts as one jump element.</u>
SPINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A maximum of three spins of a different nature.</u> - <u>Must have a minimum of five revolutions</u> - <u>If there is a change of foot must have four revolutions on each foot.</u> - <u>Minimum of 2 revolutions in each position or position will not be counted.</u>
STEPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Maximum of one step sequence (circular, straight line, serpentine or spiral) utilizing the full ice surface.</u> - <u>Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as a step sequence but will be counted in the free skate as transitions and marked as such.</u>

121. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

to amend rules 3740, 3741, 3751, and 3761 (page 286-288) to redefine the levels, amend the test requirements by substitution and amend the well-balanced program requirements by substitution for each of three levels as shown:

RULE 3740: Championship Masters **Junior/Senior** (*this renames the event*)

Test Requirements:

Championship Masters Junior/Senior: At least the standard novice free skate test or, prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test. (*this redefines the test requirements*)

The well-balanced program requirements for the three levels will all be the same:

RULE 3741 The Championship Masters **Junior/Senior** Well-Balanced Program Must Contain:

RULE 3751 The Masters Senior Well-Balanced Program Must Contain:

RULE 3761 The Masters Junior Well-Balanced Program Must Contain:

Maximum time: 3:40

JUMPS & JUMP COMBINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A maximum of seven (7) jump elements.</u> - <u>Must include an Axel-type jump and at least one combination or sequence of jumps.</u> - <u>Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination or in sequence.</u> - <u>There may be up to three jump combinations or sequences.</u> - <u>Each jump combination or sequence counts as one jump element.</u> - <u>The number of jumps in a combination or a sequence is limited. One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other two may have only two jumps.</u> - <u>Single, double and triple jumps are permitted.</u>
SPINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A maximum of four (4) spins of a different nature.</u> - <u>Spins must have a minimum of five revolutions.</u> - <u>If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot.</u> - <u>There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted.</u>
STEPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>A maximum of one (1) step sequence (circular, straight line, serpentine or spiral) utilizing the full ice surface.</u> - <u>Additional moves-in-the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as a step sequence but will be counted in the well-balanced program as transitions and marked as such.</u>

122. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee [as amended by the Governing Council] to amend *rules 4120 (page 317), 4122 (page 319), and 4124 (page 320)* by substituting new language for the test eligibility requirements for the adult gold, silver, and bronze pairs events as shown:

RULE 4120 - ADULT GOLD PAIRS (p. 317)

One partner in the adult gold pairs event must have passed one of the following tests:

- **The adult gold pairs test but not the standard intermediate pairs test**
- **The adult gold free skate test**
- **The standard juvenile pairs test and no higher standard pairs test**
- **Any standard free skate test at the ~~intermediate~~ juvenile level or higher**

The other partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no less than one level lower (i.e., adult silver pairs test, adult silver free skate test, standard preliminary pairs test and/or standard juvenile free skate test).

Pairs teams in which at least one member has passed the standard juvenile or adult gold pairs test may choose to compete at the adult gold pairs level even if one or both members of the team have passed a master's-level free skate test (i.e., standard intermediate free skate or higher).

RULE 4122 - ADULT SILVER PAIRS (page 319)

One partner in the adult silver pairs event must have passed one of the following tests:

- **The adult silver pairs test and no higher adult pairs test**
- **The adult silver free skate test but no higher than the adult gold free skate test**
- **The standard pre-juvenile free skate test but no higher than the standard juvenile free skate test**

The other partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no less than one level lower (adult bronze pair test, adult bronze free skate test, and/or standard preliminary free skate test).

Either member of an adult silver pairs team may have passed the standard preliminary pairs test, but not the standard juvenile pairs test.

Pairs teams in which at least one member has passed the adult silver pairs test may choose to compete at the adult silver pairs level, even if one or both members of the team have passed the next level free skate test (i.e., adult gold free skate test and/or standard juvenile free skate test).

RULE 4124 – ADULT BRONZE PAIRS (page 320)

Each partner in the adult bronze pairs event must have passed one of the following tests:

- **The adult bronze pairs test and no higher adult pairs test**
- **The adult bronze free skate test but no higher than the adult silver free skate test**
- **The standard preliminary pairs test and no higher standard pairs test**
- **The standard preliminary free skate test but no higher than the standard pre-juvenile free skate test**

Pairs teams in which at least one member has passed the standard preliminary pairs test and/or the adult bronze pairs test may choose to compete at the adult bronze pairs level, even if one or both members of the team have passed the next level free skate test (i.e., adult silver free skate test and/or standard pre-juvenile free skate test).

123. APPROVED - Technical Group Coordinator

to amend *rule 1401 (page 148)* as shown:

1401 The title “men” or “ladies” shall apply to all singles events at or above the intermediate level ~~(including adult events)~~, **all singles adult events, all singles intercollegiate events, and all singles “open” events.** All other singles events shall use the titles “boys” or “girls.”

124. APPROVED to restore the 2006-07 wording to rule 1015 to state “If a sectional or regional championship **cannot be** held within that section or region:”

125. APPROVED a task force to recommend a plan for implementation of the new moves in the field on the recommended schedule of

June/July 2008 – A seminar is held with 8 to 10 officials from US Figure Skating and 8 to 10 from PSA. These 16 to 20 individuals will form the core group for PSA and US Figure Skating training seminars. Agreement to serve as part of the core training group will be a requirement to be part of this initial seminar. The seminar will establish the Test Expectations for each of the new moves, as well as document the common errors. The execution of each move will be reviewed and refined. Video Taping of the new moves will be filmed during this seminar for educational materials. New diagrams will also be sketched out for final graphics. A budget of **\$15,000** is estimated for this seminar.

126 APPROVED - Athletes Advisory Committee

3061: Returning U.S. Skater

A. In order to again compete at a national, sectional or regional championships, after having competed for another country, an applicant must apply for permission to the chair of the Competitions Committee before the close of entries as provided in 3212.

1. Show proof that applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year **or has a valid U. S. passport.**
2. Has included a copy of the applicant's competitive record in its entirety.
3. Is a current member of U.S. Figure Skating.

127. APPROVED to amend ICR 6.04 D as follows:

D. U.S. Figure Skating Olympic Team Selection Process:

~~The United States Olympic Figure Skating Team shall include the current U.S. Figure Skating champion in each discipline. The remaining~~ Selections in each discipline for the U.S. Olympic Team will be ~~selected~~ **nominated to the United States Olympic Committee** by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, taking into consideration the results of events in the following order of importance:

1. Current U.S. Figure Skating Championships
2. Most recent senior ISU Grand Prix Final
3. Most recent World Figure Skating Championships
4. Most recent Four Continents Figure Skating Championships
5. Most recent World Junior Figure Skating Championships ~~and Junior Grand Prix Final~~
6. **Most recent ISU Junior Grand Prix Final**

128. APPROVED the U.S. Figure Skating Selections Committee nomination to the United States Olympic Committee of Richard Dalley, Team Manager/Technical Advisor-Dance and Lorrie Parker, Team Manager/Technical Advisor-Singles & Pairs for the 2010 United States Olympic Figure Skating Team.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

129. APPROVED the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and **ACCEPTED** the audited financial report for the period ending June 30, 2007.

130. ELECTED the following:

OFFICERS

President	Ron Hershberger
Midwestern and 1 st Vice President	Patricia St. Peter
Pacific Coast and 2 nd Vice President	Charles Cyr
Eastern and 3 rd Vice President	Shawn Rettstatt
Secretary	Tamie Campbell
Treasurer	Susan Keogh

GROUP COORDINATORS

Athlete Services	Brittney Bottoms
Membership Development	Michael "Mike" Meyer
Technical	Jessica Gaynor
Administrative/Legal	Ann O'Keefe

COACHING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Jeffrey DiGregorio
Tammy Gambill

131 ANNOUNCED

ATHLETE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD as elected by the athletes

Justin Dillon (Singles)
Brandon Forsyth (Dance)
Steve Hartsell (Pairs)
Sara Jack Grzymkowski (Synchronized) (non voting member)

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

Adult Skating	Alexis "Lexi" Rohner
Athlete Development	Benjamin "Ben" Miller
Athlete Advisory	Justin Dillon (elected by the athletes)
Coaches	Jackie Yarema-Brenner
Collegiate Programs	Gerald Miele
Competitions	Richard Kern
Dance	Janis Engel
Ethics	Bill Cloran
Grievance	Dee Pascoe
International	Lorrie Parker
Int' l Judges & Officials	Anne Cammett
Judges	Dawn Eyerly
Membership	Maureen Dalton
Memorial Fund	Leslie Gianelli
Pairs	Deveny Deck
Parents	Pamela Dawson
Program Development	Roland Bessette
Rules	Heather Nemier
Sanctions & Eligibility	Karen Dillon
Selections	Linda Leaver
Singles	Hal Marron
Sports Science & Medicine	Christine Lawless, M.D.
Strategic Planning	Samuel Auxier
Synchronized Team Skating	Karin Sherr
Technical Panel	William Schneider
Tests	Wayne Hundley
<u>Special Committee Chairs</u>	
Special Olympics	Sandy Lamb
State Games	Mary Anne McGivern

133. ANNOUNCED the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative	Charles Cyr
ISU Representative	Gale Tanger

134. ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2009-2010:

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term		
Joan Rozolis (NA)	Todd Bromley (SW)	Linda Chihara (NWP)
Alex Enzmann (NE)	Dann Krueger (UGL)	Sharon Watson (SWP)
Elected by the Board of Directors in 2007 to serve a two year term – this is year two		
Joan Gruber (SA)	William Fauver (EGL)	Richard Perez (CP)
Elected by the Athletes to serve a one year term		
Deborah Koegel-Fediukov (E)	Lindsey Weber (M)	Erin Reed (P)

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

135. APPROVED to adopt appropriate necessary rule changes to implement the “Year 2” recommendations of the Competitions Task Force as presented at the three sectional caucuses. Specifically the inclusion of juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance at our sectional championships using the same rules regarding advancement as higher pairs and dance events with the exception that 8 couples from each event will advance to the US Junior Championships. *These changes to become effective at the close of Governing Council.*

136. APPROVED to add new rule 1465 Single Competitor Events

If only one competitor/team appears at a singles, pairs, dance or synchronized skating event the judges shall award their marks according to the rules and the applicable scoring system used. The competitor will receive first place. *This item to become effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting.*

137. REFERRED to the State Games, Competitions and the Membership Committees

The formation of a special committee to review the relationship between US Figure Skating and the State Games organizations. The committee is to address the question, “Is the relationship with the various State Games organizations in the best interest of US Figure Skating. The committee to provide a preliminary report to the fall Board of Directors meeting and a final report with recommendations at the 2009 Governing Council.

138. 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.