

2013-14 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

Board of Directors — In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots — May 6, 2013, through May 1, 2014

Governing Council — Seattle, Wash. — May 2-3, 2014

Updated June 5, 2014 – Inserted missing items 44 and 45 from April 7 and renumbered subsequent items accordingly

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2014 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 5, 2013

1. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Audit Committee for 2013-14:
 - Kristin Arneson Cutler
 - Samuel Auxier
 - Winston Burbank
 - Henry Fein (athlete)
 - Warren Naphtal (ex-officio)Note: Audit Committee selects its chair.
2. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Compensation Committee for 2013-14:
 - Hal Marron (chair)
 - Lainie DeMore
 - Lindsey Weber (athlete)
 - Warren Naphtal (ex-officio)
3. **APPROVED – Judges Committee**
The following national promotion:
 - **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Steven Hsu, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNE 3, 2013

4. **CONFIRMED** from the May 3, 2013, Board of Directors meeting that a complimentary hard copy of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and Directory will be provided to all test chairs who formally request one.

JULY 8, 2013

5. **APPROVED** an amendment to the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Release Policy as presented.
6. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2013 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 2-4, 2013; Green Bay, Wis.; Green Bay FSC.
7. **APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 World Junior Team Selection Competition; Jan. 3-4, 2014; Fond du Lac, Wis.; Fond du Lac FSC.

AUGUST 5, 2013

8. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of Mark Ladwig to serve as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the STAR Board of Directors. The term is for three years starting Fall 2013.
9. **APPROVED** the president's reappointment of Scott Cudmore to serve a second three-year term as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the STAR Board of Directors. Cudmore's second term begins Fall 2013.
10. **DID NOT APPROVE** to put forward a U.S. Figure Skating member's request that U.S. Figure Skating apply to the ISU for reinstatement of the member's ISU eligibility as there is no organizational need at this time.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

11. APPROVED – Competitions, Judges and Tests Committees

Amend **rules JR 1.04 (page 48), 1220 (B)(7) (page 95), and 1235 (page 96)** and add **new rule TR 1.11 (page 243)** as follows:

JR 1.04 Judges must not bring any form of electronic communicative device to the ~~judges' officials' stand~~ officials' stand during any type of competition. Judges are permitted to bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device during test sessions for the sole purpose of accessing official documents such as the rulebook and/or tests book. See also rule 1240.

TR 1.11 Electronic Devices

Judges are permitted to bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device during test sessions for the sole purpose of accessing official documents such as the rulebook and/or tests book. See also rule JR 1.04.

1220 Duties of the Event Referee

B. The event referee:

7. Interprets rulebook and enforces provisions therein as it pertains to the event. The event referee may ~~access an electronic version of the rulebook on the officials stand, when necessary, to fulfill this duty~~ bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device for the sole purpose of being able to perform their job function during an event such as, but not limited to, accessing an electronic version of the rulebook or event related emergencies.

8. Monitors and reports abuse of using electronic communicative devices on the officials' stand for all officials in the referee report.

Remainder of rule will be renumbered accordingly.

1235 Duties of the Accountants

F. The technical accountants may bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device for the sole purpose of accessing official documents related to the event or to perform their job duties.

Implementation date: Sept. 15, 2013

12. APPROVED – Competitions and Technical Panel Committees

Add **new rule** governing the use of electronic devices on the officials' stand for the technical panel as follows:

Members of the technical panel may bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device for the sole purpose of accessing official documents related to the event, such as the rulebook, ISU Communications, ISU handbooks and USAid. This device may be used in "airplane mode" only. Anyone bringing an electronic device to the officials' stand must notify the technical controller, who will notify the event referee if there is any abuse, which will then be reported in the referee report.

Implementation date: Sept. 15, 2013

13. APPROVED – Competitions, Judges and Technical Panel Committees

Amend **rule JR 1.02 (page 47, Rulebook)** as follows:

JR 1.02 Judges ~~shall~~ may not stand or sit together nor ~~converse~~ communicate with each other or with spectators or contestants while judging. They ~~shall~~ may not compare notes with one another and must judge independently. In addition, judges may not consult previously prepared marks during a competition.

Implementation date: Sept. 15, 2013

14. APPROVED a new reimbursement policy for international officials' attendance at ISU seminars.

OCTOBER 7, 2013

15. APPROVED – Adult Skating and Competitions Committees

Increase entry fees for the U.S. Adult Championships as follows:

- 2014: First Event (singles, pairs and dance): \$135. Subsequent Event: \$100.
- 2015: First Event (singles, pairs and dance): \$145. Subsequent Event: \$120.

- 2016: First Event (singles, pairs and dance): \$155. Subsequent Event: \$140.
- 2017: First Event (singles, pairs and dance): \$160. Subsequent Event: \$145.

Implementation date: In time for the announcements to be posted Dec. 15, 2013.

NOVEMBER 9, 2013

16. ACCEPTED the Audit Report for the 2013FY Financials through June 30, 2013.

17. APPROVED a resolution honoring Charles DeMore.

18. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Announcer:** Paula Ashen, Centennial, Colo.; Bob Davis, Tujunga, Calif.; Donald Rabbitt, Yorba Linda, Calif.; Glenda Winn, Belgrade, Maine

19. APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Showcase Judge:** Kelly Davies, Kirkland, Wash.; Lori Dunn, Greensboro, Ga.; Charlotte Heidenreich, Whitefish Bay, Wis.; Dana Schiff, New York, N.Y.
- **National Synchronized Judge:** Susan Demeniuk, Shelby Twp., Mich.
- **National Theatre On Ice Judge:** Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, Fla.; Kitty DeLio LaForte, Aurora, Colo.; Kathleen Harmon, Liberty Lake, Wash.; Barbara Holland, Columbus, Ohio

20. APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national promotion:

- **National Technical Controller – Singles:** Nancy Iida, Irving, Texas

21. ACCEPTED – Competitions Committee and Judges Committee

The following national resignations:

- Barbara Gloekner, Cincinnati, Ohio – resigned May 31, 2013 (National Accountant)
- Bette Snugerud, Minnetonka, Minn. – resigned Oct. 8, 2013 (National Singles/Pairs Judge and National Referee)

22. ACKNOWLEDGED – Competitions Committee

The following vacated national position:

- Jim Morris, Dallas, Texas – passed away May 12, 2013 (National Accountant)

23. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Replace **rules 4700-4740 (page 157)** with the following language:

4700 Dramatic Skate and Light Entertainment Skate Events

For Masters Dramatic Skate, Masters Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Gold Dramatic Skate, Adult Gold Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Silver Dramatic Skate, Adult Silver Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Bronze Dramatic Skate and Adult Bronze Light Entertainment Skate:

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries, program duration, program requirements and restrictions, and judging and marking will be as specified in the Nonqualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines, posted on usfigureskating.org.

~~4700 Dramatic Skate and Light Entertainment Skate Events~~

~~Competitors who qualify for more than one level based on the test requirements must compete in the highest level for which they qualify.~~

~~4710 Masters Dramatic Skate and Masters Light Entertainment Skate~~

~~A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for at least the masters intermediate free skate event, any masters pair event or have passed at least the complete pre-gold dance test (see rule 4700)~~

~~B. Program Duration: Men and Ladies 1:40 max~~

~~C. Program Requirements: All single jumps, including the Axel, may be included, but no double jumps or higher are allowed. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music, and effectiveness~~

of the costumes will be reflected in the marking:

4720 ~~Adult Gold Dramatic Skate and Adult Gold Light Entertainment Skate~~

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult gold free skate event, any masters pair event or have passed at least one pre-gold dance test but not the complete pre-gold dance test (see rule 4700):

B. Program Duration: Men and Ladies 1:40 max

C. Program Requirements: All single jumps, including the Axel, may be included, but no double jumps or higher are allowed. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking:

4730 ~~Adult Silver Dramatic Skate and Adult Silver Light Entertainment Skate~~

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult silver free skate event, have passed the adult silver pair test or have passed at least one pre-silver dance test but no pre-gold dance tests (see rule 4700):

B. Program Duration: Men and Ladies 1:40 max

C. Program Requirements: No Axels or multi-revolution jumps. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking:

4740 ~~Adult Bronze Dramatic Skate and Adult Bronze Light Entertainment Skate~~

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must meet the requirements for the adult bronze free skate event, have passed the adult bronze pair test or have passed at least the complete pre-bronze dance test but no pre-silver dance tests (see rule 4700):

B. Program Duration: Men and Ladies 1:40 max

C. Program Requirements: No Axels or multi-revolution jumps. No props on the ice. Use of skating skills to develop a theme and interpret music and effectiveness of the costumes will be reflected in the marking:

Implementation date: November 18, 2013

24. APPROVED – Competitions, Judges and Technical Panel Committees

Amend rules **CR 8.05 (page 32)**, **JR 12.05 (page 54)** and **TPCR 7.05 (page 80)** as follows:

CR 8.05/JR 12.05/TPCR 7.05 The official will retain his/her right of appeal through the grievance procedures of U.S. Figure Skating: The official may appeal the disposition of the subcommittee, within 10 days of the date of the determination, by filing a grievance using the procedure set forth in Article XXV, Section 3 (A), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rule GCR 3.00. The Grievance Committee Rules (GCR 3.00 through GCR 9.00) will apply to an appeal of the subcommittee's disposition.

Implementation date: November 18, 2013

25. APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule **JR 11.03 (page 52)** as follows:

JR 11.03 Application forms are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters and online at usfigureskating.org and are required for all appointments of judges. Applications may be originated by the test chair of a member club for club members, by the applicant's monitor, by chair of the Judges Committee or by the regional or sectional vice chairs of the Judges Committee. A written exam must be taken, and each section must be passed 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, the exam is to be completed and returned to the vice chair of exams of the Judges Education and Training Subcommittee (JETS) within 30 days.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

26. APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule **JR 14.01 (pages 54-55)** as follows:

JR 14.01 The eligibility of a judge for reappointment pursuant to rule JR 11.01 ~~shall~~ will be based upon maintaining a designated number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) over a four-year period. Judges who hold appointments in more than one discipline (i.e. singles/pairs, dance and/or synchronized skating) will need to maintain a specified number

of CEUs in each discipline to be determined by the Judges Committee. CEUs may be earned through any combination of the following activities:

A. Tests. CEUs may be earned on tests judged and/or trial judged over a four-year period.

1. Judges not asked to judge a test during any skating year (July 1 to June 30) may ~~demand request~~ and shall will be given an opportunity to judge at least one test session held by their home club or, if an individual member, one test session held by a club located near their place of residence.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

27. APPROVED revisions proposed by the SafeSport Subcommittee to the U.S. Figure Skating Harassment and Abuse Policy (previously titled “Sexual Harassment Policy”).

DECEMBER 11, 2013

28. APPROVED the reappointment of Henry Fein as an athlete member trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation.

29. CONCURRED with the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation’s reelection of Jerry Grossman as a trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation.

30. APPROVED the president’s appointment of Lainie DeMore to fill the remainder of Brandon Forsyth’s term as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the STAR Board of Directors, following Forsyth’s resignation.

31. APPROVED the appointment of Bette Snuggerud as honorary national judge and honorary national referee.

32. APPROVED the appointment of Barbara Gloeckner as honorary national accountant.

33. APPROVED the final sanction for the 2014 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held Jan. 5-12, 2014, in Boston, Mass.

34. APPROVED the final sanction for the 2014 World Junior Synchronized Skating Team Selection Competition, Jan. 3-4, 2014; Fond du Lac, Wis.; Fond du Lac FSC

JANUARY 20, 2014

No actions taken.

MARCH 8, 2014

35. APPROVED a 2014-15 budget for presentation to Governing Council

36. APPROVED – Judges and Theatrical Skating Committees

Amend **rule JR 6.01 (pages 49-50)** as follows:

JR 6.00 Figure, Singles/Pairs Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 6.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

E. Bronze singles/pairs test judges:

5. Competitions

b. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

F. Silver singles/pairs test judges:

5. Competitions

b. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

G. Gold singles/pairs test judges:

5. Competitions

- b. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - I. Nonqualifying singles/pairs competition judges:
 - 2. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - J. Regional singles/pairs competition judges:
 - 6. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - K. Sectional singles/pairs competition judges:
 - 6. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - L. National singles/pairs judges:
 - 4. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
- Balance of rule remains unchanged.*

Implementation date: March 17, 2014

37. APPROVED – Judges and Theatrical Skating Committees

Amend **rule JR 7.01 (pages 50-52)** as follows:

JR 7.00 Dance Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 7.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Dance judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified in the international judging system (IJS) by the Judges Committee may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

- A. Bronze dance test judges:
 - 4. Competition
 - b. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - B. Silver dance test judges:
 - 4. Competition
 - c. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - C. Gold dance test judges:
 - 4. Competition
 - b. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - E. Nonqualifying dance competition judges:
 - 2. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - F. Novice sectional dance competition judges:
 - 7. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - G. Sectional dance competition judges:
 - 7. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - H. National dance judges:
 - 4. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
- Balance of rule remains unchanged.*

Implementation date: March 17, 2014

38. APPROVED – Judges and Theatrical Skating Committees

Amend **rule JR 8.01 (page 52)** as follows:

JR 8.00 Synchronized Skating Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 8.01 The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge synchronized skating events and competitions as follows, except that only the judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS

- B. Nonqualifying synchronized skating competition judges:
 - 2. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
- C. Junior sectional synchronized skating competition judges:
 - 4. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
- D. Senior sectional synchronized skating competition judges:
 - 4. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

E. National synchronized skating judges:

3. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: March 17, 2014

- 39. APPROVED** the final sanction for the 2014 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 8-12, 2014; Hyannis, Mass.; Yarmouth Ice Club
- 40. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 14-16, 2014; Rochester, Mich.; Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy
- 41. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic and Challenge Skate; Sept. 10-14, 2014; Salt Lake City, Utah; Salt Lake Figure Skating
- 42. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 Hilton HHonors Skate America; Oct. 22-26, 2014; Chicago, Ill.
- 43. APPROVED** the following IJOC recommendations for nomination to the ISU to take the exam for the following roles:
- Deveny Deck, International Technical Controller – Pairs
 - Wendy Enzmann, International Technical Controller – Singles or Pairs (TBD by ISU)
 - Whitney Gaynor, ISU Technical Specialist – Pairs
 - Dann Krueger, ISU Technical Controller – Synchronized
 - Shawn Rettstatt, ISU Technical Controller – Dance
 - Julia Rey, ISU Technical Specialist – Dance
 - Philipp Rey, International Technical Specialist – Dance
 - Karin Sherr, ISU Judge – Synchronized Skating
 - Doug Williams, ISU Judge – Singles/Pairs

APRIL 7, 2014

- 44. APPROVED** amendment to the 2014-15 proposed budget to add \$100,000 under Expenses to retain an outside marketing and public relations firm to increase exposure and improve the marketing of our sport.
- 45. APPROVED** amendment to the standing rules, first phrase on page 3 of the 2014 Governing Council meeting book: “For elected contested offices:”

APRIL 12, 2014

- 46. APPROVED**, via e-ballot, the following recommendation for nomination to the ISU to take the exam for the following role: Hal Marron, ISU Judge – Singles/Pairs

MAY 1, 2014

- 47. ELECTED** Ron Hershberger as an Honorary Member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors per Article VIII, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL — SEATTLE, WASH.

MAY 2-3, 2014

- 48. ADOPTED** the convention standing rules.
- 49. ADOPTED** the agenda for the meeting.
- 50. APPROVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2013 Governing Council meeting held May 4-5, 2013, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

51. APPOINTED the new Minutes Committee for this 2014 Governing Council meeting of Lisa Erle (chair), Linda Chihara (Rules Committee chair) and Timothy McKernan (athlete member).

52. AWARDED provisional membership in U.S. Figure Skating to the following interim clubs:

The Edge FSC	Stillwater, Minn.
Exton Edge	Exton, Pa.
Harlem FSC	New York, N.Y.
SC of Jackson Hole	Jackson, Wyo.
Mountain Edge SC of Colorado	Littleton, Colo.
FSC of Southern Maryland	Waldorf, Md.

53. AWARDED full membership in U.S. Figure Skating to the following provisional clubs:

Central Illinois FSC	Bloomington, Ill.
Finer Edge FSC	Ridgefield, Conn.
Lapeer SC	Lapeer, Mich.

54. ADOPTED – Exhibit A

Amend **Article II, Section H, and Article XXI (B) of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 3 and 15)** as follows:

ARTICLE II

Objectives

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

H. To provide an equal opportunity to eligible athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in eligible athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. To provide fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate;

ARTICLE XXI

Prerequisites to Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities

Prerequisites.

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

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

55. ADOPTED – Exhibit B

Amend **Article XVI, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 13)** to move the Parents Committee from the Athlete Services Group to the Membership Development Group:

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

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

Group 1: Athlete Services: Athlete Development, Athletes Advisory, Coaches, International, Memorial Fund, ~~Parents~~ and Sports Sciences and Medicine.

Group 2: Membership Development: Collegiate Program, Membership, Parents, Program Development, Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating and State Games.

Group 3: Technical: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance, International Judges and Officials, Judges, Pairs, Selections, Singles, Synchronized Skating, Technical Panel, Tests and Theatrical Skating.

Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Audit, Compensation, Ethics, Finance, Grievance, Rules, Sanctions and Eligibility and Strategic Planning.

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

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

56. ADOPTED AS AMENDED – Exhibit C

Amend **Article VIII, Section 13, and Article X, Sections 2 and 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 7 and 10)** to align the president’s term with the Winter Olympic Quadrennium.

**ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors**

Section 13 Vacancies.

~~BA.~~ Any vacancy in athlete positions on the Board of Directors will be filled by a vote by the athletes in the same manner athletes are elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

~~AB.~~ All vacancies occurring among the elected voting members of the Board of Directors, ~~except other than vacancies in athlete members of positions on~~ the Board of Directors, will be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.

C. A director elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of their predecessor in office and may be elected thereafter to serve for the maximum number of terms allowed by these bylaws.

**ARTICLE X
Officers**

Section 2 Terms.

~~A.~~ The president; will be elected to hold office for a term of two years and may hold office for no more than two consecutive terms.

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

Section 8 Vacancies. All vacancies in the elected officer positions will be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. An officer elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of such officer’s predecessor in office; and is eligible to be elected thereafter to serve for the maximum number of terms allowed by these bylaws.

Implementation date: May 3, 2014, to become effective with the election of the 31st U.S. Figure Skating president.

57. ADOPTED – Exhibit D

Amend **Article VII, Section 1 (A), Article VIII, Section 2, and Article XVIII, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 5, 6 and 13)** to add consistent age and membership requirements for all delegates, members of the Board of Directors, and committee chairs and members:

**ARTICLE VII
Delegates to the Governing Council**

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

A. Must be registered members who are at least 18 years of age and be ~~are~~ qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

**ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors**

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

- A. The president,
- B. The three vice presidents each representing a different section,
- C. The secretary,
- D. The treasurer,
- E. The four group coordinators as specified in Article XVI, Section 3,
- F. Two coaches actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, and
- G. Three athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4, ~~who meet the definitions in Article XXII, each of whom must be:~~
 - ~~(i) At least 18 years of age,~~
 - ~~(ii) A registered member of U.S. Figure Skating, and~~
 - ~~(iii) Otherwise qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.~~
- H. In addition, those persons specified in Section 4 of this article and honorary members elected in accordance with Section 5 of this article will also be members of the Board of Directors.

- I. Each voting member of the Board of Directors must be:
- (i) At least 18 years of age,
 - (ii) A registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and
 - (iii) Otherwise qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE XVIII
Composition of Permanent Committees

Section 1 General Provisions.

- A. Each permanent committee will consist of no fewer than nine voting members, however, the Rules Committee and the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee may consist of no fewer than three voting members; and the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, the Grievance Committee and the International Judges and Officials Committee will be of such size as specified in Section 2 of this article.
- B. The members insofar as practical will be evenly divided among the three sections.
- C. Pursuant to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 2, of these bylaws, the chairs of permanent committees, except the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee, will be appointed annually by the president to hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.
- D. The members of permanent committees, except the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee and International Judges and Officials Committee, will be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Said chairs may remove such members with the concurrence of the president.
- E. The chairs and all members of permanent committees must be:
 - (i) At least 18 years of age,
 - (ii) A registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and
 - (iii) Otherwise qualified to serve in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

58. REFERRED TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Exhibit E

Amend **Article V, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 4)** to make any past or future ISU World or Olympic Champions honorary members of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE V
Membership

Section 4 Honorary Members.

- A. A person elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.
- B. Any person or synchronized skating team member who represented U.S. Figure Skating and won an Olympic gold medal or an ISU World Championships gold medal at the senior level will become an honorary member of U.S. Figure Skating at the Governing Council following the awarding of their medal.
- BC. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating, but may be accorded the privilege of speaking when present at official meetings of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to Governing Council; provided, however, that if such person is also a member in any other membership category, such person will have and may exercise voting rights and privileges available to them by virtue of such other membership, including as a delegate to the Governing Council.
- CD. May serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

Proviso: All past U.S. Figure Skating members who won an ISU World Championships gold medal or an Olympic gold medal and who meet the criteria in new sub-paragraph B who are not currently Honorary Members will become Honorary Members effective July 1, 2014.

*If the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 4, above had been adopted, **rule MR 5.01 (page 60)** would have been amended as follows:*

MR 5.10 Honorary members of U.S. Figure Skating are exempt from the payment of all U.S. Figure Skating membership dues and registration fees.

59. ADOPTED – Exhibit F

Amend **Article V, Sections 1 (H) and 8 of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 4-5)** to clarify that the team membership pertains to synchronized skating teams as well as Theatre On Ice teams:

**ARTICLE V
Membership**

Section 1 Classification. U.S. Figure Skating has nine types of membership:

H. Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice/ Team members; and

Section 8 Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice/ Team Members.

A. Consist of registered members who are subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

C. May become a Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice/ Team member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

60. REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE – Exhibit G

Amend **Article XV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 11-12)** to include in the bylaws the election requirements and procedure for members of the Nominating Committee that are currently included in the Standing Rules:

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

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year a 12-member Nominating Committee will be established consisting of:

A. Nine registered members, none of whom represent the same region, consisting of:

(i) Three members (one from each section) elected in odd numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms; and

(ii) Six members (two from each section) elected in even numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms.

(iii) To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee, a member must have a broad knowledge of the organizational structure of U.S. Figure Skating and of qualified individuals to be considered for election to the Board of Directors or recommended as committee chairs. Members interested in standing for election to the Nominating Committee will submit their names to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary no later than April 1 along with the following:

(a) A resume

(b) A statement of qualification to serve, including disclosure of home club membership and, in the case of an individual member, residency.

(iv) As soon as possible following the April 1 deadline, the names along with resumes and statements of qualification of candidates for election to the Nominating Committee will be published on the Nominating Committee page of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

(v) Elections will be conducted as set out in subparagraph E of this Section 1.

B. Three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on U.S. Figure Skating committees set forth in Article XVI, Section 5, of these bylaws, each representing a different section, will be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms.

C. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.

D. Members of the Nominating Committee are ineligible to be nominated for any office or to be recommended as a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee with the following exception:

(i) Athlete members of the Nominating Committee are eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.

E. The Board of Directors will, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the nine registered members to be elected by it. A caucus of each section will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Governing Council for the purpose of electing the members of the Nominating Committee identified in this Article XV, Section 1 (A), and conducting any additional applicable business. The election for Nominating Committee members will be held by secret, written ballot at each respective sectional caucus and will be presided over by the vice president for the section or, in the absence of the vice president, by a presiding officer from the section appointed by the president who is not a candidate for the Nominating Committee in the election to be conducted. The candidate for each Nominating Committee position to be elected will be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the delegates voting in the candidates' respective sectional caucus. Each regional vote will be taken separately and announced after all elections are complete.

(i) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast by the delegates voting in the section, then a runoff election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The candidate receiving the highest

number of votes in the runoff election is elected.

(ii) For the purpose of counting votes, blank ballots or ballots cast for a person who is not a candidate for election will not be included in the total ballots cast to determine a majority.

F. The Nominating Committee will elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

61. DID NOT ADOPT – Exhibit H as amended

Amend **Article XV, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 10 and 12)** to:

- (1) Require the holding of an actual balloted election at Governing Council for any officer or director position where a candidate is seeking a fifth or greater term and in all contested elections of officers; and
- (2) To provide specific election rules relating to the two-thirds vote requirement for candidates seeking a fifth or greater term.

ARTICLE XV

Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 4 Elections.

- A. Unless a greater vote or different procedures is required by these bylaws, the Governing Council, by majority vote of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy, elects:
- (i) A president, three vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer to hold office for a term specified in Article X, Section 2, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and
 - (ii) Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section 2, of these bylaws for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3, of these bylaws, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.
- B. The Athletes Advisory Committee elects four athlete members of the Board of Directors – one representing each discipline of ice dance, pairs, singles and synchronized skating – pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Sections 2 and 4 (B), of these bylaws for a term of one year commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Governing Council at which elections under paragraph A of this Section 4 occur, or until their respective successors are elected and assume office. From the four elected members, three will be voting members and one will be non-voting. The elected chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will always be a voting member. From the remaining three athlete board members, the non-voting member will rotate annually among the disciplines in alphabetical order.
- C. The election of the president, the three vice presidents, the secretary and the treasurer will be by secret written paper ballot for all officers seeking a term that will include a fifth or greater consecutive year in office and for all contested elections for officers. Said written ballot election will be conducted in the following manner in the circumstances indicated:
- (i) In the event that there is only one candidate for an office who is seeking a term that will include a fifth or greater consecutive year in office, the ballot for election will require a “yes” or “no” vote on the question of whether the candidate will be elected. The candidate will be elected if the candidate receives two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy.
 - (ii) In the event that there is more than one candidate for any office, none of which is seeking a term that will include a fifth or greater consecutive year in office, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy will be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast by the delegates, then a run off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy in the runoff election will be elected.
 - (iii) In the event that there is more than one candidate for any office, and one of the candidates is seeking a term that will include a fifth or greater consecutive year in office, all of the candidates will be listed on a secret written ballot. The candidate seeking a fifth or greater term will be elected only if that candidate receives two-thirds or more of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy. Any of the other candidates will be elected by receiving a majority of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy. If no candidate receives the required vote, a runoff election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy in the runoff election will be elected.

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

There were no requests for action submitted by the Athlete Services Group.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

62. REFERRED TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Membership Committee

Amend rules MR 5.02, MR 5.03 (A) and MR 5.05 (pages 59-60) as follows:

MR 5.02 *Dues of Members and Collegiate Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs.* Each will pay an annual fee as outlined below. Such registrants may register only as members of their designated home club provided, however, that such registration does not preclude such registrant from changing their designated home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

A. All full members under 18 years of age at the time of their annual registration must have at least one parent/guardian register as a U.S. Figure Skating full member (or subsequent member as described in MR 5.02 (C)) in order to be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.

Re-letter remainder of rule accordingly.

MR 5.03 *Dues of Individual Members and Individual Collegiate Members.*

A. To qualify for individual membership the applicant must:

1. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org;
2. Submit, with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for individual members;
3. Be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.
4. All full members under 18 years of age at the time of their annual registration must have at least one parent/guardian register as a U.S. Figure Skating full member (or subsequent member as described in MR 5.03 (C)) in order to be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.

MR 5.05 *Introductory Members.* Introductory members will pay a fee as outlined below. Such members may join only as members of a member club; however, members can change their home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

A. All introductory members under 18 years of age at the time of their annual registration must have at least one parent/guardian register as a U.S. Figure Skating full or introductory member (or subsequent member as described in MR 5.05 (C)(1)) in order to be in good standing within the meaning of these rules. One parent/guardian can join, free of charge for one year, if said parent/guardian meets the requirements of Article V, Section 9, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Re-letter and update remainder of rule accordingly.

63. APPROVED – Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee

Amend rules TR 11.01, TR 11.03 and JR 6.01-7.01 (pages 246-247 and 49-52) as follows:

TR 11.00 Special Olympics Test Rules

TR 11.01 A Special Olympics test may be given to any Special Olympics athlete who is registered with a Special Olympics program. Tests are to be judged on a “pass” or “retry” basis.

- A. Moves in the field tests may be given at the all levels specified in rules TR 19.01 and TR 19.02 of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. All elements may be reskated one time at the request of the judge-in-charge. Additional reskates will be at the discretion of the judge-in-charge. There is no focus for any element. A Special Olympics athlete may be assisted during the test by a coach or another athlete from the boards or on the ice. Guidelines and specific examples of appropriate verbal cues, translations or prompting can be obtained from usfigureskating.org.
- B. Free skate tests may be given at the all levels specified in rules TR 26.01 and TR 26.02 of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. Any number of elements may be reskated at the request of the judge-in-charge. A Special Olympics athlete may be assisted during the test by a coach or another athlete from the boards or on the ice. Guidelines and specific examples of appropriate verbal cues, translations or prompting can be obtained from usfigureskating.org.
- C. Pattern dance tests may be given at all levels specified in TR 40.01. Partners may be selected without regard to their dance test accomplishments. No solos are required.

TR 11.03 Special Olympics tests may be judged by one judge who must be of silver rank or higher in the respective discipline, except as specified below:

- A. Special Olympics pre-preliminary or pre-bronze moves in the field tests may be judged by one singles/pairs or dance test judge of any level who is certified to judge moves in the field tests;
- B. Special Olympics pre-preliminary or pre-bronze free skate tests may be judged by one singles/pairs test judge of any level;
- C. Special Olympics preliminary partnered pattern dance tests may be judged by one dance test judge of any level.

JR 6.00 Figure, Singles/Pairs Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 6.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

E. Bronze singles/pairs test judges:

1. Singles tests
 - a. Pre-preliminary through juvenile singles free skate tests, including Special Olympics tests;
 - b. Adult pre-bronze through adult silver free skate tests, including and Special Olympics pre-bronze through silver singles free skate tests;
2. Pair tests
 - a. Pre-juvenile and juvenile pair tests and adult bronze and silver pair tests;
3. Moves in the field tests
 - a. Pre-preliminary through juvenile moves in the fields tests, including Special Olympics tests;
 - b. Adult pre-bronze through adult silver moves in the field tests, including and Special Olympics pre-bronze through silver moves in the field tests;
4. Single-judge panel
 - a. Pre-preliminary moves in the field/free skate tests, including Special Olympics tests;
 - b. Adult pre-bronze moves in the field/free skate tests, including and Special Olympics moves in the field/free skate tests at the pre-bronze level;

F. Silver singles/pairs test judges:

1. Singles tests
 - a. Pre-preliminary through novice singles free skate tests, and all adult singles free skate tests, and all Special Olympics free skate tests;
2. Pair tests
 - a. Pre-juvenile through novice pair tests and all adult pair tests;
3. Moves in the field tests
 - a. Pre-preliminary through novice moves in the field tests, and all adult moves in the field tests, and all Special Olympics moves in the field tests;
4. Single-judge panel
 - a. Pre-preliminary and preliminary moves in the field/free skate tests, adult pre-bronze and bronze moves in the field/free skate tests and all Special Olympics moves in the field/free skate tests;

G. Gold singles/pairs test judges:

1. Singles tests
 - a. All standard, singles free skate tests and all adult and Special Olympics singles free skate tests;
2. Pair tests
 - a. All standard pair tests and all adult pair tests;
3. Moves in the field tests
 - a. All standard, moves in the field tests and all adult and Special Olympics moves in the field tests;
4. Single-judge panel
 - a. Pre-preliminary and preliminary moves in the field/free skate tests, adult pre-bronze and bronze moves in the field/free skate tests and all Special Olympics moves in the field/free skate tests;
 - b. Adult bronze pair tests.

All sub-paragraphs not listed in this request for action will remain unchanged.

JR 7.00 Dance Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 7.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Dance judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified in the international judging system (IJS) by the Judges Committee may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

A. Bronze dance test judges:

1. Dance tests
 - a. Standard preliminary through pre-silver pattern dance tests (partnered and solo), adult/masters pre-bronze through pre-silver pattern dance tests (partnered and solo) and Special Olympics preliminary through pre-silver pattern dance tests
2. Moves in the field tests
 - a. Standard pre-preliminary through juvenile moves in the field tests, including Special Olympics tests;
 - b. Adult pre-bronze through silver moves in the field tests, including and Special Olympics pre-bronze through

- silver moves in the field tests;
3. Single-judge panel
 - a. Standard and Special Olympics preliminary partnered pattern dance tests and standard preliminary through pre-silver solo pattern dance track tests;
 - b. Pre-preliminary moves in the field tests, including Special Olympics tests;
 - c. Adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests, including and Special Olympics moves in the field tests at the pre-bronze level;

All sub-paragraphs not listed in this request for action will remain unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

64. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules ASCR 2.01 and ASCR 2.02 (page 25, Rulebook)** as follows

ASCR 2.00 Organization

ASCR 2.01 The Adult Skating Committee ~~shall~~ will consist of the chair, a vice chair for each section, other assigned vice chairs and such other committee members as are appointed ~~by the president~~ in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

ASCR 2.02 The sectional vice chairs and other assigned vice chairs will ~~shall~~ be responsible for the duties and functions assigned to them by the chair.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

65. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4510** and delete **rules 4520 and 4530 (pages 148-150)** as follows:

4510 Championship Masters Junior-Senior Singles and Masters Junior-Senior Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR AND MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of seven jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps • The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited; however, only the two highest-value jumps in a sequence will be counted • No Axels or multi-rotation jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, those jumps must be in combination or sequence
SPINS	Maximum of three spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR AND MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

4520 Masters Senior Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard junior free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 6th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

MASTERS SENIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of seven jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps • The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited; however, only the two highest-value jumps in a sequence will be counted • No Axels or multi-rotation jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, those jumps must be in combination or sequence
SPINS	Maximum of three spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such

MASTERS SENIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

4530 Masters Junior Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard novice free skate test and on or after Oct. 1, 1995, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

MASTERS JUNIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of seven jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps • The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited; however, only the two highest-value jumps in a sequence will be counted • No Axels or multi-rotation jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, those jumps must be in combination or sequence
SPINS	<p>Maximum of three spins of a different character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one element chosen from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

Note: Rule 2055 will be amended accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

66. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4540** and delete **rules 4550 and 4560 (pages 151-153)** as follows:

4540 Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice Singles and Masters Intermediate-Novice Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:
 - 1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
 - 2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

If a skater has previously qualified to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Championship Masters Junior-Senior, said skater cannot compete in Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice.

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS INTERMEDIATE-NOVICE AND MASTERS INTERMEDIATE-NOVICE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of six jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination/sequence may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations/sequences are limited to two jumps • May perform only one double-double combination or sequence • Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination or sequence • ONLY the following double jumps may be performed: double toe loop, double Salchow and double loop • Double flip, double Lutz and double Axel are not permitted
SPINS	<p>Maximum of three spins of a different character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one element chosen from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

4550—Masters Novice Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:

1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;

B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test;

C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

MASTERS NOVICE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of six jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination/sequence may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations/sequences are limited to two jumps • May perform only one double-double combination or sequence • Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination or sequence • ONLY the following double jumps may be performed: double toe loop, double Salchow and double loop • Double flip, double Lutz and double Axel are not permitted

MASTERS NOVICE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
SPINS	Maximum of three spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

4560 — Masters Intermediate Singles

Test qualifications, as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:

1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;

B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test;

C. On or after Oct. 1, 1974, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, no higher than the 7th figure test.

MASTERS INTERMEDIATE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of six jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination/sequence may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations/sequences are limited to two jumps • May perform only one double-double combination or sequence • Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination or sequence • ONLY the following double jumps may be performed: double toe loop, double Salchow and double loop • Double flip, double Lutz and double Axel are not permitted
SPINS	Maximum of three spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of four revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of five revolutions. • There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position, or the position will not be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.

MASTERS INTERMEDIATE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value • Jumps may be included in either sequence • Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements • Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 4100).

Note: Rule 2055 will be amended accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

67. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 25.09 (page 252) as follows:

TR 25.09 Adult Pre-Bronze Moves in the Field Test

Expectations for this adult standard test reflect a passing average that aligns with the pre-preliminary moves in the field test. The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning adult skaters to learn the fundamentals of ice skating. No great deal of technical ability, carriage or flow is expected. Candidates must show knowledge of the steps, fairly good edges and some evidence of good form.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

68. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 25.10 (page 253) as follows:

TR 25.10 Adult Bronze Moves in the Field Test

Expectations for this adult standard test reflect a passing average that aligns with the preliminary moves in the field test. The purpose of this test is to continue the encouragement of beginning adult skaters to learn the fundamentals of ice skating. The fundamentals of ice skating must be demonstrated although not necessarily mastered. Candidates The candidate must show knowledge of the steps and a sense of continuous flow and strength. Attention should be given to depth of edges and proper curvature of lobes.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

69. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 25.11 (page 253) as follows:

TR 25.11 Adult Silver Moves in the Field Test

Expectations for this adult standard test reflect a passing average that aligns with the pre-juvenile moves in the field test. The fundamentals of ice skating must be demonstrated, although not necessarily mastered. Good edges, flow, strength, extension, and form are required and must be strongly emphasized. Candidates must skate the correct steps and turns on good edges showing good form, continuous flow and strength, and preciseness to their steps.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

70. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 25.12 (page 253) as follows:

TR 25.12 Adult Gold Moves in the Field Test

Expectations for this adult standard test reflect a passing average that aligns with the juvenile moves in the field test. Candidates must skate the correct steps and turns on good edges, with good form, flow, strength and preciseness to their steps. Candidates must give a strong performance showing strong true edges, smooth turns, correct posture and effort-less flow.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

71. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 32.09 (page 259) as follows:

TR 32.09 Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate Test

Expectations for this test reflect a passing average that aligns with the pre-preliminary free skate test. The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning adult skaters to learn the fundamentals of free skating. No great deal of technical ability, carriage or flow is expected. The candidate must show knowledge of the elements, fairly good edges and some evidence of good form. The following technical elements are to be skated individually, without music.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

72. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 32.10 (page 259) as follows:

TR 32.10 Adult Bronze Free Skate Test

Expectations for this test reflect a passing average that aligns with the preliminary free skate test. The purpose of this test is to continue the encouragement of beginning adult skaters to learn the fundamentals of free skating. The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of the elements and a sense of strength and continuous flow. A relationship with the music should be attempted in the program. The following elements are required: give a reasonably good performance showing a command of the following technical elements, a sense of speed, flow and depth of edge. The fundamentals of free skating must be demonstrated, although not necessarily mastered.

Jumps:

1. At least three different single jumps of which one must be a Salchow and one must be a toe loop (each performed as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
2. One jump combination consisting of a waltz jump and a toe loop (no turn or change of foot between jumps)

Spins:

1. One-foot backspin, entry optional (minimum three revolutions in position)
2. Sit spin in recognizable sit position (minimum three revolutions in position)

Steps: Connecting moves; and steps and edges should be demonstrated throughout the program

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

73. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 32.11 (page 260) as follows:

TR 32.11 Adult Silver Free Skate Test

Expectations for this test reflect a passing average that aligns with the pre-juvenile free skate test. The fundamentals of free skating must be demonstrated, although not necessarily mastered. Good edges, flow, strength, extension and form are required for all of the elements of free skating (jumps, spins and connecting moves). The program should utilize the ice surface and demonstrate some relationship with the music. The following elements are required: The candidate must give a good performance and demonstrate a command of the following technical elements, showing good form, edges, continuous flow and strength, and extension.

Jumps:

1. At least three different single jumps of which one must be a loop and one must be a flip (each performed as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
2. One jump combination consisting of two single jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
3. One jump sequence consisting of one-half or single revolution jumps

Spins: Recommended two spins which must include the following:

1. One camel spin (minimum three revolutions in position)
2. One combination spin with only one change of position (minimum ~~three~~ two revolutions in each position and six revolutions combined). Must include two of the following positions: camel, sit or upright. Change of foot is optional and, if performed, must include a minimum three revolutions on each foot.

Steps: Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program consisting of spirals, strong edges, fair use of the music and full utilization of the ice surface

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

74. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule TR 32.12 (page 260)** as follows:

TR 32.12 Adult Gold Free Skate Test

Expectations for this test reflect a passing average that aligns with the juvenile free skate test. The candidate must skate the selected elements (jumps, spins and connecting steps) on good edges, with good form, continuous flow, strength and preciseness. The candidate must also skate to the music and utilize the ice surface. The following elements are required: A candidate must give a strong performance and demonstrate a command of the following technical elements, showing very good form and carriage, strong true edges, effortless flow and precise steps:

Jumps:

1. Choice of Axel jump, double Salchow or double toe loop (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
2. Lutz jump (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
3. Two additional different single jumps (each performed as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
4. One jump from the following: split jump, stag jump, falling leaf, half loop
5. One jump combination consisting of two different single jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)

Spins:

1. Two different solo spins (minimum four revolutions in position)
2. One combination spin consisting of only one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum four revolutions on each foot). Must include two of the following positions: camel, sit or upright.

Steps:

1. ~~One step sequence or one choreographic sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.~~
2. ~~Connecting moves consisting of spirals, strong edges, good use of the music and full utilization of the ice surface~~

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

75. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 5510 (page 178)** as follows:

5510 Championship ~~Adult~~ Masters Pairs

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Test qualifications are set forth for either adult masters pairs (see rule 5520) or adult gold pairs (see rule 5530). For any skater who has not previously competed at this level, both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
 1. The adult gold pair test,
 2. The standard juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior/gold pair test,
 3. Prior to 1989, the standard bronze, silver or gold pair test.

CHAMPIONSHIP ~~ADULT~~ MASTERS PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

Balance of rule remains unchanged. Rule 2055 will be amended accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

76. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 5520 (page 179) as follows:

5520 ~~Adult~~ Masters Pairs

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
1. ~~The first partner of a team in the adult masters pairs event must have passed at least one of the following tests:~~
 - a. ~~Any standard pair test at the intermediate level or higher.~~
 - b. ~~Any standard free skate test at the intermediate level or higher~~
 2. ~~The second partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no more than one level lower than the first partner (that is, the adult gold pair test, adult gold free skate test, standard juvenile pair test, or standard juvenile free skate test).~~
 - a. ~~For purposes of these requirements, the adult gold pair and free skate tests are considered to be one level lower than the standard intermediate pair and free skate tests:~~
 1. ~~The adult gold pair test,~~
 2. ~~The standard juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior/gold pair test,~~
 3. ~~Prior to 1989, the standard bronze, silver or gold pair test,~~
 4. ~~The standard intermediate, novice, junior or senior free skate test.~~

~~ADULT~~ MASTERS PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

Balance of rule remains unchanged. Rule 2055 will be amended accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

77. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 5530 (A) (page 180) as follows:

5530 ~~Adult~~ Gold Pairs

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
1. ~~One partner in the adult gold pairs event must have passed one of the following tests:~~
 - a. ~~The adult gold pair test but not the standard intermediate pair test~~
 - b. ~~The adult gold free skate test~~
 - c. ~~The standard juvenile pair test and no higher standard pair test~~
 - d. ~~The standard juvenile free skate test but no higher standard free skate test (see exception)~~
 2. ~~The other partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no more than one level lower than the first partner (that is, adult silver pair test, adult silver free skate test, standard preliminary pair test and/or standard juvenile free skate test):~~

Exception: Pair teams in which at least one member has passed the standard juvenile pair test or the adult gold pair test may choose to compete in the adult gold pairs event even if one or both members of the team have passed a standard free skate test at the intermediate level or higher.

 1. ~~The adult silver or adult gold pair test,~~
 2. ~~The adult gold free skate test,~~
 3. ~~The standard juvenile, intermediate or, prior to 1989, bronze pair test, but no higher pair test,~~
 4. ~~The standard juvenile, intermediate or novice free skate test, but no higher free skate test.~~

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

78. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 5540 (page 181) as follows:

5540 Adult Silver Pairs

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

1. ~~One partner in the adult silver pairs event must have passed one of the following:

 - a. The adult silver pair test and no higher adult pair test
 - b. The adult silver free skate test but no higher adult free skate test (see exception below)
 - c. The standard pre-juvenile free skate test but no higher standard free skate test (see exception below)~~
2. ~~The other partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no more than one level lower than the first partner (that is, the adult bronze pair test, adult bronze free skate test, and/or standard preliminary free skate test):~~
3. ~~Either member of an adult silver pair team may have passed the standard preliminary pair test and/or the standard pre-juvenile pair test but no higher standard pair test:~~

~~Exception: Teams in which at least one member has passed the adult silver pair test may choose to compete at the adult silver pair level, even if one or both members of the team have passed the next level adult or standard free skate test (i.e. adult gold free skate test and/or standard juvenile free skate test, but no higher standard free skate test.)~~

1. The adult bronze or adult silver pair test, but no higher adult pair test,
2. The adult silver or adult gold free skate test,
3. The standard preliminary, pre-juvenile or juvenile pair test, but no higher pair test,
4. The standard pre-juvenile or juvenile free skate test, but no higher free skate test.

ADULT SILVER PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
STEP OR SPIRAL CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One step sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface OR • One spiral choreographic sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional moves in the field sequences and spiral choreographic sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

79. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 5550 (page 182) as follows:

5550 Adult Bronze Pairs

A. Test requirements as of the closing date for entries: Each partner in the adult bronze pairs event must have passed one of the following tests: Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:

1. ~~The adult bronze pair test and no higher adult pair test~~
2. ~~The adult bronze free skate test but no higher adult free skate test (see exception below)~~
3. ~~The standard preliminary pair test and/or standard pre-juvenile pair test~~
4. ~~The standard preliminary free skate test but no higher than the standard pre-juvenile free skate test (see exception)~~

~~Exception: Teams in which at least one member has passed the adult bronze pair test or the standard preliminary or pre-juvenile pair test may choose to compete in the adult bronze pairs event even if one or both partners have passed the next level adult or standard free skate test (that is, the adult silver free skate test and/or the standard pre-juvenile free skate test, but no higher adult or standard free skate test)~~

1. The adult bronze pair test, and no higher adult pair test,
2. The adult bronze or adult silver free skate test, but no higher adult free skate test,
3. The standard preliminary or pre-juvenile pair test, but no higher pair test,
4. The standard preliminary or pre-juvenile free skate test, but no higher free skate test.

ADULT BRONZE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
STEP OR SPIRAL CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one element chosen from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One step sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One spiral <u>choreographic</u> sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional moves in the field sequences and spiral <u>choreographic</u> sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

80. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 5560 (page 183)** as follows:

5560 Centennial Pairs

CENTENNIAL PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
STEP OR SPIRAL CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one element chosen from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One step sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface <li style="text-align: center;">OR • One spiral <u>choreographic</u> sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional moves in the field sequences and spiral <u>choreographic</u> sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

81. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules CR 7.02, CR 7.03, CR 7.08 (A) and (C), CR 7.09 and 3032 (A) (pages 29, 30 and 128)** as follows:

CR 7.02 Recommendations for national, sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 singles/pairs referees; national and sectional dance referees; national and sectional synchronized referees; national showcase referees; national Theatre On Ice referees; and national, sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 accountants may be made in writing by any of the following:

Balance of rule is unchanged.

CR 7.03 Recommendations for appointment for:

A. National, sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 singles/pairs referee should include a summary of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. actual figure skating experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned figure skating competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).

1. Candidates for national singles/pairs referee must be at least a sectional ~~national~~ singles/pairs competition judge to be appointed.
2. Candidates for sectional singles/pairs referee must be at least a regional ~~sectional~~ singles/pairs competition judge to be appointed.
3. Candidates for regional singles/pairs referee must be at least a nonqualifying regional ~~regional~~ singles/pairs competition judge to be appointed.
4. Candidates for certified 6.0 singles/pairs referee must be at least a silver singles/pairs test judge to be appointed.

B. National and sectional dance referee should include a summary of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. actual ice dance experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned ice dance competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).

1. Candidates for national dance referee must be at least a sectional dance competition ~~national~~ judge to be appointed.

2. Candidates for sectional dance referee must be at least a novice sectional dance competition judge to be appointed.
 - C. National and sectional synchronized referee should include a summary of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. actual figure skating experience and knowledge, judging experience and ability, actual refereeing of sanctioned synchronized skating competitions, proper judicial temperament and results of referee's examination).
 1. Candidates for national synchronized skating referee must be at least a senior sectional ~~national~~ synchronized skating judge to be appointed.
 2. Candidates for sectional synchronized skating referee must be at least a junior ~~senior~~ sectional synchronized skating judge to be appointed.
 - D. National showcase and national Theatre On Ice referees should include a summary of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.).
 1. A candidate for national showcase referee:
 - a. Must be at least a regional ~~sectional~~ level single/pairs, dance or synchronized referee, and
 - b. Must have acted as an assistant referee for at least one National Showcase competition.
 2. A candidate for national Theatre On Ice referee:
 - a. Must be at least a regional ~~sectional~~ level singles/pairs; or sectional level dance or synchronized referee, and
 - b. Must have acted as an assistant referee for at least one National Theatre On Ice competition.
 - E. National, sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 accountant, national music coordinator, national announcer and national ice technician should include: a summary of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.).
 1. A candidate for national or sectional accountant must have attended at least one sanctioned accountant's school or seminar or maintained the number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required by the Competitions Committee during the preceding four-year period.
 2. A candidate for regional or certified 6.0 accountant must have attended a sanctioned accountant's school.
- CR 7.08** The recommendations for sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 appointments should be sent:
- A. For sectional, ~~or~~ regional or certified 6.0 singles/pairs referee or sectional dance referee: to the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee;
 - C. For sectional, ~~or~~ regional or certified 6.0 accountant: to the appropriate sectional vice chair for accountants of the Competitions Committee.
- CR 7.09** Within 60 days of the receipt of the recommendations for sectional, ~~and~~ regional and certified 6.0 appointments, the sectional vice chair:
- A. ~~Shall~~ Will obtain recommendations and then review the complete file;
 - B. ~~Shall~~ Will consult with the appropriate national vice chair together with the chair of the Competitions Committee to finalize the appointment decision.
 - C. For appointment as a sectional synchronized skating referee:
 1. The vice chair ~~shall~~ will obtain recommendations from appropriate members of the Competitions Committee and then review the complete file.
 2. The sectional vice chair ~~shall~~ will consult with the appropriate national vice chair, together with the chair of the Competitions Committee, to finalize the appointment decision.
 3. The sectional vice chair ~~shall~~ will notify ~~the applicant's club and~~ the applicant of the committee's decision with a copy to the national vice chair for the Referee Selection and Education Subcommittee, ~~and~~ the chair of the Competitions Committee and headquarters.
- 3032** For all sanctioned, nonqualifying competitions, the local organizing committee must select the following officials:
- A. A chief referee. Additional referees may be selected at the discretion of the host club.
 1. Either the chief referee or the chief accountant (see D below) must be a regional, sectional or national official in the area of service, selected from the official lists; At nonqualifying competitions containing only 6.0 events, the chief referee may be a certified 6.0 singles/pairs referee selected from the official list, and the chief accountant may be a certified 6.0 accountant selected from the official list.
 2. The chief referee, if not a certified 6.0, regional, sectional or national referee, must be an official judge;
- Balance of rule remains unchanged.*

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

82. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Amend rules 1071 (A)(4) and (B)(3) and 1235 (C)(1) (pages 90-91 and 96) as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

- A. Total technical score for each segment (pattern dance, short program, short dance, free skate, free dance)
4. When there are five or more judges, the trimmed mean is calculated by dropping the highest and lowest marks from the panel and calculating the average of the remaining marks. ~~Note: When there are four or fewer judges, a simple mean is permitted in nonqualifying competitions will be used~~ as provided for in rule 1235 (C)(1).
- B. Total program component score for each segment
3. The panel's points for each program component are obtained by calculating the trimmed or simple mean of the judges' scores for that program component. When there are five or more judges, the trimmed mean is calculated by dropping the highest and lowest marks from the panel and calculating the average of the remaining marks. ~~Note: When there are four or fewer judges, a simple mean is permitted in nonqualifying competitions will be used~~ as provided for in rule 1235 (C)(1).

1235 Duties of the Accountants – IJS

The duties of accountants generally are as specified in rules 1230–1234. In addition, for events using the IJS, the accountants must comply with the following:

- C. Calculate the results using the computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.
1. The marks of all judges assigned to a panel in a U.S. Figure Skating event using the IJS must be included in the calculation of results. There will be no blind draw of the judging panel to discard the marks of any judge. When there are five ~~four~~ or fewer judges on the judging panel, a simple mean ~~may~~ must be used to calculate results.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

83. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules 2471, 2472, 2512 and 2405 (D) (pages 113, 114 and 111) as follows:

2470 Qualifying for Sectional Championships – Singles/Pairs/Dance

2471 Fill-Up Rule: Singles competitors at a regional championship may progress directly to their sectional championship if, at the close of entries, there are four or fewer competitors in senior, junior, novice intermediate or juvenile their singles events at the close of entries. The Competitions Committee chair may also invoke this rule after the close of entries if international byes and/or withdrawals reduce an event to four or fewer competitors.

- A. Additional competitors from the same event in other regions of the same section shall will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of competitors up to a maximum of 12 (or more, if ties make it necessary).
- B. These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included, even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed 12.
- C. If there are 12 or fewer skaters entered in the same singles event within one section, all regional competitors in that section may advance directly to their sectional championship regardless of the number of skaters entered in each of those regional championships.

2472 Senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile Singles skaters competitors qualify for sectional championships by:

- A. Placing in the top four at a regional championship;
- B. Receiving an international bye (per rule 2473);
- C. Having four or fewer entries in their event at a regional championship or having 12 or fewer entries in their event in all regional championships within their section;
- D. Having won the U.S. Championships at the junior level the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season;
- E. Having won the U.S. Championships at the novice level the previous season, if competing at the novice level this season;
- F. Having won a sectional championship at the senior level the previous season.

2510 Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

2512 Fill-Up Rule:

- A. Competitors in a ~~senior, junior or novice~~ any event at a sectional championship may progress directly to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships if, at the close of entries, there are four or fewer competitors in their ~~senior, junior~~

- ~~or novice event within their section or 12 or fewer competitors in their event in all sections combined.~~
- B. ~~All intermediate and juvenile pair and ice dance couples will compete at their respective sectional championship. The four highest-placing teams in each division (intermediate dance, intermediate pairs, juvenile dance and juvenile pairs) will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~
Balance of rule will be re-lettered accordingly.

2405 Competitors:

- D. Must state whether or not they will skate in their event(s) if there are four or fewer entries in their region (or section for pairs, ice dance or adult events) or 12 or fewer entries in their section (or in the nation for pairs, ice dance or adult events). The statement is binding.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

84. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2542, 2544 and 2405 (D)** (pages 115 and 111) as follows:

2540 U.S. Adult Championships and Adult Sectional Championships

- 2542** For the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships each competitor ~~shall~~ will have achieved the appropriate test qualifications and must be at least 21 years of age, or must meet the age requirement of the event that they are entering, by the close of entries.

2544 Fill-Up Rule:

- A. If, at the close of entries, there are ~~fewer than four~~ or fewer competitors registered for a qualifying event at an adult sectional championship, additional competitors from the same qualifying event in other sections ~~shall~~ will be permitted to enter the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in order to bring the number of competitors up to a maximum of 12 (or more, if ties make it necessary).

~~A1.~~ These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed 12.

- B. Competitors in a qualifying event at an adult sectional championship may progress directly to the U.S. Adult Championships if there are four or fewer competitors in their event at the close of entries.

- C. If, at the close of entries, there are 12 or fewer competitors entered in the same qualifying event from all three sections combined, all adult sectional competitors in that event may advance directly to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships regardless of the number entered at each adult sectional championship.

2405 Competitors:

- D. Must state whether or not they will skate in their event(s) if there are four or fewer entries in their region (or section for pairs, ice dance or adult events) or 12 or fewer entries in their section (or in the nation for pairs, ice dance or adult events). The statement is binding.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

85. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2405 (B)** (pages 110-111) as follows:

2405 Competitors:

- B. May enter, if an adult competitor,;

1. Only one championship event per discipline regardless of eligibility by test requirements; and

2. A maximum of four events at the U.S. Adult Championships.

- a. If entering more than one event, each event entered must be in a different category (i.e. free skate, partnered dance, solo dance, light entertainment skate, dramatic skate, etc.) with the exception that a competitor who qualifies for a championship event through the adult sectional championships may also enter the corresponding nonqualifying event in the same category. However, if qualifying for a championship event puts the competitor over the four-event limit, the competitor will have to withdraw from one event of the competitor's choosing. The subsequent event entry fee for that one event, and only that one event, will be refunded. Administrative fees are not refundable.

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86. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2552 (page 115)** as follows:

2552 There will be age classes for all free skate, dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (does not include pair or partnered or solo dance events).

Class I: 21 years through 305 years

Class II: 316 years through 405 years

Class III: 416 years through 505 years

Class IV: 516 years through 605 years

Class V: 6166 years and over

C. At the chief referee's discretion, age class events with fewer than six entries may be combined. The chief referee may combine age classes and levels, if the entry numbers warrant, after consultation with the national vice chair for adult championships and the chair of the Competitions Committee.

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

87. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 4040, 5040 and 1071 (C) (pages 133, 163 and 91-92)** as follows:

4040 Music – Singles

For singles events, music is chosen by the competitor;

~~A. For short program and free skate, vocal music with lyrics is not permitted, except as follows:~~

~~1. For all short programs and free skates up to and including the intermediate level, for all events using the 6.0 system of judging and for all adult events, vocal music with lyrics is permitted.~~

5040 Music – Pairs

For pairs events, music is chosen by the competitors;

~~A. For pairs short program and free skate, vocal music with lyrics is not permitted, except as follows:~~

~~1. For all free skates up to and including the intermediate level, for all events using the 6.0 system of judging and for all adult events, vocal music with lyrics is permitted.~~

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C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

a. Time violations: -1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess

~~b. Music violations: -1.0 for vocal music (when not allowed)~~

Balance of rule will be re-lettered accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

88. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2701 (B) and (D) (page 116)** as follows:

2700 Warm-Ups, Draws and Starting Orders

2701 The following definitions pertain to all U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions for singles/pairs/ice dance:

B. Practice group: These groups are pre-defined by the chief referee and determine the official practice sessions to which each skater is assigned. The practice groups do not change based on the draw.

D. Official practice ice: These sessions are offered at the discretion of the LOC and chief referee and, if offered, are at least one day before the event segment. Competition music will be played.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

89. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2466 (page 113)** as follows:

2466 When there are more than 24 entries in any event, the number of places advancing from each qualifying round group to the championship round is shown in the following chart:

Note: The actual number of skaters in the championship round (CR) may increase if there are ties.

Entries	Qualifying Round (QR)		Championship Round (CR)
	Number of Groups	Number advancing	
25-36 <u>30</u>	2	6	12
31-36	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>
37-54	3	<u>5</u> <u>6</u>	<u>15</u> <u>18</u>
55-72	4	<u>4</u> <u>5</u>	<u>16</u> <u>20</u>

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

90. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 1071 (A)(8)(d)(i) (page 91) as follows:

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A. Total technical score for each segment (pattern dance, short program, short dance, free skate, free dance)

8. **In singles and pairs:**

d. *Special Factor:*

- i. In the junior and senior ladies and men's short program and all levels of singles free skate, the base values (but not the grade of execution) of all jump elements started 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.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

91. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Competitions Committee

Add the 6.0 computation rules back to the rulebook by replacing rule 1060 (page 93) as follows:

1060 Calculation of Results – 6.0 System

1061 The chief accountant is responsible for the accuracy of the computations including the placement of the competitors, subject to verification by the referee. Computer placements utilizing a currently approved software program (rule 1232) are regarded and used as the official result.

1062 The following results will be calculated during the course of an event, as appropriate:

- A. All individual segments of the event;
- B. Intermediate results after the second and each succeeding segment of a multi-segment event;
- C. Final results of the event determined from the sum of the factored places of each segment of the event.
 1. The above calculation will be performed in accordance with rules 1063 through 1066 as appropriate.

1063 Determination of Total Marks (TM) in Each Segment of a Competition – 6.0 System

- A. Free skate events (singles, pairs and synchronized skating):
 1. The short program marks for technical elements and program components are added. The sum is the total marks (TM) for the short program.
 2. The free skate marks for technical elements and program components are added. The sum is the total marks (TM) for the free skate.
- B. Ice dance events:
 1. In the initial round or final round, marks for technical score and program components are awarded to each pattern dance. The sum of the two marks is the total mark (TM) for that pattern dance.
 2. The short dance marks for technical score and program components are added. The sum is the total marks (TM) for the short dance.
 3. The free dance marks for technical score and program components are added. The sum is the total marks (TM) for the free dance.

1064 Determination of Ordinal Numbers in Each Segment of a Competition – 6.0 System

In all segments of an event, ordinal numbers for each judge for each competitor, couple or synchronized team will be determined based on the total marks; the competitor(s) receiving the highest total marks receives ordinal 1; the next highest ordinal 2, etc. If a judge has given two or more competitors equal total marks, the tie is broken as follows:

- A. Pattern dances: The couple with the highest mark for technical score receives the lowest ordinal number. If the marks for technical score are also equal, the couples are tied.
- B. Short program: The competitor with the highest mark for technical elements receives the lowest ordinal number. If the marks for technical elements are the same, they are tied.

- C. Short dance: The couple with the highest mark for technical score receives the lowest ordinal number. If the marks for technical score are the same, they are tied.
- D. Free skate (singles, pairs and synchronized skating) or free dance: The competitor with the highest mark for program components receives the lowest ordinal number. If the marks for program components are the same, they are tied.
- E. If two (2) or more competitors are tied by one judge in a segment of an event, each competitor receives the ordinal number for the tied place. The next higher ordinal or ordinals are not assigned, based on the number of competitors tied for the same ordinal number. For example, if two competitors are tied for ordinal 1, then ordinal 2 is not assigned; if three competitors are tied for ordinal 1, then ordinals 2 and 3 are not assigned, etc.

1065 Determination of Results in Each Segment of a Competition – 6.0 System

The ordinal numbers determined for each judge are considered placements for the competitor.

- A. (M) Majority: The competitor(s) placed first by the absolute majority (M) of judges is first; the competitor(s) placed second or better by an absolute majority of judges is second and so on. In determining a majority for second place, ordinal numbers 1 and 2 are considered as 2; in determining a majority for third place, ordinal numbers 1, 2, and 3 are considered as 3; and similarly for the remaining places.
- B. If two or more competitors are tied for the same place, the ties will be broken by the application of the following rules in the following order:
 - 1. (GM) Greater majority: If two or more competitors have obtained a majority of judges for the same place, the place in question will be awarded to the competitor with the greater majority (GM) of judges making the placement.
 - 2. (TOM) Total ordinals of majority: If two or more competitors have received majorities for the same place from the same number of judges, the place in question will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest total ordinals from those judges forming the majority.
 - 3. (TO) Total ordinals: If two or more competitors receive the same TOM, the place in question will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest total ordinals (TO) from all judges.
 - 4. (TIED) Tied: If two or more competitors receive the same TO from all the judges, the competitors are TIED.
- C. (BT) Broken tie: If two or more competitors are temporarily tied with majorities for the same place, the place must be awarded to one of the competitors on the basis of rule 1065 (B). After awarding this place, the remaining temporarily tied skaters must be awarded the next following place(s) on the basis of rule 1065 (B) without considering any additional competitors.
- D. (LM) Lowest majority: In awarding the subsequent places thereafter, the competitor with a majority for the lowest numbered place will be given first consideration.
- E. (SM) Subsequent majority: If there is no absolute majority for any given place, the place in question will be awarded to the competitor with the majority for the nearest following place. If the sums are equal, then rule 1065 (B) must again be applied.

1066 Determination of the Intermediate and Final Results for Multi-Segment Events – 6.0 System

- A. Intermediate placements, when computed, are the placements for the segments of the event that have been completed thus far. For intermediate results, the results determined in accordance with rules 1063-1065 for the segments included in the intermediate results will be multiplied by the appropriate factors and added together to give the intermediate factored placements.
- B. For the final results, the results determined for each segment of the event in accordance with rule 1063-1065 will be multiplied by appropriate factors and added together to give the total final factored placements for the event.
- C. The best placement is assigned to the competitor having the lowest factored placement determined above and the next place to the competitor with the next lowest factored placement, etc.
- D. The factors and the conditions for breaking ties in the total factored placements are available on the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site at usfsaonline.org under the “Accounting Central” link.
- E. When two competitors are tied, the next place is not awarded; when three competitors are tied, the next two places are not awarded.
- F. No final placements will be recorded for competitors or teams who do not complete an event, and the only placement recorded for such competitors will be that earned for the last segment of the event in which they competed and for which placements were determined.
- G. Results from qualifying rounds will not be factored and will not be used to determine final placements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

92. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Add **new rule 1232 (page 96)** as follows:

1232 The official calculation software and official judging system hardware for U.S. Figure Skating includes:

- A. IJS Calculation – The ISUCalcFS program, provided by the ISU and modified with U.S. Figure Skating customizations for use in the U.S.
- B. 6.0 Calculation – The HAL2 program, updated and maintained by U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Judging System “IVR” Hardware – Complete systems, hardware components and “IVR” software provided by an approved judging system vendor of U.S. Figure Skating.

- D. Any other calculation and/or judging system software or hardware is not approved nor supported by U.S. Figure Skating with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Any third party judging system which existed and was actively used prior to July 1, 2013, may continue to be used at nonqualifying competitions only, but will not receive support from U.S. Figure Skating. These systems are to be used at the competition’s own risk.
 - 2. Any third party judging system developed after July 1, 2013, if approved by the Competitions Committee, may be used at nonqualifying competitions only, but will not receive support from U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

93. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2161 (page 108)** as follows:

2160 Trial Judges

2161 Trial judges who have been approved in accordance with rule section JR 18.00 and who have not been assigned as an official of the competition may be charged reasonable fees by the host organization to cover administrative costs.

- A Such administrative fees may not exceed \$~~20~~ \$30 total for a sectional, regional or nonqualifying competition approved for trial judging.
- B No administrative fees may be charged for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, U.S. Synchronized Championships or U.S. Collegiate Championships.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

94. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2443** and delete **rule 2444 (page 112)** as follows:

2440 Qualifying Competitions – Number of Competitors

2443 For regional, and sectional and adult sectional championships, if any two or more competitors wish to compete in an event with four or fewer competitors, the event will be held. This will not affect the eligibility of the competitors to advance to the next higher competition. Refer to rule 2405 (D).

~~**2444** When there are four or fewer competitors in an adult sectional qualifying event (championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult pairs and championship adult dance), the skaters shall be required to compete, except when there is only one entry and there can be no event.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

95. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2481-2483 (page 114)** as follows:

2480 Alternates – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

2481 Skaters placing fifth and sixth in qualifying competitions in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events ~~shall~~ will be designated as first and second alternates for their region/section. All alternates ~~shall~~ will be provided with an application to file with the next competition, national or sectional. The skaters should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete.

2482 Alternates may be selected up to ~~48~~ 24 hours before the start of the affected skater’s first competitive event.

2483 Notice to alternates or, if they cannot be reached, to their coach or club president must be by email or phone call, followed by an email response. Response is required within 24 12 hours of receipt of the notice, or the next alternate will be contacted.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

96. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rules 6521 (adult gold), 6531 (adult pre-gold), 6541 (masters open), 6561 (adult silver), 6571 (adult pre-silver), 6581 (adult bronze), 6591 (adult pre-bronze) and 6601 (adult centennial) (pages 204-206)** by adding subparagraph D as follows:

D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each couple must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

97. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rules 6621 (adult gold solo), 6631 (adult pre-gold solo), 6641 (adult silver solo), 6651 (adult pre-silver solo) and 6661 (adult bronze solo) (pages 206-207)** by adding subparagraph D as follows:

D. Each skater may provide their own music for each dance. Skater's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each skater must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

98. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 6251 (page 203)** by adding subparagraph C as follows:

6251 Selection of Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dances

C. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.

Balance of rule will be re-lettered accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

99. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 6912 (C) (page 208)** as follows:

6912 Marking of Pattern Dances – 6.0 System

For those competitive dance events that are judged under the 6.0 system, the two marks ~~shall~~ will be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see rule 6911). The first mark ~~shall~~ will be for the technical score (formerly technique) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly timing/expression).

C. Deductions: Marks must be deducted by the judges for violations of the rules as follows:

1. Technical Score
 - a. General technical mistake (depending on severity) for each dance: 0.1–0.4
 - b. Violations of specific technical requirements for each dance: 0.1–0.4
(The degree of the deduction for the infraction depends on the importance of the missed or incorrectly executed element for the specific dance.)
2. Program Components
 - a. Skating out of time: 0.1–1.0 (maximum for whole performance out of time)
 - b. Skating on weak beat: 0.1–0.5 (maximum for whole performance on weak beat)
 - c. Introductory steps exceed introductory phrasing: 0.1–0.2
 - d. Inappropriate clothing: 0.1
 - e. Violations of specific timing requirements for each dance: 0.1–0.4
 - f. Violation of tempo specification: 0.5

3. Stumble, fall or interruption: When a stumble, fall or interruption mars the skating of the pattern dance, the deductions are taken from the first mark, technical, and also for program components if the fall or interruption affects the timing and/or expression of the dance.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

100.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rules 1220 and 1240 (pages 95 and 96)** as follows:

1220 Duties of the Event Referee—~~IJS~~

- A. The duties of the chief referee are as specified in rule 1210.
- B. The event referee:
 1. Is in charge of the event.
 2. Manages the panel of judges to ensure compliance with the rules, with the authority to remove judges from the panel if there are important and valid reasons to do so.
 - a. In both systems of judging, a judge's marks may not be changed after posting due to a mistake made by the judge.
 3. Acts as spokesperson for the panel.
 4. Conducts pre-event meeting with the panel of judges before each segment of the event.
 5. Decides whether the condition of the ice permits the holding of the event.
 6. Decides all protests with respect to the event.
 7. Interprets the rulebook and enforces provisions therein as it they pertains to the event. The event referee may access an electronic version of the rulebook on the officials stand, when necessary, to fulfill this duty.
 8. Takes the time of the program as skated and records the half-way point in singles short program and singles and pairs free skates when the event is running in a manual environment using the IJS.
 9. For IJS events, decides upon the following deductions according to rule 1071: time violations and interruptions of the program, as well as:
 - a. In ice dance: lifts in excess of the permitted time and part of the costume/decoration falling on the ice;
 - b. In singles and pairs: part of the costume/decoration falling on the ice;
 - c. In synchronized skating: music violations and hold deductions.
 10. For IJS events, together with the judges panel, decides on:
 - a. In singles, pairs and ice dance: costume and prop violations, and violations of music requirements;
 - b. In synchronized skating: costume, props (including feathers/headpieces), excessive subgrouping, excessive division into small groups (except for the creative element and transitions in the free skate) and make up violations.

The corresponding deductions in rules 1071 and 7923 are taken when the majority of the referee plus judges have applied them.
 11. In ice dance, with the assistance of a timekeeper (if necessary), takes the time of all lifts in the short dance and the free dance in order to verify if a couple has performed an extended lift.
 12. In ice dance, with the assistance of a timekeeper (if necessary), checks the tempo of each piece of music used for a "skaters' choice" pattern dance event and specified parts of short dance (when applicable) and
 - a. In the IJS, takes the appropriate deduction (see rule 1071(C)(2)) if the beats per minute are outside of the allowable range.
 - b. In the 6.0 system, notifies the judges if the beats per minute are outside of the allowable range so each judge can take the appropriate deduction.
 13. In ice dance, announces, in advance of the first practice, the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance will start. Also see rule 6075 (H).
 14. Allows a skater/team to restart according to rules 1400-1403 and 6075 (H).

1240 Duties of a Judge—~~IJS~~

- A. In the 6.0 system:
 1. Evaluates and enters marks for the technical element score and program component score based on the appropriate criteria;
 2. Enters deductions per rule sections 4910, 5910, 6910 and 7910, and other rules as appropriate.
- B. In the IJS:
 - ~~A~~1. Evaluates and scores the quality of each element and the skater(s') achievements in each of the specified program components based upon specific written criteria.

- B2. Enters appropriate deductions for music, costume, make up and prop violations along with the referee. (See rule 1220 (B)(10).)
- D3. Must be willing to use the whole range of grade of execution values (+3 to -3) and program component marks (0.25 to 10.00) as the skating dictates.
- C. Must be fully informed of all rules concerning the judging of an event ~~under the IJS~~ and able to implement those rules.
- ED. Must mark independently and must not communicate with other judges or discuss his/her marks or scores during the event with any person other than the event referee.
- FE. May not serve as a television commentator nor engage in communications with the media or others with respect to the event they are judging except through the event referee.
- GF. Must not use previously prepared marks or bring papers to the judges' stand containing information on previous performances.
- HG. Must not bring any form of electronic communication system to the judges stand for competitions.
- HI. Must comport themselves at all times with discretion, be completely impartial and neutral in their evaluation of the performance and not show bias for or against any skater(s).

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

101.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 6221 (page 200)** to have only two pattern dances competed in qualifying competitions at the novice level each season as follows:

6221 Selection of Novice Pattern Dances

For each competition season, the following groups of ~~three~~ two pattern dances will alternate in the order shown:

A. 2014-15 Group A – Starlight Waltz*, ~~Blues~~, Paso Doble

1. ~~The asterisked (*) dance plus one dance drawn per rule 6080 will be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The asterisked (*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the sectional championships.~~
2. ~~Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.~~
3. ~~The dances will be skated in the order listed.~~
4. ~~Draw for the skating order of the couples shall~~ will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 6074.
5. ~~The number of sequences of each dance shall~~ will be as specified in rule 6075.

B. 2015-16 Group B – Westminster Waltz, Kilian

C. 2016-17 Group C – Viennese Waltz, Blues

D. 2017-18 Group B D – Argentine Tango*, Kilian, Viennese Waltz, Quickstep

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

102.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 6231 (page 201)** to have only two pattern dances competed in qualifying competitions at the intermediate level each season as follows:

6231 Selection of Intermediate Pattern Dances

For each competition season, the following groups of ~~three~~ two pattern dances will alternate in the order shown:

A. 2014-15 Group B A – Rocker Foxtrot*, ~~Fourteenstep~~, European Waltz

1. ~~The asterisked (*) dance plus one of the other two dances in the group will be drawn as per rule 6080 to be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The asterisked (*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the sectional championships.~~
2. ~~Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.~~
3. ~~The dances will be skated in the order listed.~~

43. Draw for the skating order of the couples shall will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 6074.
 54. The number of sequences of each dance shall will be as specified in rule 6075.
- B. 2015-16 Group A B – Tango*, American Waltz, Foxtrot
 C. 2016-17 Group C – European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
 D. 2017-18 Group D – Tango, Fourteenstep

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

103.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend **rule 6241 (page 202)** to have only two pattern dances competed in qualifying competitions at the juvenile level each season as follows:

6241 Selection of Juvenile Pattern Dances

For each competition season, the following groups of ~~three~~ two pattern dances will alternate in the order shown:

A. 2014-15 Group B ~~A~~ – Willow Waltz*, Fiesta Tango, Foxtrot

1. The asterisked (*) dance plus one of the other two dances in the group will be drawn as per rule 6080 to be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The asterisked (*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the sectional championships.
- 2.—Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple’s chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.
32. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
43. Draw for the skating order of the couples shall will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 6074.
54. The number of sequences of each dance shall will be as specified in rule 6075.

- B. 2015-16 Group A B – Fourteenstep*, Hickory Hoedown, Ten-Fox
 C. 2016-17 Group C – Fourteenstep, Willow Waltz
 D. 2017-18 Group D – Foxtrot, Cha-Cha

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

104.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Add **new rule 6252** and amend **rules 6250, 6095 (E) and TR 40.05 (pages 203, 195 and 266)** to add a pre-juvenile free dance event as follows:

6250 Pre-Juvenile Dance

Note: Pre-juvenile dance is considered a nonqualifying event and is held at regional championships only at the discretion of the local organizing committee. Please refer to rule 3014.

6252 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Free Dance

PRE-JUVENILE FREE DANCE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds <u>Must contain the following elements in any order</u>	
<u>DANCE LIFTS</u>	Maximum of one short lift (up to six seconds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Chosen from straight line lift, curve lift or stationary lift</u> • <u>Rotational lifts and long lifts are not permitted</u>
<u>DANCE SPINS</u>	Maximum of one dance spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must have a minimum of three revolutions on one foot by both partners</u> • <u>Spin combinations are not permitted</u>
<u>STEP SEQUENCES</u>	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must utilize the full ice surface</u> • <u>Must be skated in dance holds or variations thereof, except hand-in-hand hold in sustained position with fully extended arms</u> • <u>Serpentine and not touching step sequences are NOT permitted</u> • <u>Dance lifts, jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in the step sequence</u> <u>If judged under IJS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value with the value of a Level 1 step sequence and evaluated by the judges in GOE</u> • <u>A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value</u>

<u>PRE-JUVENILE FREE DANCE</u> 2:00 +/- 10 seconds <u>Must contain the following elements in any order</u>	
<u>TWIZZLES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maximum of one synchronized twizzle (at least one full rotation, maximum of two rotations)</u> • <u>A set of synchronized twizzles is not permitted</u> • <u>May be skated anywhere in the program except in the required step sequence</u>
<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A dance spin and a dance lift performed as a combination are not permitted</u> • <u>See rule 6095 for additional free dance rules</u> • <u>See rule 6098 for a list of illegal elements/movements</u> • <u>See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements</u> • <u>See usfigureskating.org for the Scale of Values, calling specifications and judging instructions</u>

6095 Free Dance Description

- E. For intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and all adult free dance events, the music may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. The music may, however, be without an audible rhythmic beat for the beginning 10 seconds of the program. A program that displays a change in tempo and a well-balanced use of melody, rhythmic beat and musical accents, and not melody alone, is considered to be of a higher quality because it shows a greater variety of dancing skills and reflects the concept of ice dance as a competitive sport. The couples should skate primarily in time to the rhythmic beat of the music and not to the melody alone. Skating out of time or out of phase with the music must be penalized. The music must be suitable for the couple's skating skills and technical ability. Free dances that do not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized as outlined in rule 1071 (C)(2).

TR 40.05 Solo dance track tests (standard, adult and masters) are a separate series of tests and are not related to dance tests skated with a partner. Therefore, the passing of a lower level solo dance track test (standard, adult or masters) does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard, adult or masters partnered pattern dance test. These tests do not meet the requirements for the dance competition levels of senior down through pre-juvenile per rules 6200-6251-6252 and adult dance events per rules 6500-6601. However, these tests do meet the requirements for solo dance events at non-qualifying competitions and adult solo dance events per rules 6620-6661.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

105.APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend **rules JR 10.01, JR 11.07 and JR 11.09 (page 52)** as follows:

JR 10.00 Theatre On Ice Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 10.01 The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge Theatre On Ice events and competitions as follows:

- A. Nonqualifying Theatre On Ice judges:
 - 1. All Theatre On Ice events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
- B. National Novice Theatre On Ice judges:
 - 1. All Theatre On Ice events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.
 - 2. Novice and lower events at National Theatre On Ice competitions.
- C. National Theatre On Ice judges:
 - 1. All Theatre On Ice events at all competitions over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction.

JR 11.07 The national vice chair for theatrical skating judges may appoint nonqualifying and national novice Theatre On Ice judges and, within 60 days, will notify the candidate of the committee's action.

JR 11.09 Applications for national appointment will be sent directly to the candidate's sectional vice chair no later than 60 days prior to any in-person meeting of the Board of Directors. After compiling recommendations and committee evaluations, the candidate's file must be received by the chair no later than 30 days before the next meeting of the Board of Directors. In the case of an application for national synchronized appointment, the sectional vice chair will forward the candidate's file to the national vice chair of synchronized skating judges. In the case of an application for national novice or national Theatre On Ice judge or national showcase judge, the candidate's file will be sent directly to the national vice chair of theatrical skating judges. The chair will present all candidates to the board, whether recommended or not, and will direct the sectional or national vice chair to notify the candidate of the board's action.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

106. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Selections Committee

Amend rules SCR 2.01-4.02 (pages 73-74) as follows:

SCR 2.00 Organization and Responsibility

SCR 2.01 The committee ~~shall~~ will consist of the chair, the chairs of Competitions, International and Judges Committees, the three vice presidents, the ISU representative and other members as the president may appoint so that in no event ~~shall~~ will the number of athletes on the committee be fewer than 20 percent of the committee's total membership, except no athlete competing in the current season or who competed during the immediate prior season ~~shall~~ will be eligible to serve on the committee during the current season.

SCR 2.02 The Selections Committee is responsible for:

- A. ~~Approval of named~~ Selecting officials, judges and support staff to serve at all designated international competitions and ISU Championships;
- B. ~~Approval of named~~ Selecting officials, judges and support personnel (accountants, announcers, ice technicians and music coordinators) to serve at all ~~recognized national level domestic competitions~~ U.S. Championships as defined in rule 1022 (A)-(D).

SCR 3.01 The Selections Committee ~~shall~~ will, if possible, meet in person annually at the time and place of the meeting of the Governing Council ~~to and~~ select (or recommend as required) ~~and invite~~ the officials ~~selected~~ to serve at the competitions to be held during the following season as specified in rules SCR 3.03 through 3.075.

SCR 3.02 Further Selections may be made as necessary by a majority vote of the committee by use of e-mail balloting.

SCR 3.03 World Championships:

- A. ~~The committee shall~~ will select referees and judges from those currently listed by the ISU in championship (ISU) classification. Through the secretary of U.S. Figure Skating, the recommendation for referees, maximum two, shall be submitted to the president of the ISU. Nominations for judges, together with recommendations for the event or events each shall judge, shall be submitted through the secretary to the member of the ISU hosting the championship, with a copy to the vice president of the ISU. The committee ~~shall~~ will also select the team leader and other officials who are to be considered part of the team.

SCR 3.04 Olympic Winter Games:

- A. The committee ~~shall~~ will select referees and judges from those currently listed by the ISU in championship (ISU) classification. Through the secretary of U.S. Figure Skating, the recommendation for referees, maximum two, shall be submitted to the president of the ISU. Nominations for judges, together with recommendations for the event or events each shall judge, shall be submitted through the secretary to the organizing committee of the host country with copies to the president of the ISU and the USOC. The committee will also recommend the team managers and other officials who are to be considered part of the team. Names will be submitted as required by the ISU and the USOC.

SCR 3.054 International Competitions and ISU Championships (singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized):

- A. The committee ~~shall~~ will ~~act on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating in the selection~~ select judges, team leaders and other officials in accordance with the regulations of the ISU ~~of all officials for international competitions other than those set forth in SCR 3.03 and 3.04.~~ Names will be submitted as required by the ISU and the ISU member hosting the championship.

SCR 3.065 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships and the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships:

- A. ~~The Competitions Committee chair, in conjunction with the chief referee, will set the maximum number of officials that can be selected. Within that maximum number, the Selections Committee will select the total number and names of judges and other officials selected to officiate at these championships shall be determined by the Selections Committee after giving due consideration to the needs of the competition, the desirability of geographical representation, and the financial limitations of the event and other relevant criteria.~~

SCR 3.07 For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships:

- ~~AB.~~ The chief referee ~~shall~~ will be selected from the official list of national referees.
- ~~BC.~~ Dance referees, ~~if necessary,~~ shall will be selected from the official list of national dance referees or be an ISU championship dance judge who is an ISU championship dance referee, an international dance referee or a candidate for international dance referee.
- ~~+D.~~ Assistant referees will be selected from the official list of national referees or be an ISU championship judge who is an ISU championship referee, an international referee or a candidate for international referee. An assistant referee may act as the referee of an event under the supervision of the chief referee and shall be selected from the official list of national referees or be an ISU championship judge who is a candidate for international referee.
- ~~CE.~~ The chief accountant ~~and assistant accountants~~ shall will be selected from the official list of national accountants.

~~DF. For the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, see rule 2131. All officials must meet the applicable requirements specified in rules 2100-2134.~~

SCR 4.00 — Responsibility — Synchronized Skating

~~SCR 4.01 — For international synchronized skating competitions, the Selections Committee shall act on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating in the selection in accordance with the regulations of the ISU of all officials.~~

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

Note: **Rule 2131 (page 105)** will be updated accordingly as follows:

2130 Qualifying Competitions – Selection of Officials

2131 Levels of Referees and Accountants for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Assistant Referees	Dance Referees
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National <u>ISU championship singles/pairs judge*</u>	National <u>ISU championship dance judge**</u>
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National	National
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National Sectional
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	National SYS *** <u>ISU championship SYS judge***</u>	N/A

**Must also be an ISU championship singles/pairs referee, an international singles/pairs referee or a candidate for international singles/pairs referee (see rule SCR 3.05)*
***Must also be an ISU championship dance referee, an international dance referee or a candidate for international dance referee (see rule SCR 3.05)*
****Or Must also be an ISU championship synchronized skating referee, an international synchronized skating referee or judge who is a candidate for international synchronized skating referee (see rule SCR 3.05)*

Balance of rule remains unchanged

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

107. WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR – Singles Committee

108. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend **rule TR 25.03 (pages 250 and MITF-15)** as follows:

TR 25.03 Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field Test

1. Forward and backward perimeter power crossover stroking
2. Forward outside/backward inside three-turns in the field
3. Forward inside/backward outside three-turns in the field
4. Forward and backward power change of edge pulls
5. Backward outside circle eight
6. Five-step mohawk sequence

Backward Outside Circle Eight

The skater will push from a standing start onto a backward outside edge and complete ~~one~~ two backward outside figure eights. ~~Upon returning to center at the completion of the second circle, the skater will perform a backward inside figure eight by pushing onto a backward inside edge, thereby repeating the previously skated circle.~~ The circles should be equal in size with each circle approximately three times the skater’s height. The skater may mark the center. This move may start on either foot.

Focus: Edge quality and continuous flow

109. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 25.04 (pages 251, MITF-17 and MITF-18) as follows:

TR 25.04 Juvenile Moves in the Field Test

1. ~~Stroking: Counterclockwise forward to backward and clockwise backward to forward power circles~~
2. ~~Stroking: Backward power circle~~
3. ~~Eight-step mohawk sequence~~
4. ~~Forward and backward free skate cross strokes~~
5. ~~Backward power three-turns~~
6. ~~Forward double three-turns~~

Passing total would be adjusted accordingly.

Stroking: Power Circles

Counterclockwise Forward to Backward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight forward crossovers in a counterclockwise direction, 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 then change from forward to backward with either a LFO three-turn or a RFI to LBI mohawk. The skater will then perform eight backward crossovers in a counterclockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in both counterclockwise and clockwise directions. It is recommended that no more than 15 crossovers be utilized in completing each portion of this move. This move may start in either direction.

Clockwise Backward to Forward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight backward crossovers in a clockwise direction 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 then change from backward to forward with a LBO edge to a RFO edge. The skater will then perform eight forward crossovers in the clockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in both counterclockwise and clockwise directions. It is recommended that no more than 15 crossovers be utilized in completing each portion of this move. This move may start in either direction.

Focus: Power

110. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend rules TR 25.05 and TR 25.13 (pages 251, 254, MITF-24, MITF-25 and MITF-26) as follows:

TR 25.05 Intermediate Moves in the Field Test

1. ~~Stroking: Counterclockwise backward to forward and clockwise forward to backward power circles~~
2. ~~Backward double three-turns~~
3. ~~Spiral sequence~~
4. Brackets in the field sequence
5. Forward inside twizzles
6. Inside slide chassé pattern

TR 25.13 Intermediate Supplemental Moves in the Field Test

1. Forward and backward crossovers (see preliminary pattern 1)
2. Forward circle 8 (see preliminary pattern 5)
3. Forward and backward perimeter power stroking (see pre-juvenile pattern 1)
4. Backward circle 8 (see pre-juvenile pattern 5)
5. Eight-step mohawk sequence (see juvenile pattern 3)
6. Spiral sequence (see intermediate pattern 2)
7. ~~Forward inside twizzles (see intermediate pattern 4)~~

Passing total would be adjusted accordingly.

Stroking: Power Circles

Counterclockwise Backward to Forward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight backward crossovers in a counterclockwise direction 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 then change from backward to forward with a RBO edge to a LFO edge. The skater will then perform eight forward crossovers in the counterclockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases.

Clockwise Forward to Backward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight forward crossovers in a clockwise direction, 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 then change from forward to backward with either a RFO three-turn or a LFI to RBI mohawk. The skater will then perform eight backward crossovers in a clockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases.

Focus: Power

Spiral Sequence

The skater will begin with a LFO spiral that should be held until the long axis of the rink. The skater then brings the free leg down into a RFI open mohawk and steps wide with a two-foot power push transition to a backward right over left crossover. The skater will then push into a LBO spiral to be held until the long axis of the rink. Skater must step immediately into a RFI spiral. The free leg will drop into a RFI mohawk and lift again into a LBI spiral, also to be held until the long axis. Optional steps to repeat pattern in opposite direction starting with RFO spiral. Note: All spirals should be sustained with an extended free leg to demonstrate the skater's form and flexibility. Introductory steps are optional. This move may start on either foot.

Focus: Extension and edge quality

Forward Inside Twizzles

Forward outside twizzles: The skater will begin from a standing start with a LFO roll, forward cross stroke to a RFO twizzle which ends on RBI after 1½ revolutions. The skater will then step LFO to complete the set. Three twizzle sets are to be repeated across the width or down the length of the rink, and they should be repeated on the opposite foot in the same manner. **Forward inside twizzles:** For the second part of the move, The skater will begin from a standing start with a LFI roll to a RFI twizzle which ends on RBO after 1½ revolutions. The skater will then step LFI to complete the set. Three twizzle sets are to be repeated performed across the width or down the length of the rink, and The twizzles are then performed they should be repeated on the opposite foot in the same manner. This move may start in either direction.

Focus: Turn execution and continuous flow

111. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend rules TR 25.06 and TR 25.14 (pages 251, 254, MITF-31 and MITF-33) as follows:

TR 25.06 Novice Moves in the Field Test

1. Inside three-turns/rocker choctaws
2. Forward and backward outside counters
3. Forward and backward inside counters
4. Forward loops
5. Backward rocker choctaw sequence
6. Backward outside twizzles

Passing total would be adjusted accordingly.

TR 25.14 Senior Supplemental Moves in the Field Test

1. Inside three-turns/rocker-choctaws (see novice pattern 1)
2. Forward loops (see novice pattern 4)
3. Backward outside twizzles (see novice pattern 6)
4. Backward loop pattern (see junior pattern 5)
5. Straight line step sequence (see junior pattern 6)
6. Spiral sequence (see senior pattern 2)
7. Serpentine step sequence (see senior pattern 5)

Passing total would be adjusted accordingly.

Forward Loops

The move may be skated across the width or down the length of the rink and begins from a standing start. The skater will begin with a LFO swing roll to prepare for the first RFO loop. The skater then pushes into a LFO loop when returning to the axis. This is repeated twice. After the last LFO loop the skater should perform a RFI chassé to prepare for a LFI loop. This loop is followed by a push into a RFI loop. These loops are also repeated twice to complete the move. This move may start on either foot.

Focus: Edge quality and continuous flow

Backward Outside Twizzles

Backward outside twizzles: The skater will begin with a LFO three-turn changing edge into a LBO double twizzle with a two-foot push to assist the twizzle rotation. The skater then steps forward into a RFO three-turn, changing edge into a RBO

double twizzle, completing a ‘twizzle set’. Each ‘twizzle set’ is performed three times down the length of the rink.
Backward inside twizzles: The second part of the move begins with a RFI mohawk whose exit edge is the entry for a LBI double twizzle. The skater then steps on a RFI edge into a LFI mohawk whose exit edge is the entry for a RBI double twizzle, completing a ‘twizzle set’. Each set is performed three times down the length of the rink. This move may start in either direction. Introductory steps and end pattern are optional.

Focus: Turn execution and continuous flow

112. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 25.07 (pages 252 and MITF-37) as follows:

TR 25.07 Junior Moves in the Field Test

1. Forward and backward outside rockers
2. Forward and backward inside rockers
3. Power pulls
4. Choctaw sequence (*new pattern*)
5. Backward loop patterns
6. Straight line step sequence

Choctaw Sequence

The skater will perform a choctaw sequence that covers the entire diagonal length of the rink and which is then repeated on the second diagonal. This sequence is performed with ~~two consecutive~~ one set of choctaws (e.g. RBO to LFI to RBO) that ~~are~~ is then followed by a cross in front followed by one set of choctaws performed in the opposite direction (e.g. LBO to RFI to LBO). Introductory steps are optional. This move may start in either direction.

Focus: Edge quality and power

113. WITHDRAWN BY CHAIR – Singles Committee

114. REFERRED TO SINGLES COMMITTEE – Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 25.12 (pages 253, MITF-61, MITF-62 and MITF-65) as follows:

TR 25.12 Adult Gold Moves in the Field Test

1. Stroking: Counterclockwise forward to backward and clockwise backward to forward power circles
2. Stroking: Counterclockwise backward to forward and clockwise forward to backward power circles
3. Forward double three-turns
4. Backward double three-turns
5. Backward outside circle eight
6. Brackets in the field

Stroking: Power Circles (Adult Gold 1)

Counterclockwise Forward to Backward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight forward cross-overs in a counterclockwise direction, 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 then change from forward to backward with either a LFO three-turn or a RFI to LBI mohawk. The skater will then perform eight backward crossovers in a counterclockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in both counterclockwise and clockwise directions. It is recommended that no more than 15 crossovers be utilized in completing each portion of this move. This move may start in either direction.

Clockwise Backward to Forward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight backward crossovers in a clockwise direction 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 then change from backward to forward with a LBO edge to a RFO edge. The skater will then perform eight forward crossovers in the clockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases. Power circles are performed in both counterclockwise and clockwise directions. It is recommended that no more than 15 crossovers be utilized in completing each portion of this move. This move may start in either direction.

Focus: Power

Stroking: Power Circles (Adult Gold 2)

Counterclockwise Backward to Forward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight backward crossovers in a counterclockwise direction 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 then change from backward to forward with a RBO edge to a LFO edge. The skater will then perform eight forward crossovers in the counterclockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases.

Clockwise Forward to Backward: Starting from a standing position, the skater will perform eight forward crossovers in a clockwise direction, 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 then change from forward to backward with either a RFO three-turn or a LFI to RBI mohawk. The skater will then perform eight backward crossovers in a clockwise direction, starting with a slower tempo and progressively increasing in foot speed and acceleration throughout the entire move. As the skater accelerates, the circle circumference increases.

Focus: Power

Backward Outside Circle Eight

The skater will push from a standing start onto a backward outside edge and complete one two backward outside figure eights. Upon returning to center at the completion of the second circle, the skater will perform a backward inside figure eight by pushing onto a backward inside edge, thereby repeating the previously skated circle. The circles should be equal in size with each circle approximately three times the skater’s height. The skater may mark the center. This move may start on either foot.

Focus: Edge quality and continuous flow

115. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Delete rules TR 25.13 and TR 25.14 (page 254) as follows:

TR 25.13 Intermediate Supplemental Moves in the Field Test

May be taken after passing the intermediate moves and/or the adult gold moves in the field tests

1. Forward and backward crossovers (see preliminary pattern 1)
2. Forward circle 8 (see preliminary pattern 5)
3. Forward and backward perimeter power stroking (see pre-juvenile pattern 1)
4. Backward circle 8 (see pre-juvenile pattern 5)
5. Eight-step mohawk sequence (see juvenile pattern 3)
6. Spiral sequence (see intermediate pattern 2)
7. Forward twizzles (see intermediate pattern 4)

One element may be retried, if necessary:

	Passing Average	Passing Total
Standard	3.2	22.4
Adult	3.0	21.0
Masters	2.8	19.6

(Approximate time for test: 15 minutes)

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

TR 25.14 Senior Supplemental Moves in the Field Test

May be taken after passing the senior moves in the field test

1. Inside three-turns/rocker-choctaws (see novice pattern 1)
2. Forward loops (see novice pattern 4)
3. Backward twizzles (see novice pattern 6)
4. Backward loop pattern (see junior pattern 5)
5. Straight line step sequence (see junior pattern 6)
6. Spiral sequence (see senior pattern 2)
7. Serpentine step sequence (see senior pattern 5)

One element may be retried, if necessary:

	Passing Average	Passing Total
Standard	4.5	31.5
Adult	4.3	30.1
Masters	4.1	28.7

(Approximate time for test: 15 minutes)

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

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

116. APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 32.06, novice free skate jump requirements, (page 258) as follows:

TR 32.06 Novice Free Skate Test

Jumps: Recommended seven jump elements for men and six jump elements for ladies which must include the following:

1. Double Salchow (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
2. Double toe loop (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
3. Double loop (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
4. An Axel type jump (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)
- ~~5.~~ One jump combination consisting of two double jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

117. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4270 (page 147) as follows:

4270 PRE-PRELIMINARY WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

~~1:00 to 1:30 (refer to competition announcement)~~ **1:40 maximum** (rule 4052 will be updated accordingly)

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

118. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4280 (page 147) as follows:

4280 NO TEST WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

~~1:00 to 1:30 (refer to competition announcement)~~ **1:40 maximum** (rule 4052 will be updated accordingly)

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

119. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating, Theatrical Skating and Membership Committee

Amend rules MR 5.07 and MR 5.08 (page 60) as follows:

~~MR 5.07 Dues of Theatre On Ice/Teams members. Such dues are \$50 annually.~~

~~A. For Theatre On Ice/ Team membership the applicants must:~~

~~1A. Be a Theatre On Ice/ team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;~~

~~2. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org.~~

~~B. Register online through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site;~~

~~C. Pay annual dues as follows:~~

~~1. \$50 if affiliated with a club~~

~~2. \$100 if not affiliated with a club~~

~~MR 5.08 Dues of ~~competitive~~ Synchronized Skating Teams.~~

~~For synchronized skating team membership the applicant must:~~

~~A. Be a synchronized skating team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;~~

~~B. Register online through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site; and~~

~~C. Pay annual dues as follows:~~

~~1. \$50 if affiliated with a club~~

~~2. \$100 if not affiliated with a club~~

~~If entering competition(s), a synchronized skating team must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating by team name, club representation (if applicable) and with the name, address and telephone number of a contact person (coach, team manager, club president, etc.). If the team is not affiliated with a club then the team must also register as a Theatre On Ice/Team as per MR 5.07. Team registrations are valid from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 of a year.~~

~~A. Registration application forms are included in the club registration packet sent to all clubs and are also available through U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.~~

- B. Completed applications must be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters, who will then issue a registration card with a team registration number.
- C. The team registration fee is \$50 annually.
- D. Clubs are permitted to register more than one team at the same level.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

120.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rules 2851 and 2853 (page 122) as follows:

2850 Qualifying Rounds and Seeding – Synchronized Skating

2851 Synchronized qualifying rounds:

A. Sectional qualifying and championship rounds:

- 1. Seeded qualifying rounds will be held if more than 24 teams are entered in the senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate and adult levels or if more than 18 teams are entered in the juvenile and masters levels. Unseeded qualifying rounds will be held if more than 12 teams are entered in any nonqualifying levels. See rule 2852.
- 2. Advancement to the championship round will be per rule 2852;
- 3. In events with a short program (junior and senior), only the free skate ~~shall~~ will be skated in the qualifying round. Both the short program and the free skate shall be skated in the championship or final round, and the results will be combined.

B. National qualifying and championship rounds:

- 1. Qualifying rounds shall be held if more than 18 teams are entered in any event;
- 2. The event shall be divided into two seeded flights with the top five teams from each flight advancing to the championship round;
- 3. In events with a short program, only the free skate shall be skated in the qualifying round. Both the short program and the free skate shall be skated in the championship round, and the results will be combined.

C. If the number of entries is not evenly divisible by the number of flights required, the flights will be balanced as evenly as possible.

D. After the flights are determined, the skating order is in accordance with the order as drawn.

2853 Seeding ~~shall~~ will be carried out in the following manner whenever qualifying rounds are held:

A. Teams in qualifying rounds of sectional championships ~~shall~~ will be seeded in a zigzag fashion from their final round placement in the same levels in the most recent U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, sectional championship or, for those having no previous placement, by draw.

B. Seeding qualifying rounds for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships:

- 1. There must be at least two teams from each section entered in the respective level in order to seed as per rule 2853 (A);
- 2. Teams in qualifying rounds shall be seeded from their placement in the most recent sectional championships, provided there is competition in the respective level in all sections;
- 3. The order of seeding shall be determined by a separate draw and posted at the first official practice session. The draw shall be carried out by the referee at any convenient time after the closing of entries and in the presence of at least two judges or other officials;
- 4. When there is no competition in a level at all three sections, seeding shall be in zigzag fashion. Teams without competition at the sectional level shall be seeded by random draw. The order of seeding shall be in accordance with the order as drawn in rule 2853 (B)(2);

5. Seeding example: Synchronized Skating

Senior	
Group A	Group B
Midwest 1	East 1
East 2	Midwest 2
Midwest 3	East 3
East 4	Midwest 4
Remainder by random draw	

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

121.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rules 2911 and 2912 (page 123) as follows:

2910 Warm-Up Time – Synchronized Skating

2911 For all levels and segments at synchronized skating sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships ~~junior and senior short program and free skate~~, each team shall will be allowed a maximum of one minute of warm-up (without music) on the competition ice surface.

A. When the assistant ice referee signals, the next team to skate must enter the ice surface and stand quietly near the barrier.

B. The team is then announced, and the one minute time is reckoned from this point.

2912 For all other levels, each team shall be allowed a maximum of one minute (without music) on the competition ice surface. ~~For nonqualifying competitions, conduct of the warm-up is at the discretion of the referee but must be communicated to all teams prior to the start of their official practice session.~~ Each team will be allowed a maximum of one minute of warm up (without music) on the competition ice surface.

A. If the team is not placed onto the ice to stand near the barrier before being announced, warm up begins from the moment the first skater enters the ice surface.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

122.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 2947 (page 125) as follows:

2940 Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating

2947 Official practice ice for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships will be organized and skated by starting order as defined by the initial draw, by sections except as stated in rule 2943.

A. When the championships are held in the Eastern Section, the official practice ice skating order for each level is as follows: East, Pacific Coast, Midwest, byes.

B. When the championships are held in the Midwestern Section, the official practice ice skating order for each level is as follows: Midwest, East, Pacific Coast, byes.

C. When the championships are held in the Pacific Coast Section, the official practice ice skating order for each level is as follows: Pacific Coast, Midwest, East, byes.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

123.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Add new rule 7530 (page 239) and amend rules 2056 (B), 2823, 2824 (A), 2826 and 2942 (pages 239, 103, 120, 121 and 125) to add a new Open Masters division as follows:

7530 Open Masters Synchronized Skating

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: None

B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters who are 25 years of age or older with the majority of skaters 30 years of age or older

<u>OPEN MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</u>	
2:30 +/- 10 seconds	
<u>Must contain the following five elements in any order</u>	
<u>BLOCK</u>	One block element
<u>CIRCLE</u>	One circle element
<u>INTERSECTION</u>	One intersection element
<u>LINE</u>	One line element
<u>WHEEL</u>	One wheel element

OPEN MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

2:30 +/- 10 seconds

Must contain the following five elements in any order

STANDARDS

- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 7150).
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions.
- A minimum of two clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection. Excessive division into small groups without the reason mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Syncopated choreography may be used.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- Transitions may be comprised of varied and/or intricate footwork, linking steps, movements, formations and other connecting elements linking all of the required elements.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 7160 and 7170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 7110-7140.

2056 U.S. Synchronized and Synchronized Sectional Championships – Events

- A. The national and sectional synchronized skating championships shall will consist of the following levels: senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult and masters.
- B. The synchronized skating sectional championships shall will consist of the levels set forth in (A) and the following levels: preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate, and open adult and open masters.

2823 In each qualifying competition a team may skate the number of members permitted for its level as specified in rules 7200 through 7520 7530. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rule 2821.

2824 Documents required for qualifying competitions:

- A. Proof of age (i.e. copy of birth certificate, passport, driver’s license, notarized affidavit, etc.) for members of senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile synchronized skating teams must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating by Dec. 1, prior to the member entering their first qualifying competition. Such proof needs to be submitted only once per member. Upon receiving valid proof of age, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will flag the member record and immediately destroy any documentation. The roster is to be verified by headquarters on a yearly basis. Adult, open adult, masters and open masters synchronized skating teams must provide proof of age if so requested by the referee and/or local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered.

2826 An individual skater may skate on more than one, but not more than two, synchronized skating teams, as long as the respective teams are in different levels. All the stipulations of rules 2056, 2827 and 7200–7520 7530 must be adhered to. The following matrix defines allowed crossovers:

Level in which athlete is skating	Level to which athlete is allowed to cross over													
	Pre-Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Open Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Preliminary	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Collegiate	Adult	Masters
Pre-Juvenile														
Open Juvenile														
Open Collegiate														
Open Adult														
Open Masters														
Preliminary														
Juvenile								X	X					
Intermediate							X		X	X	X			
Novice							X	X		X	X			

Level in which athlete is skating	Level to which athlete is allowed to cross over													
	Pre-Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Open Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Preliminary	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Collegiate	Adult	Masters
Junior								X	X		X	X		
Senior								X	X	X		X	X	
Collegiate										X	X		X	
Adult											X	X		X
Masters													X	

The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An “X” indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined in rules 2056, 2827 and 7200-7520 7530.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

124. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7260 (page 233)** as follows:

7260 Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Skating

PRE-JUVENILE SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

~~2:00~~ 2:15 +/- 10 seconds

Must contain the following ~~five~~ six elements in any order:

- Block
- Circle
- Creative
- Intersection
- Line
- Wheel

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

125. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rules 7250, 7260, 7270, 7510 and 7520 (pages 233-234, 238)** — open juvenile, pre-juvenile, preliminary, masters and open adult well-balanced free skates — as follows:

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions.
- The team may use a variety of holds.

Balance of rules remain unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

126. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2823 (page 121)** and add **new rule 2828 (page 121)** as follows:

2823 In each qualifying competition a team may skate the number of members permitted for its level as specified in rules 7200 through 7520 7530. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821 and 2828.

2828 In divisions which specify that a majority of skaters must meet an age requirement, the majority requirement applies to both the full roster of skaters submitted for the competition, including alternates, and the total number of skaters competing.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

127.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7250 (B), (page 233)** as follows:

7250 Open Juvenile Synchronized Skating

B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters under age 20 with the majority of the team under age 19

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

128.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Add **new rules 2942 and 2946**, and amend **rules 2941-2945 (pages 124-125)** as follows:

2940 Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating

2941 Official practice ice at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and synchronized skating sectional championships is to be conducted in ~~12-, or 10- or 8-~~ minute segments.

2942 Teams entered in the following events are provided an 8-minute official practice ice segment: open juvenile free skate, pre-juvenile free skate, preliminary free skate, open adult free skate and open masters free skate.

29423 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 10-minute official practice ice segment: senior short program, junior short program, novice free skate, intermediate free skate, juvenile free skate, adult free skate, masters free skate, ~~open juvenile free skate, pre-juvenile free skate, preliminary free skate, open adult free skate and open collegiate free skate.~~

29434 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 12-minute official practice ice segment: senior free skate, junior free skate and collegiate free skate. The skating order for the senior and junior free skate practice ice segments will be determined by the draw for the respective free skates.

29445 For the practice ice segment for sectional and the U.S. Synchronized Championships, each team ~~shall~~ will be allowed a short warm-up period prior to the start of the music. Each team ~~shall~~ will be allowed to have their music played two times. No stopping or restarting of the music will be allowed once the music has been started.

2946 For the free skate 8-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than the five-minute mark of the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for both playings. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

Current rules 2945-2949 will be renumbered accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

129.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rules 7280 (B) and 7290 (B) (pages 235-236)** as follows:

7280 Collegiate Synchronized Skating

B. Requirements as of the closing date for entries: 12-20 skaters, all of whom must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university and must be as full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend.

7290 Open Collegiate Synchronized Skating

B. Requirements as of the closing date for entries: 8-16 skaters, all of whom must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university and must be as full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

130.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule TPCR 4.02 (C)(1) (page 78)** as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

C. Nonqualifying singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:

1. A former senior; ~~or junior or novice competitor at a sectional championship~~ in the discipline in which they serve at either regional championships (singles, pairs and ice dance) or sectional synchronized skating championships (synchronized skating); or a former senior competitor at a regional championship in the discipline in which they serve (singles).

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

131.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.02 (C)(2) (page 78) as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- C. Nonqualifying singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:
2. The coach/coaches responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitor^s' training described in (1) above;

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

132.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.02 (C)(3) (page 78) as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- C. Nonqualifying singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:
3. A regional sectional-level competition judge in the discipline in which they serve.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

133.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.02 (E) (page 78) as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- E. ~~Must be retired as an active competitor for at least one year~~ If serving in a qualifying event competition:
1. Must be retired as an active competitor for at least one year if serving in a singles event;
 2. Must be retired as an active competitor for at least one year if serving in a pairs or ice dance event, except in extraordinary circumstances involving pairs ice dancing or synchronized skating events; and subject to the approval of the Technical Panel Committee chair, the Competitions Committee chair and the Technical Group coordinator;
 3. Must be retired as an active competitor for at least one year from the level in which the specialist is serving, if serving in a synchronized skating event.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

134.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rules TPCR 4.01, TPCR 4.02 (D), TPCR 4.03 (B) and TPCR 4.04 (B) (pages 78-79) as follows:

TPCR 4.01 Technical controller qualifications

- E. Must be at least 21 years of age.

Re-letter remaining paragraphs accordingly.

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- D. ~~Must be at least 18~~ 21 years of age.

TPCR 4.03 Data operator qualifications:

- B. ~~Must be at least 18~~ 21 years of age.

TPCR 4.04 Video replay operator (for events using video replay) qualifications:

- B. ~~Must be at least 18~~ 21 years of age if serving in a qualifying event.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

135.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rules TPCR 5.02-5.04 (page 79) as follows:

TPCR 5.00 Appointment Process

TPCR 5.02 Applications Recommendations for promotion to national technical specialists, national data operators and national technical controllers ~~shall~~ should include:

- A. A summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e. experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.);
- B. Documentation of successful completion of the ~~ISU~~ or U.S. Figure Skating certification process.

TPCR 5.03 Applications to test for appointment as a technical specialist, technical controller or data operator should be sent to the person designated under the guidelines for promotion established by the Technical Panel Committee.

A. ~~For national technical specialist, national technical controller or national data operator: to the chair of the Technical Panel Committee.~~

B. ~~For sectional, regional and nonqualifying technical specialist, technical controller or data operator: to the person designated under the guidelines for promotion established by the Technical Panel Committee.~~

TPCR 5.04 The chair ~~shall~~ will notify the applicant of the decision of the Technical Panel Committee; and of that of the Board of Directors relative to national appointments.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

136. APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend rules TPCR 6.00-6.05 (page 79) as follows:

TPCR 6.00 Inactive Status

TPCR 6.01 A technical panel official who has not met the minimum activity requirements established by the Technical Panel Committee served on a technical panel at a competition or attended a National Technical Panel Seminar or continuing education school in the preceding two skating seasons (July 1 to June 30) will be considered inactive deemed to have resigned their appointment(s) as a technical panel official and will be removed from the list of technical panel officials accordingly.

TPCR 6.02 Inactive status for a one-year period may be granted by the appropriate sectional vice chair for the Technical Panel Committee upon written request by a technical panel official. Such inactive status may be extended for one year, if requested, but inactive status may not exceed two years.

TPCR 6.03 During the period of inactive status a technical panel official will remain on file at U.S. Figure Skating headquarters as an inactive technical panel official and will receive all communications directed to technical panel officials. A technical panel official is not eligible to serve as a technical panel official at competitions while registered with inactive status.

TPCR 6.04 Upon written request of an inactive technical panel official for reinstatement to active status, an official must attend and pass a test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or a continuing education school approved by the chair for reinstatement purposes, and the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Technical Panel Committee will designate the activity needed for the candidate to regain full active status as a technical panel official.

TCPR 6.05 If an inactive technical panel official does not request reinstatement to active status after two years, said official will be deemed to have resigned their appointment(s) as a technical panel official and will be removed from the list of technical panel officials accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

137. APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Add new rules TPCR 6.10-6.14 (page 79) as follows:

TPCR 6.10 Retirement or Resignation

TPCR 6.11 Technical panel officials in good standing who have served a minimum of 10 years at any level and who wish to retire voluntarily from all of their appointments will be awarded a certificate as Emeritus Technical Panel Official U.S. Figure Skating. The request for this status must be made in writing to the appropriate sectional vice chair on the Technical Panel Committee. This is honorific only and carries no right to officiate any competition.

TPCR 6.12 National technical panel officials desiring to resign some or all of their technical panel appointments must submit a written notice to the chair of the Technical Panel Committee to that effect. The chair will accept the resignation and report such action to the Board of Directors at its next ensuing meeting. If the official has resigned all appointments, the official's name will be removed from the official list of technical panelists at the meeting unless other action is directed by the Board of Directors.

TPCR 6.13 ISU and international technical panel officials desiring to resign ISU appointments must submit a similar notice of resignation to the chair of the Technical Panel Committee and the chair of the International Judges and Officials Committee. After consideration by the International Judges and Officials Committee and the report of their recommendations by the chair to the Board of Directors for approval, the official will be notified of the action taken. As directed by the chair, headquarters will notify the ISU for appropriate action by that body.

TPCR 6.14 All other technical panel officials desiring to resign their appointments must submit a written notice to that effect and the reasons for resigning to the appropriate sectional vice chair on the Technical Panel Committee. The vice chair will accept the resignation and notify U.S. Figure Skating headquarters to remove the official's name from the official list of technical panelists.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

138.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Add **new rules TPCR 6.20-6.21 (page 79)** as follows:

TPCR 6.20 Honorary National Technical Panel Officials

TPCR 6.21 Honorary national technical panel officials are appointed by the Board of Directors from among those national singles, national pairs, national dance and national synchronized skating technical specialists and technical controllers; and national singles/pairs/dance and national synchronized skating data operators who resign as per rule TPCR 6.12.

A. Recommendations for such appointments are made by the chair of the Technical Panel Committee and supported by such information from the appropriate sectional vice chair or national vice chair of synchronized skating as may be deemed necessary by the chair.

B. Certificates will be awarded to persons appointed.

C. Technical panel officials in the honorary classification are eligible to return to an appropriate active classification per rule TPCR 6.04 should the reasons for their inactivity cease to exist.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

139.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Singles/Pairs Referee:** Aristeo Brito, Miami, Fla.; Nancy Iida, Irving, Texas
- **National Synchronized Skating Referee:** Richard Perez, Mountain View, Calif.
- **National Accountant:** Kathy Anderson, Stillwater, Minn.; Colleen Newman, Plano, Texas; Sandra Phelan, Elburn, Ill
- **National Music Coordinator:** Doug Scott, Durham, N.C.

140.ACKNOWLEDGED – Competitions Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Martha Cogan, Elsau, Ill. (National Accountant) – passed away Feb. 13, 2014
- Rebecca Watford, Canton, Miss. (National Accountant) – passed away Feb. 7, 2014

141.ACCEPTED – Competitions Committee

The following national resignations:

- Robert Bell, Lincoln, R.I. (National Synchronized Referee)
- John Chrien, Beachwood, Ohio (National Accountant)
- Suzanne Courtright, Arlington, Va. (National Accountant)

142.APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Dance Judge:** Laurie Lind, Livermore, Calif.; Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.
- **National Singles/Pairs Judge;** Jeffrey Charbonneau, N. Hollywood, Calif.; John Cole, Baltimore, Md.; Allison Duarte, Cumberland, R.I.; Mariam Mohajer-Rahbari, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Gregory Rouw, St. Cloud, Minn.

143.ACKNOWLEDGED – Judges Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Marilyn Aamodt, Garden Grove, Calif. (National Dance Judge) – passed away March 14, 2014
- Gerald Gearheart, W. Newton, Mass. (National Dance Judge) – passed away Feb. 17, 2014

144.ACCEPTED – Judges Committee

The following national resignation:

- Robert Bell, Lincoln, R.I. (National Synchronized Judge and National Theatre On Ice Judge)

145.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Data Operator – Singles/Pairs/Dance:** Jeffrey Charbonneau, N. Hollywood, Calif.; Andrew Lam, Lake Worth, Fla.; Julia Rey, Warminster, Pa.
- **National Technical Specialist – Dance:** Stephanie Zastrow, Forest Lake, Minn.
- **National Technical Specialist – Singles:** Lisa May, Denver, Colo.

146.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule 6222 (page 200) as follows:

6222 Elements for Novice Free Dance 2014-15

NOVICE FREE DANCE 3:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
DANCE LIFTS	<p>Not more than There is a choice for the number and types of lifts performed: Option A: One short lift and one long lift OR Option B: Three <u>Two different types of</u> short lifts (only one type may be repeated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long lifts may be held for up to 12 seconds • Short lifts may be held for up to six seconds

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

147.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 54.03, novice free dance test lifts, (page 274) as follows:

TR 54.03 Novice Free Dance Test

Lifts: Either ~~one short lift and one long lift or three~~ two different short lifts. ~~If three short lifts are used, only one type of lift may be repeated.~~ ~~A~~ The long lift (not to exceed 12 seconds) can be chosen from reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift. The short lifts (not to exceed six seconds) can be chosen from stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift.

Balance of rule remains unchanged

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

148.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 5240 (page 176) as follows:

5240 Juvenile Pairs 2014-15

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:30 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
LIFTS	<p>Maximum of two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each lift may be chosen from Group 1 or 2 (so both may be from Group 1, both may be from Group 2 or one may be from Group 1 and one may be from Group 2) • Lifts from same group must have different take offs • One of the lifts may be a single twist lift (take off must be flip or Lutz) • Variations of the lady’s position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted • Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

149.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 5230 (page 174) as follows:

5230 Intermediate Pairs 2014-15

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM 2:30 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order	
TWIST LIFT	One <u>single</u> twist lift (single or double) • Take off must be a flip or a Lutz

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

150.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 5230 (page 175) as follows:

5230 Intermediate Pairs 2014-15

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
TWIST LIFT	Maximum of one <u>single</u> (single or double) • Take off must be flip or Lutz

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

151.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 1071 (A)(8)(d) (pages 90-91) as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

A. Total technical score for each segment (pattern dance, short program, short dance, free skate, free dance)

8. In singles and pairs:

d. Special Factor:

- i. In the ladies and men’s short program and free skate, the base values (but not the grade of execution) of all jump elements started 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.
- ii. In the pairs free skate, the base value (but not the grade of execution) of all throw jumps, jump elements, lifts and twist lifts started in the second half of the program will be multiplied by a special factor of 1.1.
- iii. Each factored base value will be rounded to two decimal places.
- iv. For the short program, the second half begins in the middle of the maximum time allowed. For the free skate, the second half begins in the middle of the required time without taking into account the plus or minus 10 seconds allowance.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the corresponding ISU proposal for junior and senior is approved at the ISU Congress in June 2014.*

152.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rules 5220 and 5230 (pages 173-175) as follows:

5220 Novice Pairs 2015-16

NOVICE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:30 3:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one • Must fully utilize the ice surface

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

5230 Intermediate Pairs 2015-16

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM 2:30 <u>2:15</u> maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order	
TWIST LIFT	One twist lift (single or double) • Take off must be a flip or a Lutz

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:00 <u>2:30</u> +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one • Must fully utilize the ice surface

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the junior/senior reductions in program length and elements are approved at the ISU Congress, June 2014.*

153.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend rule 5240 (page 176) as follows:

5240 Juvenile Pairs 2015-16

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:30 <u>2:15</u> +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
DEATH SPIRAL/ PIVOT FIGURE	Maximum of one • Can be death spiral or pivot figure • Regular hand-to-hand hold required • In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the man clearly in pivot position

154.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend rules TR 39.04 and TR 39.03 (page 263) as follows:

TR 39.04 Novice Pair Test

The novice pair test must consist of a program with connecting moves and footwork. The pair must demonstrate basic pair unison and good form and flow. The program should utilize the full ice surface and be skated with expression in time to the music. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum one 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 six revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately) minimum two revolutions in each position
- G. One solo spin combination, minimum six revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), change of foot optional and, if performed, minimum three revolutions on each foot
- H. One death spiral, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. ~~One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.~~

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: ~~3:30~~ 3:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.5 Passing total: 7.0

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

TR 39.03 Intermediate Pair Test

The intermediate pair test must consist of a program skated rhythmically and in harmony with the music. The pair must show a moderate degree of pair unison, with good form and flow, while fully utilizing the ice surface. It is also expected that the pair will demonstrate some of the more advanced fundamentals of pair skating including intermediate-based moves in the field in mirror and/or shadow skating. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts to be chosen from the following:
 - Group 1 lifts
 - Waist lift
 - The forward press, two-handed star or platter lift (only one of these may be done)
- 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 five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner, either together or separately (minimum two revolutions in each position) no change of foot
- G. One solo spin combination, minimum five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- H. One death spiral, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. ~~One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.~~

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: ~~3:00~~ 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.2 Passing total: 6.4

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

Implementation date: Sept. 2, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the junior/senior reductions in program length and elements are approved at the ISU Congress, June 2014.*

155.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rules TR 39.02 (page 262)** as follows:

TR 39.02 Juvenile Pair Test

The juvenile pair test must consist of a program with a variety of moves and connecting steps skated to the music. The pair must utilize the ice surface with some degree of unison in good form while demonstrating the fundamentals of pair skating. The following elements are required:

- A. Two lifts from Group 1 or one lift may be the waist lift from Group 2, minimum one 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 four revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- F. One solo spin or combination spin, minimum five revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- G. ~~One death or pivot spiral, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position~~
- H. ~~One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.~~

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: ~~2:30~~ 2:15 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.0 Passing total: 6.0

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

156.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4220, the novice men’s well-balanced free skate, (page 142) as follows:

4220 Novice Singles 2015-16

	NOVICE MEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:30 3:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of seven <u>six</u> jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump • Up to three jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences • Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps • The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited • No more than one double Axel and two different triple jumps can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence • There may be no more than two attempts of the same type of any double or triple jump

Implementation date: July 1, 2015*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the junior/senior reductions in program length and elements are approved at the ISU Congress, June 2014.*

157.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4220 (page 142) so the novice ladies jump repeat rules are the same as the novice men’s jump repeat rules:

4220 Novice Singles

NOVICE LADIES WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE (2015-16)

- No more than one double Axel and two different triple jumps can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence
- ~~No more than two different jumps with 2½ or three revolutions can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2015*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the junior/senior reductions in program length and elements are approved at the ISU Congress, June 2014.*

158.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 32.06 (page 258) as follows:

TR 32.06 Novice Free Skate Test

Jumps: Recommended ~~seven~~ jump elements for men and six jump elements for ladies which must include the following:

Duration: Ladies — 3:00 +/- 10 seconds; Men — ~~3:30 +/- 10 seconds~~ to music of the skater’s choice.
Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: Sept. 2, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the junior/senior reductions in program length and elements are approved at the ISU Congress, June 2014.*

159.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 7220 (page 230, **Novice Synchronized Skating**) to delete the “~~Block OR Circle Step Sequence~~” from the list of well-balanced program requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the corresponding ISU proposals are approved at the ISU Congress in June 2014.*

160.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7220 (page 230, Novice Synchronized Skating)** to include choice of Creative Element OR Combined Element.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the corresponding ISU proposals are approved at the ISU Congress in June 2014.*

161.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7230 (page 231, Intermediate Synchronized Skating)** to include choice of Creative Element OR Combined Element.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the corresponding ISU proposals are approved at the ISU Congress in June 2014.*

162.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7500 (page 237, Adult Synchronized Skating)** to include choice of Creative Element OR Combined Element.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014*

**Note: This item will ONLY become effective if the corresponding ISU proposals are approved at the ISU Congress in June 2014.*

163.DID NOT APPROVE – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule 3032 (C) (page 128)** as follows:

3030 Nonqualifying Competitions – Officials

3032 For all sanctioned, nonqualifying competitions, the local organizing committee must select the following officials:

C. Technical Panel Officials (for IJS events only, see rule 2133) to include at a minimum:

1. Technical controller
2. Technical specialist
3. Assistant technical specialist

In an emergency situation, when a shortage of technical panel personnel arises during a competition, the chief referee may assign one technical controller and one technical specialist to the technical panel.

164.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule TPCR 2.01 (D)(2) (page 77)** as follows:

TPCR 2.00 Organization

TPCR 2.01 The Technical Panel Committee will consist of a chair and vice chairs as outlined below, plus additional members as necessary to conduct the business of the committee:

D. A national vice chair of Technical Panel Education;

1. The national vice chair of Technical Panel Education will be responsible for the development of educational standards and promotional exam standards for Technical Panel Seminars.
2. Reporting to the national vice chair are five vice chairs: one for each discipline (singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating) and one or two for data operators (for singles/pairs/dance and synchronized skating).

Implementation date: May 4, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

165. APPROVED – Rules Committee

Add rule GR 1.06 (page 22) as follows:

GR 1.06 Enforcement

Failure by any U.S. Figure Skating member or representative to enforce any bylaw or rule of U.S. Figure Skating does not preclude the rule from being enforced in the future.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

166. APPROVED – Grievance Committee

Amend rule GCR 9.03 (page 43) as follows:

GCR 9.03

A. Once a final decision is issued, U.S. Figure Skating must publish the following information in SKATING magazine and on usfigureskating.org:

A1. The name of the Grievant and Respondent;

B2. The nature of the Grievance and the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule alleged to have been violated;

€3. The outcome of the Grievance and discipline imposed, if any.

B. When a grievance is resolved by Stipulated Resolution that includes, as a part of the Stipulated Resolution, discipline of the Respondent involving suspension or termination of Respondent's U.S. Figure Skating membership, U.S. Figure Skating must publish the following information in SKATING magazine and on usfigureskating.org:

1. The name of the Grievant and Respondent;

2. The nature of the Grievance and the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule alleged to have been violated;

3. The outcome of the Grievance and discipline imposed, if any.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

167. REFERRED TO COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE (with Coaches Committee, PSA representation and two coach members of the Board of Directors) – Lynn Goldman, Chair, Competitions Committee, and Terri Levine, Delegate, Skating Club of New York

Amend rule 2466 (page 129) as follows:

2466 When there are more than 24 entries in any event, the number of qualifying round groups as well as the total number advancing to the championship round are listed below. The top two placed skaters from each qualifying group will automatically advance to the championship round. The remaining skaters in all qualifying groups will advance to the championship round based on ranking of their total segment score (TSS). In the case of a tie of total points, the decision will be made on the total element score (TES). If a tie remains, both skaters will advance. the number of places advancing from each qualifying round group to the championship round is shown in the following chart:

Note: The actual number of skaters in the championship round (CR) may increase if there are ties.

168. APPROVED – Michelle L. Freter, Delegate, Las Vegas FSC

Amend rule 1014 (page 89) as follows:

1014 The Pacific Coast Section is divided into three regional areas listed below for the purpose of these championships known as Central Pacific, Northwest Pacific and Southwest Pacific. These championships shall be qualifying for the Pacific Coast Championships.

A. Central Pacific Region: California (from and including Visalia and all cities north thereof), Hawaii, Nevada (excluding Las Vegas), Utah and, for synchronized skating only, Colorado teams;

B. Northwest Pacific Region: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming;

C. Southwest Pacific Region: Arizona; and California (including all cities south of Visalia); and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

169.APPROVED – Janis Engel, Delegate, All Year FSC

Amend rule 6076 (page 192) as follows:

6076 Introductory steps:

- A. For pattern dances, ~~whether~~ when using ISU music ~~or not~~, the introductory period may be up to eight measures with an unlimited number of steps.
- B. All pattern dances may be started with optional introductory steps/movements which must not exceed the introductory phrasing (eight measures) of the particular tune (unless otherwise specified).
- C. The judges must penalize couples exceeding an eight-measure introduction. The Finnstep is an exception to this rule due to the introductory phrasing of the ISU's official Finnstep music, which is less than eight measures. The deduction for the introductory steps exceeding the introductory phrasing does not apply to this dance.

Implementation date: July 1, 2014

170.DID NOT APPROVE – George Rossano, Delegate, Glacier Falls FSC, and Morry Stillwell, Delegate, Escondido FSC

Amend rule 3000 (page 127) as follows:

3000 Nonqualifying Competitions – Sanctions

Nonqualifying competitions and non-national special competitions require a sanction from either the appropriate regional vice chair of the Competitions Committee, or in the case of synchronized competitions, the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee.

- A. Nonqualifying competitions may be divided into different classes of events with such rules for eligibility in the different classes as the local organizing committee may determine.
- B. Competitions open to skaters of both the United States and Canada require sanctions from both the Competitions Committee and Skate Canada.
- C. A detailed announcement setting forth the specific rules for the competition and for the events offered, as well as procedures that are different from those listed in these rules, must be submitted with the official sanction application to the regional vice chair for approval and sanctioning. The use of the standardized nonqualifying competition announcement, found at usfigureskating.org, is optional.
- D. Nonqualifying competitions must not be publicized nor held until the announcement has been approved and the sanction awarded.
- E. Disputes over dates for hosting nonqualifying competitions will be arbitrated by the Competitions Committee regional vice chair(s) granting the disputed sanctions. Should agreement between the affected clubs not be achieved, the regional vice chair(s) will have the authority to mandate a solution after consultation with the appropriate sectional vice chair. Should the decision involve more than one regional vice chair and the regional vice chairs are not able to reach an agreement, the chair of the Competitions Committee will mandate the solution. The same procedure will be followed for synchronized events but at the sectional vice chair level.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

171.APPROVED ratification and confirmation of all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year except those actions that were rescinded, referred or amended by the Governing Council.

172.ACCEPTED the audit report.

173.ADOPTED the budget as amended (added up to \$30,000 for legal fees for outside legal counsel to review all of the association bylaws and revise them to correct inconsistencies, improve cross-references, make them more workable and adjust them to current best practices for Colorado not-for-profit corporations) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

174.ELECTED the following members of the Board of Directors:

President	Samuel Auxier
Eastern and First Vice President	Kathaleen Kelly Cutone
Pacific Coast and Second Vice President	Hal Marron
Midwestern and Third Vice President	Lainie DeMore
Secretary	Heather Nemier
Treasurer	Bob Anderson
Athlete Services Group Coordinator	Doug Williams
Membership Development Group Coordinator	Edward Mann
Technical Group Coordinator	Lynn Goldman
Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator	Gretchen Bonnie
Coaching Member	Karen Kwan Oppegard
Coaching Member	Benjamin Miller Reisman

175.ANNOUNCED the athlete members of the Board of Directors as elected by the athletes:

Pilar Bosley (ice dancing)
Derrick Delmore (singles)*
Amanda Evora (pairs)
Erika Hoffman (synchronized skating)
*Non-voting member of the Board of Directors

176.The President **ACCEPTED** the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

Adult Skating	Jason Spicer
Athlete Development	Kimberly Heim
Coaches	Alex Chang
Collegiate Program	Katherine Specht
Competitions	John Cole
Dance	Julia Rey
Ethics	Jaclyn Ward Vargo
Grievance	Steve Wolkin
International	Wendy Enzmann
Judges	Kevin Rosenstein
Membership	Alan Wolf
Memorial Fund	Bill Coyle
Pairs	Troy Goldstein
Parents	Linda Ogawa
Program Development	Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Rules	Linda Chihara
Sanctions and Eligibility	Dee Pascoe
Selections	Lorrie Parker
Singles	Ann Barr
Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating	Jean Fahmie
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Ellen Geminiani
State Games	Bonnie Boaz
Strategic Planning	Winston Burbank
Synchronized Skating	Robin Greenleaf
Technical Panel	Dana Graham
Tests	Eric Hampton
Theatrical Skating	Roland Bessette

177.The president **APPOINTED** the following committee chair to fill a vacated position:

International Judges and Officials	Shawn Rettstatt
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178.The President **ANNOUNCED** the following appointments: ISU Representative – Gale Tanger

179.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2014-15:

Elected by the 2014 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term:

Lucy Brennan (NA)	Peggy Graham (SW)	Pam Dawson (NWP)
Allison Duarte (NE)	Kristin Arneson Cutler (UGL)	Lexi Rohner (SWP)

Elected by the 2013 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year two):

Robert Wagner (SA)	Kathy Slack (EGL)	Veronica Nebb (CP)
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Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term:

Derrick Delmore (E)	Mark Ladwig (M)	Jonathan Cassar (P)
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180.ANNOUNCED that the 2015 Governing Council meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 1-3, 2015.

181.ELECTED Patricia St. Peter as an Honorary Member of U.S. Figure Skating, per Article V, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.