

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

taken by the

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Colorado Springs, Colorado - November 1-2, 2002

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Facsimile ballots - various dates

III BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Norfolk, Virginia - May 7, 2003

IV. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Norfolk, Virginia - May 9-10, 2003

The actions contained in this document reflect all business transacted by the USFSA Board of Directors and Governing Council for the 2002/2003 season and will be reflected in the 2004 edition of the Rulebook. This combined report is an effort to simplify the reporting process in that you will need only refer to one document for the final actions. All approved actions will go into effect Sept. 1, 2003 (Test Rules go into effect Sept. 2, 2003) unless otherwise stated in the action

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NOVEMBER 2002:

- 1. ADOPTED** a resolution honoring the memory of Past President Jimmy Disbrow.
- 2. RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the Board of Directors meeting held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 8, 2002 approving the Minutes.
- 3. APPROVED** the following sanctions:

Provisional Sanctions

- 2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY - April 14-17, 2004
- 2004 Skate America
Pittsburgh FSC, Pittsburgh, PA – October 21-24, 2004
- 2004 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships
San Diego FSC, San Diego, CA - March 1-7, 2004
- 2006 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Heartland Interclub Association, St. Louis, MO – January 7-15, 2006

Final Sanctions

- 2003 Skate America
Reading, Penn. - October 23-25, 2003
- 2003 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Dallas FSC/Lone Star FSC, Dallas, Tex. - January 12-18, 2003
- 2003 National Collegiate Championships
St. Paul FSC, Minneapolis, MN - August 13-16, 2003
- 2003 North American Challenge Skate
Lake Placid, NY – July 10-13, 2003
- 2003 North American Challenge Skate
Cleveland, OH – July 31-August 3, 2003
- Hershey's Kisses FS Challenge
Auburn Hills, MI - December 13, 2002
- Hallmark Open International
Columbus, OH – December 14, 2002
- Spring Open
Location TBA – April 2003

- 4. APPROVED** to reinstate the following persons to fully eligible status:

Name	Club	Reason	Status
Nanette Horner	Atlantic City FSC	Compete	Reinstated
Erin Johnson	Champlain Valley FSC	Compete	Reinstated
Dorothy Martin	SC of Phoenix	Compete	Reinstated
Paula Trujillo	SC of Nevada	Club activities	Reinstated
Edward Van Campen	American Academy	Compete	Reinstated

5. **ELECTED** Troy Goldstein for a three-year term as the Athlete Representative on the USFS Foundation's Board of Trustees.

6. **DID NOT APPROVE** amending the USFS Foundation's Bylaws to change the Board of Trustees quorum from two-thirds to a simple majority.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY FACSIMILE BALLOTS ON THE DATES OF December 9, 2002, January 27, 2003, February 4, 2003, February 20, 2003, March 14, 2003

1. **APPROVED** to reinstate the following person to fully eligible status:

Name	Club	Reason
Eric Walden	Flagstaff FSC	Compete Adult

2. **APPROVED** to grant a provisional sanction to the Coyotes SC of Arizona to host the 2004 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, December 2-6, 2003.

3. **APPROVED** the following new nominations to the ISU in April of 2003:

International Referee for S/P	Anne Cammett
World Exam for S/P	Anne Cammett Deborah Currie Charles Cyr
World Exam for Dance	Jenny Mast
International Judge for Synchronized	Dann Krueger Wendy Enzmann

4. **APPROVED** the following new nominations to the ISU in April of 2004:

International Judge for S/P	Wendy Enzmann Doug Williams
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5. **APPROVED** to reinstate the following person to fully eligible

Name	Club	Reason
Debi Gold	Capitol City FSC	Compete Adult

6. **APPROVED** the promotion of Mary Karen Henderson to National Dance Judge

7. **APPROVED** the nomination of Mary Karen Henderson to the ISU as an international dance judge.

8. **APPROVED** the nomination of Steve Winkler to the ISU as a championship referee.

III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MAY 2003:

1. **APPROVED** to amend the following Convention Standing Rules items 3, 4, 7 and 15 under General Information to read as follows:

3. No action, with the exception of unanimous consent, nominations, those presented by committee or in the meeting book, can be requested nor discussion allowed unless a motion has been made and seconded.

4. Substantive motions must be published in the meeting book or presented on USFSA New Business forms supplied at the meeting.

Friendly amendments to the motion will not be accepted.

7. A speaker may not exceed three minutes on any subject unless consent of the assembly is obtained. A request for such consent should be addressed to the chair. Discussion on any subject shall not exceed fifteen minutes unless consent of the assembly is obtained.

15. Voting cards will be used for all votes, with the exception of ballot votes, at the Board of Directors meeting and at the Governing Council. There will be no voice votes.

2. RECEIVED the report of the Minutes Committee to the Board of Directors meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 1 and 2, 2002, approving the Minutes.

3. APPOINTED the new Minutes Committee of Tamie Campbell (M) (Chair), Wendy Enzmann (E), and Joyce Burden (P) as members.

4. APPOINTED the following persons as Governors of the Collegiate Skating Institute: Patricia K. Hagedorn, Vicki Korn and Susan Magalnick

5. ANNOUNCED that the annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held October 31 - November 1, 2003 in Colorado Springs, CO at the Colorado Springs Sheraton Hotel.

6. APPROVED the following sanctions:

Final Sanctions

- 2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
SC of Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY - April 14-17, 2004
- 2004 Skate America
Pittsburgh FSC, Pittsburgh, PA – October 21-24, 2004
- 2004 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships
San Diego FSC, San Diego, CA - March 1-7, 2004
- 2004 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships
Coyotes SC of Arizona, Scottsdale, AZ - December 2-6, 2003
- North American Challenge Skate
Lake Placid, NY – July 10-13, 2003
- North American Challenge Skate
Cleveland, OH – July 31-August 3, 2003
- Campbell's International Figure Skating Classic
Madison Square Garden, New York, NY – October 3, 2003
- International Figure Skating Challenge
Auburn Hills, MI – December Date TBA
- Grand Prix Final
Colorado Springs, CO – December 12-14, 2003
- National Showcase America
Lone Star FSC, Frisco, TX – August 1-7, 2004

Provisional Sanctions

- 2004 National Collegiate
Location TBA – August 2004
- International Figure Skating Challenge
Northwestern U.S. – April 2004

7. APPROVED the following promotions

- Hal Marron, National Referee
- Sharon Wiggins, National Referee
- Shawn Rettstatt, National Dance Referee
- Sharon Rogers, National Dance Referee
- Mary Lou Rothman, National Synchronized Skating Referee
- Bill Whalen, National Accountant

8. ACCEPTED the following resignations:

- John Holdsworth, National Accountant
- George Yonekura, National Referee

9. **APPROVED** the following honorary appointments:

John Holdsworth, Honorary Accountant
George Yonekura, Honorary Referee

10. **APPROVED** to grant a final sanction to the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Oregon Skating Council, Portland, OR – January 9-16, 2005

11. **ACCEPTED** the following resignations:

E. Newbold Black, IV – National Singles/Pairs Judge
Patricia French – ISU Championship Referee/Judge for Synchronized Skating
Susan Johnson – International Judge for Synchronized Skating
Virginia Vale – National Synchronized Skating Judge

12. **APPROVED** the appointment of E. Newbold Black, IV as an Honorary Judge

13. **APPROVED** the following promotions:

National Singles/Pairs Judge

Leonardo Chavez, SC of New York
Dawn Eyerly, Los Angeles FSC
Lynne Freeman Lauer, SC of Wilmington
Dann Krueger, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC
Stefanie Schmid Mathewson, All Year FSC

National Synchronized Team Skating Judge

Sharon Watson, Pasadena FSC

14. **APPROVED** to reinstate the following as fully eligible persons:

Name	Club	Reason
Marlene Bernstein	SC of Phoenix	Club activities
Deborah Brandt	Highland SC	Compete
Jason Heffron	FSC of Rockford	Compete
Alisa Pipkin	University of Delaware	Judge
Trudi Sells	Lone Star FSC	Judge

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – MAY 2003 (INCLUDES ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MODIFIED AND/OR RATIFIED)

1. **ADOPTED** the Convention Standing Rules as presented.

2. **RECEIVED** the Minutes of the May 2002 Governing Council meeting held May 10 and 11, 2002 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as approved by the Minutes Committee.

3. **ANNOUNCED** that the 2004 Governing Council meeting will be held in San Diego, CA at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, May 7-8, 2004. The meeting will be hosted by the San Diego FSC.

4. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee of Tamie Campbell (M) (Chair), Wendy Enzmann (E), and Joyce Burden (P) as members.

5. **ELECTED** the following Provisional Clubs to Full Membership in the USFSA:

FSC of Augusta	Augusta, Georgia
Benfield Pines FSC	Millersville, Maryland
Body Zone FSC	Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Channel Islands FSC	Oxnard, California
Connecticut Skating Academy at Newington	Newington, Connecticut
Firebirds SC	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Flagstaff FSC	Flagstaff, Arizona
Fredericksburg FSC	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Gilmour Academy FSC	Gates Mills, Ohio

Golden Edge FSC of Suffolk County
Greater Oklahoma FSC
Greater Plate Valley FSC
Hazel Park FSC
Heart of Illinois SC
International SC of Raynham
Kettle Moraine FSC
Lake Country FSC
Liberty FSC of Philadelphia
Little Traverse FSC
Louisville Skating Academy
Monroe FSC
Mount Washington Valley SC
Northern Middlesex Spinners
The Panthers FSC
Renaissance FSC
Santa Fe SC
Saranac Lake FSA
Sk8 Bay FSC
Sound Shore FSC
South Metro Shores FSC
Trenton FSC
Willowbrook-Champions FSC

Lake Grove, New York
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Kearney, Nebraska
Hazel Park, Michigan
Pekin, Illinois
Raynham, Massachusetts
West Bend, Wisconsin
Geneva, New York
Colmar, Pennsylvania
Harbor Springs, Michigan
Louisville, Kentucky
Monroe, Michigan
Conway, New Hampshire
Lowell, Massachusetts
Coral Springs, Florida
Detroit, Michigan
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Saranac Lake, New York
Bay City, Michigan
Mt. Vernon, New York
Southgate, Michigan
Trenton, Michigan
Houston, Texas

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

EXHIBIT A

6. APPROVED to amend **Article VII – Delegates to the Governing Council, Section 2 Appointment of Full Member Club Delegates** as follows:

Each active full member club, by action of its duly constituted governing body, shall appoint from among its registered home club members a number of delegates, based on the total number of registered members of such full member club during the preceding fiscal year, as shown in the following table. These delegates must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1 of this Article. A certificate of appointment, duly signed by an authorized officer of such full member club, shall be filed with the secretary of the USFSA

7. APPROVED To amend **Article XI, - Officers, Section 4 Qualifications of Officers** as follows:

Each officer of the USFSA must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a registered member of the USFSA and otherwise qualified to serve in accordance with the Official Rules of the USFSA.”

EXHIBIT B

8. APPROVED to amend **Article VII – Delegates to the Governing Council, Section 3 Appointment of Delegates of Individual Members** by changing delegate certification procedures and number of delegates as follows:

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

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

The USFSA will determine the procedures for implementing the individual member delegate election process and will provide these procedures to the individual members with the announcement of the meeting of the Governing Council, as described in Article X, Section 3 of the Bylaws. The number of candidate(s) (determined by the table above) in each Section receiving the most votes will be certified as a delegate(s) for the Individual Members of that Section, as long as each candidate receives at least 50 votes (or the votes from a majority of the then individual members, if individual membership totals less than 50 people).

9. APPROVED to clarify **Article VII – Delegates to the Governing Council, Section 7 Voting Rights** as follows:

On all matters submitted to a vote of the Governing Council, each full member club and the athlete delegates as a group shall be entitled to the same number of votes as the number of delegates to which they are entitled pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 respectively of this article. Each individual member delegate shall be entitled to one vote. Observers shall have no vote at meetings of the Governing Council. No member or class of members except delegates shall be entitled to vote on matters concerning the purposes, government and management of the affairs of the USFSA except as herein provided or as prescribed by law

10. APPROVED to amend **Article X – Meetings of the Governing Council, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Section 3 Notices of Meeting of the Governing Council** as follows:

An announcement of the date and place of each annual meeting shall be sent to all member clubs, individual members, athlete delegates and to all members of the Board of Directors no fewer than four (4) months prior to the date of the meeting. Written notice of meetings of the Governing Council shall be mailed to all member clubs no fewer than twenty (20) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. Collegiate clubs shall be notified of meetings of the Governing Council by an announcement thereof published in an issue of skating magazine mailed no more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting addressed or delivered to the member's or club's address shown in the USFSA's current list of members.

[The second paragraph remains unchanged.]

EXHIBIT C

11. APPROVED to amend **Article VIII - Board of Directors, Section 3 Voting Members** as follows:

The elected voting members of the Board of Directors shall be the nine members of the Executive Committee as specified in Article IX, four committee group coordinators as specified in Article XVII, Section 3 and sixteen at large members. The at-large members shall include three each from the Eastern Section, the Midwestern Section and the Pacific Coast Section respectively. Three members must be actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, with singles and pairs, ice dancing and synchronized skating each respectively being represented. The remaining four at-large members must be athletes as defined in Article XXIII, Section 2 and GR3.00.

EXHIBIT D

12. APPROVED to amend **Article X – Meetings of the Governing Council, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Section 6 Proxies in the Governing Council**, paragraph (a) as follows:

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

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

(c) Athlete Delegates. [The language is to remain as it is – only the lettering of the paragraph changes.]

EXHIBIT E

13. REFERRED the motion to amend **Article XVI – Nominations, Elections and Vacancies of Officers and Board of Directors, Section 1 Nominating Committee** to be further studied by the Board of Directors. The proposal was:

- a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the vice president of each section, a registered member from each region not represented by a vice president, and an athlete representative from each section.
- b. Regional representatives shall be elected by a regional caucus of delegates present at the annual meeting of the Governing Council; the Athlete's Advisory Committee shall elect athlete representatives.
- c. Excepting the vice presidents and athlete representatives, members of the Nominating Committee are ineligible for any office for which the committee considers nominees in the years of and immediately following their service as nominators. Vice presidents are eligible for nomination to the offices of vice president or president.
- d. The Nominating Committee shall elect one of its elected members as chair.
- e. Excepting vice presidents, members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected annually to serve a term of one (1) year, but may be elected to serve three (3) consecutive terms. Vice president's terms shall coincide with that of their offices as provided in Article XVI, Section 5. Excepting vice presidents, members' terms shall be staggered such that one third of the members shall be elected annually.
- f. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by vote of the remaining members from candidates qualified similarly to the member being replaced. The newly elected members shall serve the remainder of the term of the member whose vacancy is being filled.
- g. Nominating Committee procedures shall be published as Rules.

EXHIBIT F

14. APPROVED to define the status of ex officio committee members in **Article XVII – Committees, Section 7 (new) Ex-Officio Members** by adding a new section 7 and renumbering:

Section 7 Ex officio members. Unless a bylaw or official rule provides otherwise, ex officio members of committees are full voting members and are counted to establish a quorum when that is required.

EXHIBIT G

15. APPROVED to amend **Article XXIII – Prerequisites to Participation in USFSA Activities and Definition of Athlete, Section 1 Prerequisites.**

Any person shall have the opportunity to participate in the activities of the USFSA, including but not limited to the opportunity to compete in competitions, take tests and participate in carnivals and exhibitions sponsored by the USFSA and the opportunity to serve as an officer, a director or committee member or as an official in figure skating, if such person is a member in good standing of a member club, collegiate club or an honorary or individual member and is registered with the USFSA and is otherwise eligible to do so in accordance with the official rules of the USFSA. The USFSA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.

EXHIBIT H

16. APPROVED to add more detailed requirements and a filing fee to grievance statements described in **ARTICLE XXVII - Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges, Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings, (a) Grievance Proceedings, (i) Filing a Grievance Statement.** as follows:

8. a statement certifying that attempts to resolve this matter have been made and were unsuccessful. The statement shall include a description of the specific actions the Grievant has taken to attempt to resolve the matter under USFSA rules; and
9. the action the Grievant wishes taken.

The Grievance Statement may be accompanied by supporting documentation that shall be considered a part of the Grievance Statement.

A filing fee in the amount of \$125.00 shall be paid to the USFSA at the time the Grievance is filed. In the event the Grievance is not accepted, the filing fee shall be refunded.

17. APPROVED to refine the disciplinary process described in **ARTICLE XXVII - Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges, Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings, Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings, (b) Disciplinary Proceedings** as follows:

(b) *Disciplinary Proceedings:*

- (i) *Scope:* A vice president, by referral to the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair of the Grievance Committee pursuant to 3(a)(iv)(2), may initiate disciplinary proceedings as to any matter arising under GR 1.02, GR 1.03, or GR 1.04.
- (ii) *Review:* Upon referral of the matter by a vice president, or the chair of the Grievance Committee, the chair of Ethics Committee shall have thirty (30) days to review the matter.
 - a. If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are not warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee shall in writing so advise the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance.
 - b. If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee shall in writing so advise the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and indicate either (A) that such person or the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance may file a Grievance Statement (in which case the person who files the Grievance Statement shall be the "Grievant") or (B) alternatively, and at the discretion of the chair of the Ethics

Committee, that the chair of the Ethics Committee has decided to file a Grievance Statement (in which case the USFSA shall be the “Grievant” with the chair of the Ethics Committee acting on behalf of the USFSA). The Grievance Statement shall contain the following:

1. the name of the party filing the Grievance Statement;
2. the name of the member or member club against which the action is brought; the named member or member club will be the “Respondent”;
[the remainder is unchanged]

18. APPROVED to add Ethics Committee representatives to the hearing panel appointment process described in **ARTICLE XXVII - Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges, Section 3 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings, (b) Disciplinary Proceedings, (iv) Hearing and Panel Appointment** as follows:

2. The Hearing Panel shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than nine persons selected from the Ethics Committee and/or the Grievance Committee as defined in USFSA Bylaws Article XX. Athlete representatives, who meet the qualifications of Athlete Members of the Ethics Committee and/or the Grievance Committee set forth in USFSA Bylaws Article XX, shall constitute at least twenty percent (20%) of all Hearing Panels.

ADULT SKATING COMMITTEE

Item 1 is New Business from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED to amend SSR 14.01 – Duration of Skating, table on page 149 as follows:

ADULT PAIRS: to increase Free Skate maximum duration from a maximum of 2:10 to a maximum of 2:40.

MASTERS PAIRS: to increase Free Skate maximum duration from a maximum of 2:40 to a maximum of 3:10.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board meeting

1. APPROVED to amend ADCR 2.01 as follows:

ADCR 2.01 The Athlete Development Committee shall consist of a chair, the chairs of each of the listed committees plus additional members as necessary to conduct the business of the committee. The committee may not exceed twenty (20) members in total:

1. Athletes Advisory
 - (a) Two additional athletes
2. Coaches
 - (a) Five additional coaches (Two of these coaches should be involved with PSA Educational Development)
3. Dance
4. International
5. Parents
6. Singles and Pairs
7. Sports Science and Medicine

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Item 1 is from the November 2002 Board meeting

Item 2 is new business from the November 2002 Board Meeting

Items 3 through 12 are from the May 2003 Board meeting

1. APPROVED to change the dates for the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships from December to November. (Does not require a rule change)

- U.S. Junior Championships would be the week after Thanksgiving beginning with the draw on Monday evening, practice on Tuesday, competition on Wednesday through Saturday.

2. REFERRED to the Competitions, Judges and Sanctions & Eligibility Committees a motion to amend ER 1.02, ER 8.00 and CR 35.00 to permit eligible coaches to judge non-qualifying competitions: specifically no-test, pre-preliminary free skating and showcase events.

3. APPROVED to amend CR 22.00 and CR 24.00 to include a national event referee

CR 22.01: National referees, national dance referees, national event referees and national accountants may be appointed by the Board of Directors...

CR 22.03, CR 22.05 (A) (B), CR 22.06, CR 22.07 (A), CR 22.10 (A), add national event referee to rule

CR 24.00: Duties of Referees, Assistant Referees and Event Referees

Add a new section under CR 24.00 describing the duties of the event referee as follows:

Must be an International or World Judge. They can be in charge of an event and conduct a review meeting at the conclusion of the skating at either a sectional or U.S. Championship. An event referee can't be assigned as a chief referee at either an U.S. Championship or a sectional championship, but would only serve the needs of becoming an International or World Referee.

4. APPROVED to amend CR 83.02 [short programs at the National Collegiate Championships] to read:

Certain changes are permitted in the short program required elements, and the free skating program that are different than those adopted by the USFSA and the ISU Congress each year. These changes will be published annually in the announcement of the National Collegiate Championships.

To become effective at the close of Governing Council.

5. APPROVED to amend CR 109.01 by substituting the language in table B - Adult Interpretive Events as follows:

Must meet the requirements for the adult bronze free skating event or the adult silver free skating event, or have passed the complete pre-bronze dance test, and have passed no higher than the complete adult pre-silver or standard pre-silver dance test.

6. APPROVED to amend CR 109.01 Table D - Dance Events by the addition of a new event:

Adult Centennial Dance

Both partners must be fifty (50) years of age or older by the close of entries as set forth in the rulebook. Both partners must have passed one pre-silver dance (regular, adult or masters). There would be no maximum limit on tests passed. The event shall consist of an initial round of two (2) compulsory dances and a final round of two (2) compulsory dances, which shall be chosen from pre-silver, silver, and pre-gold compulsory dances with consideration for the safety of the teams. Teams entering centennial dance may not enter any other dance event except championship adult dance.

7. **APPROVED** to amend CR 109.01 Table D - Dance Events by the addition of a new event:

Adult Pre Silver Dance

Both partners must have passed at least one pre silver dance. Neither partner may have passed more than one silver dance

8. **APPROVED** to amend CR 109.00 Table A by eliminating all references to figure tests passed after October 1, 1977. Figure test “maximums” are currently listed in the requirements for the master novice and master junior free skating levels. The reference to the pre 1977 figure tests would remain.

9. **APPROVED** to amend CR 12.80 and all applicable rules to unify the requirements for senior/championship level compulsory dance events at qualifying competitions with those of the ISU and reduce the number of required compulsory dances to one (1) dance.

10. **APPROVED** to bring CR 8.80 Non-U.S. Citizens into compliance with the changes regarding citizenship/residence requirements and clearance procedures, and to provide a clearer understanding of these rules. **Those items in bold denote changes**

CR 8.80 NON-U.S.CITIZENS – ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL, SECTIONAL OR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CR 8.81 Non-U.S. Citizens Eighteen (18) Years or Older

- A. In order to be eligible to compete at a national, sectional or regional championship, a non-U.S. citizen eighteen (18) years or older shall make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee by submitting a Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete (Application).
- B. The Application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English no later than June 30 of the year in which the applicant wishes to compete, and shall include the following
 1. **Proof that applicant has reached the age of eighteen as of the deadline for entries for the regional championships as provided in CR 10.01**
 2. A copy of the applicant’s valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of the skater’s country of citizenship establishing that the applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year prior to the date of application. (Hereinafter the “One Year Residency Requirement”)
 3. Competitive record of the applicant in its entirety.
 4. Proof that applicant has initiated the process of filing an application with the proper authorities of the United States government to become either a lawful permanent resident or a full citizen of the United States. **A copy of the filing application, along with the filing date must accompany the application.**
 - a. **The term “citizen” means a status of full citizen without qualification or restriction, and must be equal in status to a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States.**
 - b. **The term “resident” means one who has established residency. To establish residency, a person must be physically present in a place for at least a minimum of one (1) year with an intention to remain for an indefinite period of time. There should be no temporary character to residency, such as student, visitor, tourist, etc. The United States government may grant permanent residence status pending admission to citizenship.**

- 5 **Is a current member of the USFSA**
- 6 The chair of the Competitions Committee may request additional documentation.
- 7 **An application shall not be considered complete until the chair of the Competitions Committee has received all required or subsequently requested documentation.**
- C. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in CR 10.01. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement.
- D. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed Application, the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee and the appropriate sectional vice president in which the applicant resides shall rule by majority vote.
- CR 8.82 Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of Eighteen (18) Years Who Have Represented Their Association.
- A. In order to be eligible to compete in a national, sectional or regional championship, a non-U.S. citizen under the age of eighteen (18) years who has represented applicant's association at the national level or higher shall make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee for permission to compete by submitting a Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete.
- B. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English prior to the deadline for entries as provided in CR 10.01, and shall include the following:
- 1 **Proof that applicant has not reached the age of eighteen (18) as of the deadline provided in CR 10.01**
 - 2 A copy of the applicant's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of applicant's country of citizenship establishing that applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year prior to the date of application.
 3. A statement that the applicant resides in the United States **with one or both parents or a legal guardian and the name(s) and address of same. Proof that the parent(s) (legal guardian) has begun the process of either citizenship or permanent residency or the necessary information to obtain the release from applicant's association**
 - a. Upon receiving the application, the chair of the Competitions Committee will direct the USFSA headquarters staff to request this consent from the applicant's national association if necessary
 4. Competitive record of the applicant in its entirety.
 5. **Is a current member of the USFSA.**
 6. The chair of the Competitions Committee may request additional documentation.
 7. **An Application shall not be considered complete until all required or subsequently requested documentation has been received by the chair of the Competitions Committee**
- C. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in CR 10.01. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this agreement.
- D. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed Application, the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee and the appropriate sectional vice president in which the applicant resides shall rule by majority vote.
- CR 8.83 Non-U.S. Citizens Under the Age of Eighteen (18) With No Prior Experience Representing Their Association.
- A. In order to be eligible to compete in a national, sectional or regional, a non-U.S. citizen under the age of eighteen (18) years who has never represented the applicant's

association at the national or higher level shall be exempt from the citizenship requirements of CR 8.01 and the application requirements of CR 8.82, but shall fulfill all other requirements as of the deadline for entries as provided in CR 10.01.

1. **Proof that the applicant will not have reached the age of eighteen as of the deadline for entries.**
 2. A copy of the skater's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of applicant's country of citizenship establishing that applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year prior to the date of the entry.
 3. **A statement that the applicant resides in the United States with one or both parents or a legal guardian and the name(s) and address of same.**
 4. **Is a current member of the USFSA**
- B. Such individuals shall be required to submit the application requirements to the USFSA Headquarters along with their entry form, with a copy to the chair of the Competitions Committee.
- C. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in CR 10.01. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken and may elect to waive all or part of this agreement.
- CR 8.84 Any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact on the Application, the entry form, or on any documents provided shall subject the applicant to discipline as specified in the USFSA Rulebook. For purposes of this rule, a material fact is a fact, which, if it were properly disclosed, would result in an application being denied and an entry rejected.
- CR 8.85 In the case of pair and ice dance couples; one partner of the couple shall be a citizen of the United States. All other requirements of CR 8.80 shall apply to the non-U.S. citizen partner. Notwithstanding the provisions of CR 8.87, a pair or ice dance couple may represent the United States in an international competition if the non-citizen partner has complied with CR 8.80 and has never represented a foreign country in an international or world competition. In addition, the non-citizen partner must be in full compliance with all applicable ISU rules pertaining to applicant's participation in any international or world competition.
- CR 8.86 Except as otherwise provided herein, any skater should not be eligible for selection to the United States (U.S.) Olympic Team, the U.S. World Team, the U.S. Junior World Team, or the U.S. Figure Skating Team unless they are an U.S. Citizen.
- CR 8.87 All non-U.S. citizens who have at any time skated in United States national, sectional or regional competition and subsequently represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition shall not be eligible to compete in United States national, sectional or regional competitions unless they reapply for permission to compete as provided for under the provisions of CR 8.80.
- CR 8.88 Competitors who are not U.S. citizens, but who have, as of May 21, 1995, previously become eligible to compete in USFSA qualifying competitions are exempt from CR 8.81, CR 8.82, CR 8.83, CR 8.84, CR 8.85 and CR 8.86.

11. APPROVED to adopt the following new rules:

CR 8.90 U.S. CITIZEN COMPETING FOR ANOTHER ISU MEMBER

CR 8.91 Returning U.S. Skater

- A. In order to again compete at a national, sectional or regional championship, after having competed for another country, an applicant must apply for permission to the chair of the Competitions Committee before the close of entries as provided in CR 10.01
1. Show proof that applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year.
 2. Has included a copy of the applicant's competitive record in its entirety.
 3. Is a current member of the USFSA

12. APPROVED to amend the bye rules to reflect the following:

NINE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Events from juvenile to senior levels in men and ladies short program and free skating will be offered.
- **Events will be offered from juvenile to novice levels in dance and pairs. All junior and senior pairs and dance will bypass the regional championships and go directly to the sectional championships. (Requires a rule change)**
- The top four in each discipline at the novice level and the top four in ladies and men at the junior and senior levels will advance to one of the three sectional championships.
- All rules pertaining to four or fewer entries and fill-up provisions will be applicable to those events offered at the regional championships
- The top four juvenile and intermediate placements in each discipline will qualify for the U.S. Junior Championships

THREE SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Events will be offered from novice to seniors in men, ladies, pairs and dance.
- All skaters must qualify by either:
 1. Placing in the top four at a regional championships
 2. Receiving an international bye.
 3. Having four or fewer entries at regional championships.
 4. Having won the same event the previous year.
 5. By applying fill-up rules for Sectionals
- Fill-up rules will apply for the U.S. Junior Championships and for the U.S. Championships for ladies, men, pairs and dance.
- The top four placements in each discipline will qualify for the U.S. Championships (senior, junior, novice levels)

U.S. JUNIOR FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Events for intermediates and juveniles will be offered in men, ladies, pairs and dance.
- **There will be 36 entries offered in each event with four from each region**
- **There will be no byes to the U.S. Junior Championships (Requires a rule change.)**
- Fill-up rules will be considered from other sections when one of the sections has fewer than the maximum entries. At no time will a competitor who placed lower than 6th place at a regional championship be invited to compete at the U.S. Junior Championships even though the event may not have the required number of fifteen

U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Championship (senior), junior, and novice events will be offered in men, ladies, pairs and dance.
- The top four placements in each discipline at the sectional championships will advance to the U.S. Championships.
- **Skaters placing 1st through 6th in the previous U.S. Championships at the senior level in men, ladies, pairs and dance will receive an automatic invitation to the current U.S. Championships in the same discipline. There will be no replacements should skaters decline the invitation to compete at the current U.S. Championships. (Requires a rule change.)**
- **There will be no byes given except to those skaters that have a conflict with an international competition (Requires a rule change).**
- **Should a senior skater who did not place in the top six at the previous U.S. Championships, earn a berth in an ISU Grand Prix Final or the Junior Grand Prix Final, such skater shall receive a bye to the current U.S. Championships. (Also applies to a junior skater)**
- **If the above would occur, the number of skaters qualifying for the U.S. Championships would be four from each sectional championships plus the skater that received the bye because of earning a berth in an ISU Championship Series plus international byes.**

Comparison of the effect on the size of our competitions

Current 9 region/3 section

Regional to sectional – top 4 each region x 3 regions to a sectional = 12 per section
Sectional to national – top 4 each section x 3 sections = 12 + 3 last year champs + byes (medical & int'l) = 18-22
Regional to junior national – top 4 each region x 9 regions = 36

Proposed 12 region/4 section (above proposal applied to the proposed change to the region/section structure)

Regional to sectional – top 4 each region x 3 regions to a sectional = 12 per section
Regional to junior national – top 3 each region x 12 regions = 36
Sectional to national – (Junior and Novice) top 4 each section x 4 sections = 16
Sectional to national – (Senior) top 3 ea. section x 4 sections = 12 + 6 last year champs = 18 + int'l byes = 20 +/-

Rules affected are as follows:

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| CR 8.02 | CR 8.71 |
| CR 8.03 | CR 9.00 |
| CR 8.04 | CR 9.04 |
| CR 8.05 | CR 47.40 |
| CR 8.32 | CR 72.00 |
| CR 8.53 | CR 72.01 |
| CR 8.54 | CR 72.02 |
| CR 8.70 | |

DANCE COMMITTEE

Items 1 through 14 are from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED to amend the rules to allow partners for all dance tests, including pre silver dance tests, to be selected without consideration of the partner's test accomplishments or eligibility status and eliminate the need for pre silver testers to solo. This change to become effective at the close of the Governing Council.

2. APPROVED to amend the senior compulsory dance requirements as follows:

SSR 8.01 One compulsory dance will be selected and skated from the following: [list of dances]

Subsequent housekeeping amendments will also be made to CR 12.73 for consistency.

3. APPROVED to amend SSR 8.03 the novice compulsory dance groupings as follows:

For each competition season, the following three groups will alternate in the order shown, beginning with Group A for 2003/2004, then moving to Group B for 2004/2005 and Group C for 2005/2006. Of these selections, the asterisked dance, plus one of the remaining dances will be drawn and skated.

Group A	European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot, Paso Doble*
Group B	American Waltz, Kilian*, Tango
Group C	Starlight Waltz*, Blues, Foxtrot

4. APPROVED to amend the applicable rules to reflect the revised requirements for Intermediate Free Dance. Modifications will take effect for the 2003/2004 season and are shown below. For consistency, the duration of the Intermediate Free Dance test will also be changed to 2:15 +/- 10 seconds. However, the required technical elements for the test will remain as currently specified. The change is test duration will be effective upon publication of the 2004 Rulebook.

Element	Current	Revised	Specifications
Duration	2:00 +/- 10 seconds	2:15 +/- 10 seconds	
Dance Spins	None	One (1), but no more.	At least two revolutions with both partners on one foot, spinning simultaneously on a common axis in any known dance position or variation thereof. After the required two revolutions on one foot, the skaters may perform additional revolutions, changes of foot and/or position
Synchronized Twizzles	None	At least one twizzle is required and it shall be separate from any twizzle(s) that may be done in the Footwork Sequence.	At least one revolution on one foot for both partners performed simultaneously. <u>Partners may be side-by-side turning in the same direction (matching), side-by-side turning in the opposite direction (mirror) or following one another (each partner may skate either forward or backward).</u> At their option, skaters may do additional rotations, synchronized twizzles or a synchronized series of twizzles
Separations	Unspecified	No limit	No more than 5 seconds duration

5. APPROVED to amend the applicable rules to reflect the revised requirements for Juvenile Free Dance. Modifications will take effect for the 2003/2004 season and are shown below. For consistency, the duration of the Juvenile Free Dance test also will be changed to 2:00 +/- 10 seconds. However, the required technical elements for the test will remain as currently specified. The change in the test duration will be effective upon publication of the 2004 Rulebook.

Element	Current	Revised	Specifications
Duration	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	2:00 +/- 10 seconds	
Lifts	None required, but no more than two	At least one, no more than two	As currently defined in SSR 12.06 A & SSR 12.07 D.
Dance Spins	None	One (1), but no more	At least one revolution with both partners on one foot, spinning simultaneously on a common axis in any known dance position or variation thereof. After the required one revolution on one foot, the skaters may perform additional revolutions, changes of foot and/or position
Synchronized Twizzles	None	At least one twizzle is required and it shall be separate from any twizzle(s) that may be done in the Footwork Sequence.	At least one revolution on one foot for both partners performed simultaneously. Partners may be side-by-side turning in the same direction (matching), side-by-side turning in the opposite direction (mirror) or following one another (each partner may skate either forward or backward). At their option, skaters may do additional rotations, synchronized twizzles or a synchronized series of twizzles
Separations	Unspecified	No limit	No more than 5 seconds duration

6. APPROVED amendments to the text of CR 12.80, stipulating that the draw and announcement of all the compulsory dances for Juvenile through Senior at all qualifying and National level competitions will be conducted on or before July 1.

7. REFER back to the Dance and Tests Committees the motion to adjust the passing averages for adult and masters dance tests as follows:

Level	Adult Dance Test		Masters Dance Test	
	Current	Amended	Current	Amended
Preliminary	n/a	n/a	Pass/Retry	Pass/Retry
Pre-Bronze	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.5
Bronze	n/a	n/a	3.0	2.8
Pre-Silver	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.0
Silver	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.2
Pre-Gold	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.4
Gold	4.5	3.8	4.2	3.6
Junior International	4.5	3.8	4.2	3.6
Senior International	4.8	4.0	4.5	3.8

8. APPROVED the following proposed changes to the Free Dance scoring structure in an effort to streamline and bring consistency to our testing system:

1. The Standard Free Dance Tests passing averages would be adjusted to match those of the corresponding categories for Singles and Pairs.
2. The Masters Free Dance Tests passing averages would be adjusted to more accurately reflect the standard of quality observed in the actual test setting and to add consistency among the disciplines in the range of Passing Averages awarded to veteran skaters.

Level	Standard Free Dance		Masters Free Dance	
	Current	Amended	Current	Amended
Juvenile	Pass/Retry	3.0	Pass/Retry	Pass/Retry
Intermediate	2.5	3.2	2.2	2.5
Novice	3.3	3.5	3.0	2.7
Junior	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.0
Senior	4.0	4.5	3.7	3.2

9. APPROVED to amend CR 108.00 and 109.00 to include an age-restricted Centennial Division and Pre-Silver Dance Division in Adult Competitive Dance. (see also Competitions Committee RFA)

10. APPROVED to amend CR 12.75 regarding musical selections and warm-ups for Compulsory Dance to allow the referee to choose any number of musical selections for each compulsory dance and specify that at least two must be chosen when more than five couples are competing. The rule will be further amended to stipulate that all compulsory dance events shall have a warm-up consisting of one minute without music and three minutes with music. The tune used for the warm-up will not be used for the competition.

11. APPROVED to amend CR 12.77 to address midline crossings and re-starts on narrow ice surfaces as follows:

On ice surfaces measuring fewer than 100 feet in width, an allowance of one-half of the difference in width (from 100 feet) shall be allotted to skaters with respect to mid-line crossings and the location of pattern re-starts, when the location of such a re-start is specified in the dance diagram (e.g., the Quickstep). The Referee shall inform the judges of this allowance prior to the start of the compulsory dance segment and the judges shall not deduct for midline crossings and re-starts that fall within the allowance. However, other types of pattern distortions (for set pattern dances) or pattern shifts than those described herein are not acceptable and must be appropriately penalized by the judges.

12. APPROVED to amend SSR 12.07 (B) to state that at all levels of dance competition, an unlimited number of separations to execute intricate footwork are allowed providing that the maximum duration of any given separation does not exceed 5 seconds.

13. APPROVED to amend TR 49.06 to include the Starlight Waltz (SW) in the Pre-Gold Dance Test

14. APPROVED to combine the current Junior and Senior International Dance Tests into one test entitled International Dance Test. Further, the Midnight Blues, introduced in the Rulebook last year, will be added to International Dance Test grouping. The test standards, scoring and required judging panel are outlined below.

TR 49.08 International Dance Test, Adult International Dance Test and Masters International Dance Test

The candidate must give a superior performance displaying accurate timing, appropriate style and expression, excellent unison and precise technique. While absolute perfection is not required, the candidate will be expected to give a performance of very high quality and only a limited amount of error will be acceptable.

Dances: Austrian Waltz (AUS), Cha Cha Congelado (CON), Golden Waltz (GW), Midnight Blues (MB), Ravensburger Waltz (RW), Rhumba (R), Silver Samba (SAM), Tango Romantica (TR), and Yankee Polka (YP)

Adult: AAU, ACO, AGW, ARW, AR, ASA, ATR, AYP

Masters: MAU, MCO, MGW, MMB, MRW, MR, MSA, MTR, MYP

Maximum Mark	6.0 in each category	12.0 Total
Standard Passing Average	4.8 in each category	9.6 Total
Adult Passing Average	4.8 in each category	9.6 Total
Master Passing Average	4.5 in each category	9.0 Total

Judging panel required: Standard, adult and masters – Three junior or higher rank dance competition judges or gold dance test judges who are certified to judge international dance tests.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. DID NOT APPROVE to amend ECR 3.01 as shown:

The chair of the Ethics Committee shall review all matters referred by ~~the USFSA President~~ or a USFSA vice president involving an alleged violation of the USFSA Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct

HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED the concept of establishing the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and Museum as a separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated under Colorado law as a supporting organization of the USFSA under 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and to authorize the Task Force on Museum Governance appointed by the USFSA President, to move forward in preparing for approval by the USFSA Board of Directors and Governing Council in fiscal year 2004 an Operating Plan and a Management Agreement as a necessary condition for implementing this new governance structure.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

Items 1 and 2 are from the November 2002 Board Meeting

Item 3 is new business from the November 2002 Board Meeting

Item 4 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED to transfer ER 3.03 (A)(B)(C) from the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee rules to the Judges Committee rules. This rule pertains to the notification process when a judge begins coaching and ceases to judge as well as the process taken by the Judges Committee to reinstate a judge.

2. APPROVED to add a new rule that would prohibit a synchronized team manager from serving as a judge, referee or accountant in any event in which the team is entered and for the 12 months after the last day of serving as a team manager.

3. APPROVED to move the requirements of CR 20.09 from the Competition Committee to the Judges Committee and amend as follows:

The chair of the ~~Competitions Committee~~ **Judges Committee** shall be responsible for making and maintaining on a current basis a permanent activity and accuracy record of the judging of qualifying competitions by all judges. These records shall be made available to the Selections Committee, the sectional vice chairs of the Competitions Committee and other officials who select or approve judges for competitions.

4. APPROVED to amend JR 12.01, .02 and .03 as shown:

JR 12.01 The eligibility of a judge for reappointment pursuant to JR 9.01 shall be based upon maintaining a designated number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) over a four-year period. Judges who have appointments in more than one discipline, i.e. singles and

pairs, dance, and/or synchronized team skating, will need to maintain a specified number of CEUs 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 and shall be given an opportunity to judge at least one test session held by their club, or, if an individual member, one test session held by a club located near their place of residence.
 - B. Competitions. Competition judges may earn CEUs by being a judge, trial judge, JET, or referee at qualifying, non-qualifying, and/or approved non-qualifying competitions over a four-year period.
 - C. Schools and Seminars. CEUs may be earned by attending PSA, USFSA, or ISU recognized schools or seminars over a four-year period.
 - D. Judges Exam. The exam must be taken at least once over a two-year period. An exam must also be taken to qualify for promotion.
 - E. Judges shall not have been removed from the official lists or be otherwise disqualified pursuant to JR 4.04.
- JR 12.02 Judges unable to accomplish the activity required by JR 12.01 (A - D) and who can establish reasonable cause may apply to the sectional vice chair of the Judges Committee for permission to complete the requirements by practice judging as described in JR 16.00. Judges with low activity and limited opportunity are encouraged to supplement their activity with practice judging as described in JR 16.00.
- JR 12.03 Judges unable to meet the requirements of JR 12.01 (A - D) may apply for a waiver of compliance for good and sufficient reasons from the chair or appropriate sectional vice chair.

JUDGES REVIEW COMMITTEE
Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

- 1. APPROVED** to make the following nominations to the ISU for the 2004-2005 season:

Richard Dalley and Hal Marron to take the exam for Championship Dance Judge
Colette Nygren and Karen Wolanchuk to take the exam for Championship Synchronized Judge
Karen Wolanchuk – International Synchronized Referee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Items 1 through 11 are from the May 2003 Board Meeting

- 1. APPROVED** that throughout the Membership Rules to remove the word “Ensemble” wherever the combination Theatre on Ice/Ensemble/Team occurs.

- 2. APPROVED** to amend MR 3.10 by the addition of the underlined sentence as follows:

...where inactive status was voted upon. Said paperwork must be submitted by the current board as recognized by the USFSA. Such status...

- 3. APPROVED** to add a new MR 3.10 (A) as follows:

Clubs holding inactive status must maintain a board of directors or at the minimum, club officers. Inactive clubs must file with USFSA headquarters a current list of officers each year.

- 4. APPROVED** to amend current MR 3.10 (A) as follows:

The current board/officers of a club holding inactive status, who wish to return to full membership...[balance is unchanged]

5. APPROVED to amend MR 4.03 as follows to become effective September 1, 2004:

The constitution and bylaws of a club should be in a form similar to the constitution and bylaws approved by the USFSA for member clubs, including a conflict resolution process, or in such form... [balance is unchanged]

6. APPROVED to amend MR 6.03 as follows to become effective September 1, 2004:

Maintain a duly adopted constitution and/or bylaws which contains suitable provision for the election of officers and directors, a conflict resolution process and the conduct of its affairs... [balance is unchanged]

7. APPROVED to amend MR 6.05 as follows:

Report the results of any election of officers and/or directors as specified in MR 6.04 in writing to headquarters within ~~thirty (30)~~ ten (10) days after such election.

8. DID NOT APPROVE to amend MR 6.07 as shown:

Maintain at USFSA Headquarters a current copy of its duly adopted constitution and/or bylaws and shall notify USFSA headquarters of any changes therein within ~~thirty (30)~~ ten (10) days after such changes have been adopted. [balance is unchanged]

9. APPROVED to amend MR 7.01 as follows:

A member club may file a written complaint (~~a form for which is available from USFSA headquarters~~) with the Membership Committee... [balance is unchanged]

10. APPROVED to amend MR 8.07 as follows:

Persons may not be individual members and home club members simultaneously. USFSA headquarters shall be notified immediately of a change from individual to club membership ~~by the individual members~~ by completing a Notice of Change in Home Club Form. [balance is unchanged]

11. APPROVED to add new language to MR 8.07 as section (A)

Persons changing from club membership to individual membership must submit, along with their application and dues, a letter from their current club indicating they have fulfilled their financial obligation to said club.

RULES COMMITTEE

Item 1 is from the November 2002 Board Meeting

1. ENDORSED the following Bylaws changes as proposed by the Rules Committee:

Item A. To amend Article VII, Section 2 (page 4) by replacing the term “eligible” with the term “qualified” and simplifying the paragraph without changing it’s meaning.

Article VII Delegates to the Governing Council

Current language: Each active full member club by action of its duly constituted governing body shall appoint from among its registered members eligible under Section 1 above a number of delegates in proportion to the total number of registered members of such member club during the preceding fiscal year as shown in the following table and shall file a certificate of such appointment with the secretary of the USFSA duly signed by the authorized officer of such member club:

Proposed: Each active full member club, by action of its duly constituted governing body, shall appoint from among its registered home club members a number of delegates, based on the total number of registered members of such full member club during the preceding fiscal year, as shown in the following table. These delegates must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1 of this Article. A certificate of appointment, duly signed by an authorized officer of such full member club, shall be filed with the secretary of the USFSA.

Item B. To amend Article VII, Section 3 (page 4) by replacing the term “eligible” with the term “qualified” and simplifying the first paragraph without changing its meaning.

**Article VII
Delegates to the Governing Council**

Current language: The individual members may appoint from among those of their number eligible under Section 1 above a number of delegates in proportion to the entire number of individual members as shown in the following table:

Proposed: The individual members may appoint a number of delegates, based on the total number of individual members as shown in the following table. These delegates must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 1 of this Article.

Item C. To amend Article XI, Section 4 (page 9) by replacing the term “eligible” with the term “qualified.”

**Article XI
Officers**

Article XI, Section 4: “Each officer of the USFSA ~~shall~~ must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, ~~and must be a registered member of the USFSA and be otherwise eligible~~ qualified to serve in accordance with the Official Rules of the USFSA.”

Item D. To amend Article X, Section 6, paragraph (a) (page 7) by adding a phrase to the second sentence:

**Article X
Meetings of the Governing Council
Board of Directors and Executive Committee**

The person receiving the proxy ~~shall possess~~ must meet the same qualifications required of delegates, but need not be a member of the club(s) for which the person holds a proxy.

**SANCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE
Items 1 through 4 are from the November 2002 Board Meeting
Item 5 is new business from the November 2002 Board Meeting
Items 6 through 8 are from the May 2003 Board Meeting**

1. APPROVED to correct the Eligible Coach classification chart ER 8.06 as approved in the November Board of Directors meeting (shown below) and further, to amend ER 8.00 and MR 6.11 to permit coaches to serve as officers of clubs as long as they do not constitute a majority. These changes to become effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting.

Activity	Eligible Coach
Tests	Yes
Compete Club Competitions or Sanctioned Non- Qualifying	Yes
Compete Sanctioned Qualifying	Yes
Compete or Officiate Non-Sanctioned	No
Commercial Ventures	Yes
Paid Coaching	Yes*
Rink Management	Yes+
Trial Judge	Yes
USFSA Official	No*
Judge ISI	Yes
Judge Compete with U.S.	Yes
Partner Tests	Yes
Member Club Delegate	Yes
Elected Officer of Member Club	Yesx
Elected Officer in USFSA	No
Director of USFSA or Member Club	Yesx

*Forfeits the right to officiate
x See Membership Rules
+ See Restricted Activities

2. APPROVED to amend ER 1.02 to create an Eligible Coach definition in the Eligibility Rules as follows:

An eligible coach is an eligible person who is a paid instructor in skating and related activities and may participate with all the privileges under the provision of these Eligibility Rules. Eligible Coaches who are reinstated persons shall also be subject to the exceptions of participation in international activities as set forth in the ISU Constitution and Regulations.

3. APPROVED to delete ER 6.05 from “Acts Causing Ineligible Status” and amend ER 3.03 “Approved Activities for Financial Benefit” as follows:

In the event a USFSA judge begins coaching, the judge must inform the chair of the Judges Committee in writing that they have commenced this activity. The USFSA judge is prohibited from participating as an official USFSA judge during this period. If the USFSA judge concurrently acts as a judge of tests or as an official of USFSA competitions while serving as a paid instructor in skating and its related activities, this conduct shall be reviewed by the chair of the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee for an action changing eligibility status and the chair of the Judges Committee for disciplinary action. Such eligibility action may include, but is not limited to, temporary restriction of eligibility status through permanent ineligibility. (For exception to this rule, see ER 3.05); See Judges Rules for Judges Reappointment process.

A. The USFSA judge may trial judge during the coaching activity period.

4. APPROVED to remove the Judges “reappointment process” of ER 3.03 (A)(B)(C) and put under the jurisdiction of the Judges Rules.

5. APPROVED to amend ER 3.03 (C), JR 9.010 and 9.011 by adding the requirement that the request to return to judging be documented in writing to the chair of the Judges Committee.

6. APPROVED to amend SR 3.01 to add after the first sentence:

USFSA independent synchronized teams and USFSA independent Theatre on Ice teams can apply for performance sanctions. The team manager of record shall be authorized to apply for such sanction.

7. APPROVED to amend ER 7.01 to reflect the following:

To vest the power of reinstatement to the respective Sectional Vice Chair and the final approval to the Chair of the Sanctions & Eligibility Committee.

8. APPROVED to amend ER 7.01 (F) to reflect the following:

Applications for reinstatement for all non-qualifying competitions must be submitted no later than 60 days prior to the closing of entries for the competition in which they make application.

SINGLES AND PAIRS COMMITTEE
Items 1 through 3 are from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. DID NOT APPROVE to amend SSR 4.09 (A) to limit the number of double jumps that may be repeated in the Juvenile singles free skating program, consistent with the well-balanced program rules at the higher levels. The amended rule will read as follows:

The number of single jumps is not limited. The number of different double jumps is not limited and is left to the discretion of the skater. Only two different jumps with two revolutions may be repeated and if repeated must be in a jump combination or sequence. No triple jumps are permitted.

2. APPROVED to amend SSR 6.06 (A) to specifically describe the lifts that the Intermediate pair skaters may choose and to eliminate the confusion as to whether a platter lift violates the "no-hands" restriction in the rule. The amended rule will read as follows:

A maximum of three lifts. All lifts may be selected from Group 1 or one lift may be from Group one and the remaining two lifts may be a forward press lift, a two-handed star lift, a platter lift or a single twist lift. Variations of the lady's position, no handed and one-handed lifts and combination lifts are not permitted. However, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension is achieved is not a violation of this rule.

3. APPROVED to add the following well-balanced program rules to the SSRs.

SSR 4.14 Adult Bronze – A well-balanced adult bronze free skate program should contain:

- a. Jumps: The number of single jumps is not limited. No Axel or double jumps are permitted.
- b. Jump combination: At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total.
- c. Spins: A minimum of two spins of a different nature (i.e. scratch, sit, back spin). These required spins must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions.
- d. Steps: One step (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) or spiral sequence utilizing at least one-half (1/2) of the ice surface.

SSR 4.15 Adult Silver – A well-balanced adult silver free skate program should contain:

- a. Jumps: The number of single jumps is not limited. An Axel is permitted and may be repeated as an individual jump, or in jump sequences or jump combinations. No double jumps are permitted.
- b. Jump Combination: At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total.
- c. Spins: A minimum of three spins of a different nature (i.e. scratch, sit, combination). These required spins must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions and if a spin combination is included must have a minimum of three (3) revolutions on each foot.
- d. Steps: One step (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) or spiral sequence utilizing at least one-half (1/2) of the ice surface.

- SSR 4.16 Adult Gold – A well-balanced adult gold free skate program should contain:
- Jumps: The number of single and double jumps is not limited and may be repeated in combination or sequence. No triple jumps are permitted.
 - Jump Combination: At least one combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total.
 - Spins: A minimum of three spins of a different nature (i.e. scratch, sit, flying), one of which must be a spin combination. These required spins must have a minimum of four (4) revolutions and the spin combination four (4) revolutions on each foot.
 - Steps: One step (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) or spiral sequence utilizing the full ice surface.

SSR 4.17 Masters Novice - A well-balanced masters novice free skate program must contain the same as listed in intermediate free skate (SSR 4.08)

SSR 4.18 Masters Junior - A well-balanced masters junior free skate program must contain the same as listed in novice free skate (SSR 4.07)

SSR 4.19 Masters Senior - A well-balanced masters senior free skate program must contain the same as listed in junior free skate (SSR 4.06)

- SSR 6.11 Adult Pair – A well-balanced adult pair program should contain:
- A maximum of three lifts (no minimum). All lifts may be selected from Group 1, or one lift may be from Group 1 and the remaining two lifts may be a forward press lift, a two handed star lift, a platter lift or a single twist lift. Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are not permitted. However, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension is achieved is not a violation of the rule.
 - One throw jump (optional) single.
 - One solo jump but not more than two.
 - One jump sequence (number of jumps to be included is optional).
 - One pair spin, but not more than two. Minimum of three (3) revolutions.
 - One solo spin. Minimum three (3) revolutions in total.
 - One death spiral or pivot spiral (position optional).
 - One step sequence (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) utilizing at least one-half (1/2) of the ice surface.

- SSR 6.12 Master Pair – A well-balanced master pair program should contain:
- Two different lifts but not more than five. One may be a twist lift. Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are permitted.
 - One throw jump (optional), but not more than two;
 - Once solo jump, but not more than two;
 - One jump sequence (number of jumps to be included is optional);
 - One pair spin, but not more than two. Minimum of five (5) revolutions;
 - One solo spin. Minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot.
 - One death spiral or pivot spiral (position optional).
 - One step sequence (i.e. circular, straight line, serpentine) or spiral sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMMITTEE
Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED that the following tests be added to the current testing structure for Special Olympics skaters.

Intermediate Moves in the Field Part A
Intermediate Moves in the Field Part B
Novice Moves in the Field Part A
Novice Moves in the Field Part B
Pre Gold Dance

All tests would be tested as a pass/retry. No focuses, just general knowledge of the moves or dance as current Special Olympics tests are conducted. The exact wording, music tempo and other considerations to be worked out by the Special Olympics Committee. These tests would be added to the Special Olympics test structure effective September 1, 2003.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Item 1 is from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED the adoption of the revised qualifying competition structure - the 12/4 plan, to be implemented for the 2005-2006 competition season.

Description

The 12/4 plan proposes the following changes to the current qualifying competition structure.

- Redrawing regional and sectional boundaries, adding three new regions and one new section
- Four will advance from regionals to sectionals, 12 entries per class
- Three will advance from regionals to U.S. Junior Championships, 36 entries per class
- Four will advance from sectionals to U.S. Championships, 16 entries per class
- There will be a census review every ten years, to coincide with the U.S. Census, to examine the shifts in populations of skaters in the qualifying competition regions and sections.
- There will be a Governance Proposal presented in May 2004 to align the changes in the geography of the qualifying competition structure with the current system of USFSA governance.

The following rules will be impacted:

CR 4.01-4.04	CR 9.06
CR 8.04	CR 12.93
CR 8.05	CR 12.95
CR 8.53	CR 12.96
CR.8.54	CR Table A
CR 8.61	CR Table B
CR 9.03	CR 43.01

SYNCHRONIZED TEAM SKATING COMMITTEE
Items 1 and 2 are from the May 2003 Board Meeting
Items 3 and 4 are New Business from the May 2003 Board Meeting

1. APPROVED to delete CR 47.22 from the USFSA Rulebook to remove the conflict in the rules concerning the due date of final team rosters.

2. APPROVED to implement a testing requirement to compete in qualifying synchronized competitions that would require skaters on juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior teams to pass the moves in the field test designated on the chart (shown below) by the close of entries.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>2004</u>
Preliminary	None	None
Juvenile	None	pre – preliminary
Intermediate	None	preliminary
Novice	None	pre – juvenile
Junior	None	juvenile
Senior	None	intermediate

3. APPROVED to add the following to STSCR 5.00

.052 When team selections are necessary prior to the United States Synchronized Team Skating Championships, a special event may be used for this purpose. Results shall be considered along with those described in .051 for selecting teams to the U.S. World Synchronized Skating Team.

.053 The United States Junior World Challenge Cup Team shall be selected using the criteria described in .051 and .052.

4. REFERRED to the Collegiate Program Committee a motion to reduce the duration of free skating for the Collegiate Synchronized Team level to 4:00 minutes.

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. APPROVED the budget, as amended, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. An increase to the Vice Presidents Emergency Fund of \$15,000 and an increase for the U.S. Adult Championships grant of \$7,000 were offset by reducing the contingency line item by the corresponding amount.

NOMINATIONS

1. ELECTED the following:

OFFICERS

President	Charles U. Foster
Vice President (Eastern)	Joan Rozolis (Third VP)
Vice President (Midwestern)	Will Smith (Second VP)
Vice President (Pacific Coast)	Ron Hershberger (First VP)
Secretary	Sharon Watson
Treasurer	Terrance Kollar

GROUP COORDINATORS

Athlete Services	Sharon Wiggins
Membership Development	Shawn Rettstatt
Technical	Nancy Bizzano
Administrative/Legal	Nancy Piro

AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EASTERN	MIDWESTERN	PACIFIC COAST
Wendy Enzmann	Tamie Campbell	Joyce Burden
Ann Greenthal	Lainie DeMore	Bill Cloran
Debbie Weidman	David Hamula	Charlie Cyr
Audrey Weisiger – Coach	Beth Sweiding Sisofo – Coach	Tammy Gambill - Coach

2. RECEIVED the following as elected by the Athletes

To serve on the Executive Committee
Mark Mitchell
Doug Williams

Athlete Members of the Board of Directors

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Amy Webster Berg	Danielle Hartsell	Amber Corwin

At-Large Athlete	Derrick Delmore
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2. The President ACCEPTED the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs

Permanent Committee Chairs

Athlete Development	Kenneth Shelley
Athlete Advisory	Mark Mitchell
Coaches	Mark Cockerell
Collegiate Programs	William Mein
Competitions	Bette Snuggerud
Dance	Sharon Rogers
Ethics	Patricia St. Peter
Grievance	Ann O'Keefe
Hall of Fame and Museum	David Good
International	Robert Horen
Judges	Lawrence Mondschein
Judges Review	Linda Leaver
Membership	Hope Wheeler
Memorial Fund	Jan Serafine
Parents	Edna Chang-Grant
Program Development	Ron DeiCas
Rules	Edward Mann
Sanctions & Eligibility	Janis Engel
Selections	Lucy Brennan
Singles & Pairs	Mary Cook
Sports Science & Medicine	Dr. James Cygan
Strategic Planning	Jessica Gaynor
Synchronized Team Skating	Lois Long

Special Committee Chairs

Adult Skating	Maggie Harding
Protocol	Carolyn Kruse
Special Olympics	Selena Gordon
State Games	Don Mumper
Tests	Michael Meyer

3. ANNOUNCED the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative	Gale Tanger
ISU Representative	Robert Horen

4. ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2004:

	<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Elected by the Governing Council			
	Susan Keogh	Richard Dalley	Scott Wendland
Elected by the Board of Directors			
	Leslie Gianelli	Samuel Auxier	Joseph Driano
Elected by the Athletes			
	Morgan Rowe	Danielle Hartsell	Justin Dillon
USFSA Vice Presidents			
	Joan Rozolis	William Smith	Ron Hershberger

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVED to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors during the year except those actions modified and amended by the Governing Council.

2. APPROVED to adopt the following:

The USFSA states its commitment to honesty, integrity and openness in the sport of figure skating, together with provisions for full participation, including a vote, of athletes and coaches in the governance of the sport at all levels, including the technical committees and the council.

We [the Governing Council] direct the Executive Committee and Executive Director to take this message to the ISU Restructuring Commission.

3. ADOPTED resolutions honoring the 2003 U.S. World Figure Skating Team, the 2003 U.S. World Junior Figure Skating Team, the 2003 U.S. World Synchronized Skating Team, and the 2003 U.S. Four Continents Figure Skating Team.

4 ELECTED Phyllis Howard as an Honorary Member of the USFSA