

**COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION**

**taken by the**

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Reno, Nevada - May 3, 2007**

**III. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Reno, Nevada – May 4-5, 2007**

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

**MAY 7, 2006 – ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

1. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the Audit Committee members.
2. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the Compensation Committee members.
3. **APPROVED** a motion to send a letter to Mary Cook, announcing the termination of the Implementation Task Force, thanking her for her services, and outlining her continuing duties.
4. **APPROVED** a motion directing the president to create a task force to study the Nominating Committee issues, and send unresolved items to Strategic Planning.

**AUGUST 7, 2006 - TELECONFERENCE**

5. **APPROVED** to allow the president and the executive director to negotiate a binding contract with MLB.com for the licensing and exploitation of U.S. Figure Skating's internet/interactive media rights.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 - TELECONFERENCE**

6. **APPROVED** to dissolve the special committees of Marketing and Protocol and that President Hershberger notify the chairs of this action.

**OCTOBER 2, 2006 - TELECONFERENCE**

7. **CONCURRED** with the USFS Foundation election of the following three trustees to the USFS Foundation Board:

Anne (Coco) Shean – term ending 2008  
Jeffrey Vinik – term ending 2009  
Paul E. George – term ending 2009

**NOVEMBER 11, 2006 – COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

8. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda
9. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee appointed to the Board of Directors meeting held in Orlando, Fla., on May 3, 2006.
10. **ACCEPTED** the audited financial report as presented by BiggsKofford for the period ending June 30, 2006.
11. **APPROVED - Competitions Committee**  
Approval of the following sanctions:
  - Final
  - 2008 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships  
Salt Lake FSC, Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov 26-Dec 1, 2007
  - 2008 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships  
Colonial FSC, Lowell, Mass., Feb 20-23, 2008
  - Marshall's U.S. Figure Skating Challenge  
Boston, Mass., December 10, 2006

**12 APPROVED the following promotions and resignations**

**Competitions Committee**

- A. the resignation of Morton Rosenstein, national accountant
- B. the nomination of Morton Rosenstein as an honorary accountant

**Judges Committee**

- C. the following promotion(s):

National Judge

Arthur W. Bahr, Haverford, Pennsylvania  
Lynn Bell, Taylor, Texas

National Synchronized Skating Judge

Daren R. Patterson, Knoxville, Tennessee

- D. the following resignation(s):

National Judge

Sharon Carz, West Hollywood, California  
Kelly Shipstad, Arvada, Colorado

- E. notification of the following vacated national judging appointment:

Virginia Vale, national judge, national dance judge - deceased

**Technical Panel Committee**

- F. the following promotion(s):

National Technical Specialist – Synchronized Skating

Lauren Benesch, Crofton, Maryland  
Erin Bridge, Troy, Michigan  
Felicia Haining-Miller, Dearborn, Michigan  
Devon Hensel, Westfield, Indiana  
Lisa Marsocci, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

National Technical Controller – Synchronized Skating

Jeanette Davey, LaMesa, California  
Richard Perez, Mountain View, California

**13. ELECTED** Tammy Gambill to fill the vacant coach's position on the Board of Directors.

**14 APPROVED** to rescind the March 25, 2003, action of the Executive Committee which required sectional rotation of the U.S. Championships in Olympic years and replace with a policy which permits bids be open to all sections each year, including the Olympic year. Bids are to be actively solicited from all sections each year with consideration to rotation among the sections.

**15. ELECTED** Susan Keogh to a three-year position as trustee of the USFS Foundation.

**16. APPROVED** to accept the early termination of a charitable trust which will result in an immediate contribution to the Memorial Fund.

**DECEMBER 20, 2006 - TELECONFERENCE**

**17. APPROVED** the minutes of the November 11, 2006 Board of Directors meeting

**18 APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The tentative dates are January 18 – 25, 2009.

**JANUARY 8, 2007 - TELECONFERENCE**

**19. APPROVED** the minutes of the December 20, 2006, board teleconference meeting.

**JANUARY 17, 2007 –ELECTRONIC BALLOT**

**20. APPROVED** by a unanimous vote to sanction the 2007 Skate America Championships to be held in Reading, Pa., on the tentative dates of October 26-28, 2007.

**FEBRUARY 11, 2007 – COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

21. **APPROVED** the Minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting.
22. **APPROVED** to accept the bid from BiggsKofford for auditing services for the 2007-08 FY, as previously reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.
23. **APPROVED** to authorize the treasurer to institute a processing fee in addition to the entry fees for qualifying competitions. The treasurer will report the amount to the board at the next meeting. [Final action on this item can be found at #143]
24. **APPROVED** to request the Test Committee to consider raising test registration fees to cover U.S. Figure Skating processing costs, per TR 9.01. [Final action for this item can be found at #121]
25. **APPROVED** that Tony Morici, Ron Hershberger, and David Raith negotiate a one year extension of current management and lease agreement with the Museum. U.S. Figure skating will fund the Museum in the amount of \$125,000 for one year.
26. **APPROVED** the proposed athlete Performance Enhancement and Tracking (PET) program, including the hiring of a Director of PET as an independent contractor, who would report directly to the senior director of athlete high performance.
27. **APPROVED** to grant a sanction to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, to host the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships on the dates of August 4-7, 2007. This competition will be funded by a private grant with no additional funding from U.S. Figure Skating.
28. **APPROVED** that the president form a Competition Task Force, with one member of the Finance Committee to be included. This task force will report back to the board no later than May 1, 2007.

**APRIL 10, 2007 - TELECONFERENCE**

29. **APPROVED** an administrative fee of \$30 for qualifying competition entries, subject to a recommendation made to the board by the Competitions Task Force pertaining to sectional entry fees. [Final action on this item can be found at #143]
30. **APPROVED** that a replacement for the resigning Nominating Committee member this year be elected at the Governing Council during the respective sectional town meeting.
31. **APPROVED** that U.S. Figure Skating make a \$5,000 contribution to the Australian memorial fund established in the names of Alan Blinn and Simone Moore.
32. **APPROVED** to have U.S. Figure Skating provide written notification to all competitors and their coaches prior to the U.S. Championships regarding the selection policy for the Exhibition of Champions. In addition to the four medalists in the four championship events and the gold medal winners in the junior and novice events being required to skate, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to authorize the selection of additional skaters from the U.S. Championships to be included in the final lineup for the Exhibition of Champions. Any such additional skaters, however, would not be eligible to receive any financial remuneration for their participation. This policy will be included in all athlete registration packages for the U.S. Championships.
33. **APPROVED** Matthew Gates and Terry Kubicka for nomination as ISU technical specialists and the promotion of Karen Wolanchuk as ISU (world) referee in synchronized skating.

**II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MAY 3, 2007, RENO, NEVADA:**

34. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting.
35. **ADOPTED** the Convention Standing Rules with amendment. See addendum 1 at the end of this report.
36. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.

### **37. APPROVED - Competitions, Judges and Technical Panel Committees**

#### **Competitions Committee**

##### Promotion to National Dance Referee

Jenny Mast, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

##### Promotion to National Synchronized Skating Referee

Susan M. Haugh, Livonia, New York

##### Promotion to National Accountant

Cecelia Erisman, Reading, Pennsylvania

Susan Whitehead, El Cajon, California

##### Promotion to National Announcer

Michael McGuire, Irvine, California

Henry Son, Braintree, Massachusetts

##### Resignation of National Officials:

Dr. Lori Dunn, National Singles/Pairs Referee

Sister Joan McKenna, National Accountant

#### **International Judges & Officials Committee**

##### Resignation of ISU officials

Dr. Lori Dunn, International Judge for Singles/Pairs

Patricia French, World Judge for Ice Dance

#### **Judges Committee**

##### Promotion to National Singles/Pairs Judge

Sheren Chiang, San Francisco, California

Janis Engel, Valencia, California

Pam Vanderzalm, Berkeley, California

Bridgit Wallace, Minnetonka, Minnesota

##### Promotion to National Synchronized Skating Judge

Leanne Cluff, Salt Lake City, Utah

Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, Massachusetts

##### Resignation of National Judges

Dr. Lori Dunn, National Singles/Pairs Judge

Sherie Grimson, National Singles/Pairs and National Dance Judge

##### Nomination to Honorary National Judge

Dr. Lori Dunn, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Sherie Grimson, Santa Ana, California

#### **Technical Panel Committee**

##### Promotion to National Technical Controllers

Janice Benoit (Dance)

Tamie Campbell (Singles)

John Cole (Dance)

Richard Dalley (Dance)

Janis Engel (Dance)

Dawn Eyerly (Singles)

Wayne Hundley (Singles)

Kathaleen Kelly Cutone (Singles)

Richard Kern (Singles)

Richard Perez (Singles)

Robert Rosenbluth (Singles)

##### Promotion to National Technical Specialists

Ann Barr (Singles)

Cindy Caprel (Singles)

Dianne DeLeeuw Chapman (Singles)

Tiffany Chin (Singles)

Jacki Crugnola (Singles and Pairs)

John Cole (Dance)

Richard Dalley (Dance)

Dawn Eyerly (Singles & Pairs)

Whitney Gaynor (Singles)

Eugene Heffron (Singles)

Aimee Kravette (Singles)

Ronald Kravette (Dance)

Aaron Parchem (Pairs)

Richard Perez (Singles)

Nancy Ruedebusch (Singles)

Stephanie Segien (Dance)

Lisa Talbot (Singles)

Denise Williamson (Singles)

Promotion to National Data Operator

James Achtenberg (S/P/D)  
Ann Barr (S/P/D)  
Tamie Campbell (S/P/D)  
Justin Dillon (S/P/D)  
Kevin Elvin (S/P/D)  
Wendy Enzmann (S/P/D & SyS)  
Kimberly Heim (S/P/D)  
Wayne Hundley (S/P/D & SyS)  
Nancy Iida (S/P/D)  
Kathaleen Kelly Cutone (S/P/D)  
Kathleen Kreiger (S/P/D)  
Kelley Ristau (SyS)

George Rossano (S/P/D)  
William Rowe (S/P/D)  
Nancy Ruedebusch (S/P/D)  
Libby Scanlan (S/P/D)  
Elliott Schwartz (S/P/D)  
Jennifer Simon (S/P/D)  
Kathy Slack (S/P/D)  
Gale Tanger (SyS)  
Sharon Watson (S/P/D)  
Karen Wiesmeier (SyS)  
Robert Withrow (S/P/D)

Promotion to National Video Replay

James Achtenberg (S/P/D)  
Ann Barr (S/P/D)  
Lauren Benesch (SyS)  
Janice Benoit (S/P/D)  
Erin Bridge (SyS)  
Scott Brown (S/P/D)  
Tamie Campbell (S/P/D)  
Cindy Caprel (S/P/D)  
Dianne DeLeeuw Chapman (S/P/D)  
Tiffany Chin (S/P/D)  
Gary Clark (S/P/D)  
John Cole (S/P/D)  
Brad Cox (S/P/D)  
Jacki Crugnola (S/P/D)  
Richard Dalley (S/P/D)  
Jeanette Davey (SyS)  
Scott Davis (S/P/D),  
Deveny Deck (S/P/D)  
Jeff DiGregorio (S/P/D)  
Justin Dillon (S/P/D)  
Dede Disbrow (S/P/D)  
Jason Dungjen (S/P/D)  
Kevin Elvin (S/P/D)  
Janis Engel (S/P/D)  
Wendy Enzmann (S/P/D & SyS)  
Matthew Evers (S/P/D)  
Dawn Eyerly (S/P/D)  
Ann Fauver (SyS)  
Randy Gardner (S/P/D)  
Mathew Gates (S/P/D)  
Whitney Gaynor (S/P/D)  
Timothy Goebel (S/P/D)  
Troy Goldstein (S/P/D)  
Felicia Haining-Miller (SyS)  
Eugene Heffron (S/P/D)  
Kimberly Heim (S/P/D)  
Devon Hensel (SyS)  
Robert Horen (S/P/D)  
Wayne Hundley (S/P/D & SyS)  
Tiffany Hyden-Dombeck (S/P/D)  
Nancy Iida (S/P/D)

Joseph Inman (S/P/D)  
Jill Janik Cippreso (SyS)  
Sara Kastner (S/P/D)  
Kathaleen Kelly Cutone (S/P/D)  
Richard Kern (S/P/D)  
Christine Krall (S/P/D)  
Aimee Kravette (S/P/D)  
Ronald Krevette (S/P/D)  
Kathleen Kreiger (S/P/D)  
Dann Krueger (SyS)  
Terry Kubicka (S/P/D)  
Linda Leaver (S/P/D)  
Adam Leib (S/P/D)  
Lisa Marsocci (SyS)  
Jenny Mast (S/P/D)  
Steve Moore (S/P/D)  
Christie Moxley (S/P/D)  
Aren Neilsen (S/P/D)  
Aaron Parchem (S/P/D)  
Richard Perez (S/P/D and SyS)  
Tracy Poletis (S/P/D)  
Cathleen Renzi (SyS)  
Shawn Rettstatt (S/P/D)  
Steven Rice (S/P/D)  
Kelley Ristau (SyS)  
Sharon Rogers (S/P/D)  
Robert Rosenbluth (S/P/D)  
George Rossano (S/P/D)  
Mary Lou Rothman (SyS)  
William Rowe (S/P/D)  
Nancy Ruedebusch (S/P/D)  
Todd Sand (S/P/D)  
April Sargent-Silverstein (S/P/D)  
Libby Scanlan (S/P/D)  
Elliot Schwartz (S/P/D)  
Stephanie Segien (S/P/D)  
Jan Serafine (S/P/D)  
Kenneth Shelley (S/P/D)  
Karin Sherr (SyS)  
Jennifer Simon (S/P/D)  
Kathy Slack (S/P/D)

Beth Sweiding-Sisofo (SyS)  
Lisa Talbot (S/P/D)  
Gale Tanger (SyS)  
Megan Walsh (SyS)  
Sharon Watson (S/P/D)  
Karen Wiesmeier (SyS)  
Sharon Wiggins (S/P/D)

Doug Williams (S/P/D)  
Denise Williamson (S/P/D)  
Steve Winkler (S/P/D)  
Russ Witherby (S/P/D)  
Robert Withrow (S/P/D)  
Karen Wolanchuk (SyS)

**38. APPROVED - Competitions Committee**

*the following final sanctions:*

**ISU Junior Grand Prix – (first event in the 2007 series) - Lake Placid, N.Y., Aug 30-Sept 2, 2007**

**2008 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships - SC of Lake Placid, April 8-12, 2008**

**2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships - Cleveland, Ohio, January 18-25, 2009**

**2009 World Figure Skating Championships - Los Angeles, Calif., March 23-29, 2009**

**III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – MAY 4-5, 2007 (INCLUDES ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MODIFIED AND/OR RATIFIED)**

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

**40. ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.

**41. RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2006 Governing Council meeting held May 5 and 6, 2006 in Orlando, Fla.

**42. ANNOUNCED** that the 2008 Governing Council meeting will be held in Denver, Colo., at the Adams Mark Hotel on the dates of May 2 and 3, 2008.

**43. APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this meeting of Leslie Gianelli (chair), Alexander Enzmann (Rules Committee chair), and Ryan Jahnke (athlete member).

**44. ELECTED** the following provisional clubs to full membership in U.S. Figure Skating:

Bremerton FSC	Bremerton, Washington
Cascade Valley FSC	Renton, Washington
First Coast SC of Jacksonville	Jacksonville, Florida
Fishers FSC	Fishers, Indiana
Flagg Pond SC	Bridgewater, Massachusetts
Hawkeye SC	Coralville, Iowa
Ice House Skating Academy	Hartland, Michigan
Ice Mountain FSC	Burton, Michigan
The Lakemont FSC, Inc.	Altoona, Pennsylvania
L'Anse-Baraga FSC	Baraga, Michigan
Lighthouse FSC of Cape Cod, Inc.	S. Dennis, Massachusetts
Mahoning Valley Phantoms FSC	Boardman, Ohio

## BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

### EXHIBIT A

**45. APPROVED** to amend Article XVI, section 1, Article XVIII, and SCR 1.01 to make the Selections Committee a permanent committee of U.S. Figure Skating.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### Committees

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

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

#### ARTICLE XVIII

##### Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Add new section

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

Delete the existing language of rule SCR 1.01 and substitute new as shown to agree with the bylaws change:

SCR 1.01 **The Selections Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1 of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.**

### EXHIBIT B

**46. APPROVED** to amend Article XVI, section 1, Article XVIII, and TPCR 1.01 to make the Technical Panel Committee a permanent committee of U.S. Figure Skating.

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| 4. Audit                               | 18. Pairs                        |
| 5. Coaches                             | 19. Parents                      |
| 6. Collegiate Program                  | 20. Program Development          |
| 7. Compensation                        | 21. Rules                        |
| 8. Competitions                        | 22. Sanctions and Eligibility    |
| 9. Dance                               | 23. Singles                      |
| 10. Ethics                             | 24. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Finance                            | 25. Strategic Planning           |
| 12. Grievance                          | 26. Synchronized Team Skating    |
| 13. International                      | <b>27. Technical Panel</b>       |
| 14. International Judges and Officials | <del>27</del> <b>28</b> Tests    |

Section 2 *Chairs of Permanent Committees*. – no change

Section 3 *Committee Groups*. U.S. Figure Skating committees shall be organized into four committee groups: Groups 1, 2 and 4 — no change

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

ARTICLE XVIII  
Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees

Add new section

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

*Amend rule TPCR 1.01 as shown to agree with the bylaws change:*

TPCR 1.01 The Technical Panel Committee is a ~~special~~ **permanent** committee ~~appointed by the president in accordance with~~ **pursuant to** Article XVI, Section ~~5~~ **1** of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

**EXHIBIT C**

**47. APPROVED** to amend Article XI, Section 1, page 10 as shown:

**ARTICLE XI  
President**

Section 1 *Presiding Officer*. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors. The president shall generally supervise the activities of U.S. Figure Skating and shall, ~~with the secretary,~~ sign all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating **where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000.**

**EXHIBIT D**

**48. APPROVED** to amend Article XIII, page 10 as shown:

**ARTICLE XIII  
Secretary**

The secretary shall keep the records of U.S. Figure Skating and of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors; shall prepare minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors; shall issue notices of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors; and shall, with the president, sign all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating **where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000 and** if so directed by the Governing Council or the Board of Directors.

**EXHIBIT E**

**49. APPROVED** to amend Article V, Section 3, page 3 by deleting the last sentence as shown

**Article V  
Membership**

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

**EXHIBIT F**

**50. DID NOT APPROVE** to amend Article VIII removing the PSA, ISI and STAR representatives as nonvoting member of the Board.

**ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (Group 1)**

**51. ADOPTED** the following policy for those athletes who have competed for the U.S. internationally and would need a release from U.S. Figure Skating if they wanted to compete for another country/Member:

**The chair of the International Committee, based upon written request from the requesting ISU member, would authorize the release of the athlete with the following exceptions:**

**Any athlete who in the past four figure skating seasons in any discipline has been either 1) Envelope A; 2) a medalist at an ISU championship; or 3) a medalist at any Junior or Senior Grand Prix event. For any athlete that meets one or more of these exceptions, the request would be forwarded to the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors for a final decision.**



**52. APPROVED - Coaches Committee**

*A policy for a mandatory education requirement* for all U.S. Figure Skating member coaches with the criteria and plan for implementation to be formulated and presented no later than May 2008. In conjunction with the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), U.S. Figure Skating would require the mandatory education requirement for the 2008-09 season.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (Group 2)**

**53. APPROVED** an increase in Basic Skills fees by \$2.50, bringing the fee to \$7.50 per skater.

**TECHNICAL GROUP (Group 3)**

**54. APPROVED** to extend the effective date of Technical Panel Rule 3431(c)(2)(e) from September 1, 2006 to November 1, 2006. This rule references the use of non-certified technical specialists and technical controllers for nonqualifying events.

*Rationale for this action: Emergency action taken by the board based upon the inability of member clubs to staff nonqualifying competitions. The athlete members of the board support the extension of time. The Board took this action pursuant to the authority granted to the board in the bylaws, Article XXI, Sections 1 and 3.*

**55. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee**

**Test Rules** – the adjustment of adult pair test passing averages for consistent alignment

Passing Averages

<b>Adult Track</b>	MIF	Free Sk.	Pairs	<b>Pairs</b>
	Current	Current	Current	<b>Proposed</b>
<i>Adult Gold</i>	3.0	3.0	3.2	<b>3.0</b>
<i>Adult Silver</i>	2.7	2.7	3.0	<b>2.7</b>
<i>Adult Bronze</i>	2.5	2.5	2.7	<b>2.5</b>
<i>Adult Pre Bronze</i>	P/R	P/R	N/A	<b>N/A</b>

**56 APPROVED - Competitions Committee, Judges Committee, and Technical Panel Committee**

*Rules JR 4.04 (pg 51) and 2801 (pg 478)* – that the last date for membership renewal of judges and officials be moved from November 1 back to September 1. Officials to include accountants, announcers, ice technicians, music coordinators, technical controllers, technical specialists, and certified video/data operators.

**57. APPROVED - Judges Committee** (This is an item referred back to committee by the 2006 Governing Council (item 110 in the Combined Report of Action issued in May 2006)

**Realignment of competition judges levels**

Realignment of the competition judges structure to a new competition appointment levels of regional, sectional and national in each currently existing discipline (singles & pairs, dance, and synchronized team skating). The naming convention signifies what qualifying competition a judge at that level is able to judge. A regional judge will be able to judge all levels of competition at a regional qualifying competition, a sectional judge will be able to judge all levels of competition at a sectional qualifying competition (and regional as well) and the national level judge will remain the same. In synchronized team skating, the structure is slightly different since there is no regional competition in which to judge. The following rationale explains how the current competition appointment structure fits into the new.

- S&P and Dance - novice and junior competition judges become regional competition judges
- S&P and Dance - senior competition judges become sectional competition judges
- Synchronized Skating - novice and junior competition judges become junior sectional competition judges
- Synchronized Skating - senior competition judges become senior sectional competition judges
- All disciplines - national competition judges – no change

**58. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

*Novice Pairs Short Programs - Rule 4061 (C) Remarks – f. Death spirals (page 597)*

Delete the second sentence in rule 4061 C. f. and replace with the following:

**A minimum of one revolution by the man in pivot position is required.**

**59. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

*Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skates - Rule 4062 Death spiral (page 597)*

Strike the current language as it refers to the death spiral and replace with the following:

**Maximum of one (1) death spiral with at least one full revolution by the man in pivot position.**

**60. APPROVED** a motion that in the event that certified technical panel members are not available, non-qualifying competitions may be conducted with one (1) non-certified technical specialist if the other technical specialist and the technical controller are certified officials. This will be in effect until May 31, 2007. All new appointments will be announced within 14 days of the close of each seminar.

**61. WITHDRAWN - Adult Skating Committee**

A request to hold championship events for bronze and silver singles.

**62. APPROVED - Competitions Committee**

*Rule 3550 -Clothing - Singles/Pairs and 3556 -Clothing – Dance, (page 551) and 3563 – Costume, Synchronized* – add new rule to 3550, 3556 and modify the existing language of 3563 to reflect the current ISU rule on logo size and specifications:

*"The skating clothing worn in actual competition may not bear any form of advertising. However, warm-up suits may bear the name of a sponsor when the team is on the ice **which must not exceed 4.65 square inches (30 square centimeters).**"*

**63. APPROVED - Competitions Committee**

*Rule 3585 – Complaints, Protests, Appeals (page 553)* – amend by adding suggested language as shown:

**The joint resolution action issued by the chair of the Judges Committee and the chair of the Competitions Committee shall be considered final.**

**64. APPROVED - Competitions Committee**

*Rule 2612 – Assignment Restrictions (page 469)* – amend by adding the sentence shown:

**This rule does not apply to IJS duties.**

**65. APPROVED - Competitions Committee**

*Acceptance of a new memorial trophy under TMR 1.01*

Richard D. Stutzke Memorial Trophy, donated by the Friends of Dick Stutzke

Event: Adult Bronze Dance (retroactive to the 2007 event at the U.S. Adult Championships)

**66. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule TR 50.01 Classification of Free Dance Tests (page 220)* - amend the chart of TR 50.01 as follows:

Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Juvenile free dance test	<del>None</del> <b><u>Complete preliminary dance test</u></b>
Intermediate free dance test	Complete <del>preliminary</del> <b><u>bronze</u></b> compulsory dance test and juvenile free dance test
Novice free dance test	complete <del>bronze</del> <b><u>pre-silver</u></b> compulsory dance test and intermediate free dance test
Junior and senior free dance test prerequisites remain unchanged.	

**67. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*TR 50.02 (A through C) (page 221)* – to amend as follows:

TR 50.02 The **adult and** masters free dance tests are divided into ~~five~~ **four** classes **each** to be taken in the following order, except as otherwise provided herein.

**Free Dance Test**

**Adult pre-bronze free dance**

**Adult bronze free dance**

**Adult silver free dance**

**Adult gold free dance**

**Masters pre-bronze free dance**

**Masters bronze free dance**

**Masters silver free dance**

**Masters gold free dance**

**Prerequisite**

**Complete preliminary dance test**

**Adult pre-bronze free dance test plus one bronze dance (standard or adult)**

**Adult bronze free dance test plus one pre-silver dance (standard or adult)**

**Adult silver free dance test plus one pre-gold dance (standard or adult)**

**Complete preliminary dance test**

**Masters or adult pre-bronze free dance test plus one bronze dance (standard, adult or masters)**

**Masters or adult bronze free dance test plus one pre-silver dance (standard, adult or masters)**

**Masters or adult silver free dance test plus one pre-gold dance (standard, adult or masters)**

(All references to masters free dance tests to be deleted from TR 54.02, 54.03, 54.04 and 54.05)

A. Any **adult or masters** free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required prerequisite compulsory dance test (standard, adult or masters) and free dance test as shown above. No free dance test is a prerequisite to any compulsory dance test.

~~B. A candidate who completed the preliminary free dance test and no higher prior to Sept. 2, 2000, may bypass the juvenile free dance test and continue with the intermediate free dance test.~~

**B. Adult/masters skaters who have passed standard track free dance tests may enter the adult/masters free dance structure as indicated below without taking the lower level adult/masters free dance tests.**

<b><u>Standard free dance test passed</u></b>	<b><u>May test the adult/masters level</u></b>
<b><u>Juvenile free dance (or preliminary free dance and no higher prior to September 2, 2000)</u></b>	<b><u>Adult or masters silver free dance</u></b>
<b><u>Intermediate free dance or higher</u></b>	<b><u>Adult or masters gold free dance</u></b>

C. To qualify for any masters free dance test, the candidate must be fifty (50) years of age or older and must have passed the preceding free dance test, masters; ~~or adult or standard~~. **To qualify for any adult free dance test, the candidate must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult free dance test.** The passing of a lower level masters free dance test does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level ~~standard~~ **adult** free dance test.

**68. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule TR 51.05 Requirements for Free Dance tests (page 222)* – amend by substituting the following:

TR 51.05 **All free dance tests are governed by the following: Basic Dance Rules (4210), Music (4220), Free Dance Rules-General Requirements (4271), Illegal Elements/Movements (4272) and Definitions of Elements (4280).**

**69. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule TR 52.05 Requirements to Passing Free Dance Tests (page 223)* by the addition a new subsection as follows:

Add a new item 6 under serious errors for free dance tests ...

**A serious error by the testing and/or non-testing partner requires a reskate of the element by both partners.** [Balance of rule remains unchanged.]

**70. WITHDRAWN - Dance Committee**

A request to insert language prohibiting the non-touching midline step sequence in free dance.

**71. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*NEW rule TR 54.06* - add to read as follows:

**TR 54.06 Adult Pre-Bronze Free Dance Test and Masters Pre-Bronze Free Dance Test**

**The adult and masters pre-bronze free dance tests serve as an introduction to the fundamentals of free dancing. The free dance should incorporate a variety of holds, steps and turns from the preliminary and pre-bronze compulsory dance tests. Original dance holds and maneuvers are permitted. General requirements outlined for the preliminary compulsory dance test apply equally to the adult and masters pre-bronze free dance tests**

**The couple must demonstrate a basic knowledge of the following two (2) required elements:**

**Spin: One (1) dance spin (hold and position optional) with a minimum of two (2) revolutions. Either one or both partners may be on two feet.**

**Step sequence: A diagonal step sequence in dance hold covering at least one-half (1/2) of the ice surface. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include 3-turns and Mohawks executed by both partners.**

**Extra elements may be added without penalty.**

**Duration: Not to exceed 1 minute 40 seconds. Vocals permitted.**

**The test is marked only “pass” or “retry” in each division and in the final result. No numerical marks are awarded. If any one (1) division is marked “retry” by a judge, the final result must also be marked “retry” by that judge. To pass the test a majority of the judges must award a “pass” in the final result.**

**Judging panel required: Three (3) bronze or higher rank dance judges; or one (1) silver or higher rank dance judge.**

**72. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*NEW rule TR 54.07* – add to read as follows:

**TR 54.07 Adult Bronze Free Dance Test and Masters Bronze Free Dance Test**

**General requirements outlined for the standard and masters bronze compulsory dance test apply equally to the adult and masters bronze free dance test, respectively. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. The free dance should incorporate a variety of holds, steps and turns from the pre-bronze and bronze compulsory dance tests. Very basic unison and dance timing will be expected. Original dance holds and maneuvers are permitted.**

**The couple must demonstrate fair knowledge of the following four (4) required elements:**

**Spin: One (1) dance spin (hold and position optional) with a minimum of two (2) revolutions on one foot for each partner simultaneously.**

**Step Sequence: A diagonal step sequence in dance hold covering at least three-quarters (3/4) of the ice surface. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include 3-turns and Mohawks executed by both partners.**

**Two additional required elements are to be chosen from the following:**

**a.) Lift: One (1) short lift (not to exceed six (6) seconds) from the following: stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift. Long lifts (not to exceed ten (10) seconds) of the following types are not allowed: reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift**

**b.) Circular step sequence, in dance hold(s). The sequence must be a complete circle utilizing the full width of the ice surface (on the short axis of the rink). The circle must be complete and closed.;**

**c. Twizzles: Either synchronized twizzles or a series of synchronized twizzles, minimum one (1) revolution by both partners simultaneously**

**Extra elements may be added without penalty.**

**Duration: Not to exceed 2 minutes 25 seconds. Vocals permitted.**

<b><u>Maximum points 12.0</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Average:</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Total:</u></b>
	<b><u>Adult 2.6</u></b>	<b><u>5.2</u></b>
	<b><u>Masters 2.4</u></b>	<b><u>4.8</u></b>

**Judging panel required: Three (3) bronze or higher rank dance judges; or one (1) silver or higher rank dance judge.**

**73. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*NEW rule TR 54.08* – add to read as follows:

**TR 54.08 Adult Silver Free Dance Test and Masters Silver Free Dance Test**

**General requirements outlined for the adult and masters silver compulsory dance test apply equally to the adult and masters silver free dance test, respectively. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. The free dance should incorporate a variety of holds, steps and turns from the pre-silver and silver compulsory dance tests. Original dance holds and maneuvers are encouraged. While demonstrating fundamentals of basic ice dance, it should have fair to good edges and flow, good timing, some dance expression and display moderately good form and unison. A refined presentation is not expected.**

**The couple must demonstrate fair to good knowledge of the following five (5) required elements:**

**Spin: One (1) dance spin selected from the following types:**

**a. Spin: Minimum two (2) revolutions on one foot for each partner;**

**b. Spin Combination: Minimum two (2) revolutions on one foot for each partner for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half (1/2) rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot simultaneously by each partner;**

**Step Sequence: A diagonal step sequence in dance hold fully utilizing the ice surface as possible from corner to corner. The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include 3-turns and Mohawks executed by both partners.**

**Three additional required elements are to be chosen from the following:**

**a.) Lifts: One (1) or two (2) different types of short lifts (not to exceed six(6) seconds), but no more from the following: stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift. Long lifts (not to exceed ten (10) seconds) of the following types are not allowed: reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift.**

**b.) Circular step sequence, in dance hold(s). The sequence must be a complete circle utilizing the full width of the ice surface (on the short axis of the rink). The circle must be closed and complete.;**

**c.) Twizzles: One (1) or two (2) twizzle elements, either synchronized twizzles or a series of synchronized twizzles, minimum one (1) revolution by both partners simultaneously. If two twizzle elements are chosen, they must differ either in the number or direction of rotations and/or in the entry edge.**

**Extra elements may be added without penalty.**

**Duration: Not to exceed 2 minutes 40 seconds. Vocal music permitted.**

<b><u>Maximum points 12.0</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Average:</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Total:</u></b>
	<b><u>Adult</u></b> <b><u>3.2</u></b>	<b><u>6.4</u></b>
	<b><u>Masters</u></b> <b><u>2.8</u></b>	<b><u>5.6</u></b>

**Judging panel required: Three (3) bronze or higher rank dance judges.**

**74. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*NEW rule TR 54.09* – add to read as follows:

**TR 54.09 Adult Gold Free Dance Test and Masters Gold Free Dance Test**

**General requirements outlined for the adult and masters gold compulsory dance test apply equally to the adult and masters gold free dance test, respectively. The program presented must conform to the rules for free dance. It must show difficulty, with a variety of holds, steps and turns from the pre-gold and gold compulsory dances executed with some sophistication and confidence. Original dance holds and maneuvers are encouraged. Good dance timing, expression, and unison should be demonstrated. Full ice utilization is expected.**

**The couple must demonstrate good to excellent knowledge of the following 6 required elements:**

**Spin: One (1) dance spin selected from the following types:**

**a. Spin: Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each partner;**

**b. Spin Combination: Minimum three (3) revolutions on one foot for each partner for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two (2) feet while changing to the other foot simultaneously by each partner;**

**Step Sequence: Circular step sequence, in dance hold(s). The sequence must be a complete circle utilizing the full width of the ice surface (on the short axis of the rink). The sequence should include a variety of steps and turns and must include 3-turns, Mohawks and brackets executed by both partners.**

**Synchronized Twizzles: Either synchronized twizzles or a series of synchronized twizzles, minimum 1 revolution by both partners simultaneously for each twizzle.**

**Three (3) additional required elements are to be chosen from the following:**

**a.) Lifts: One (1) to three (3) different types of lifts, but no more. A maximum of one (1) long lift (not to exceed ten (10) seconds) is allowed and can be chosen from the following: reverse rotational lift, serpentine lift or combination lift. The remaining lifts are to be selected from the list of short lifts (not to exceed six (6) seconds). They are stationary lift, straight line lift, curve lift or rotational lift. It is allowable to execute three (3) short lifts only as long as they are of different types.**

**b.) Spin: One additional dance spin, different type from the first performed, i.e. if the first was a combination spin, the second must not change feet or vice versa.**

**c.) Diagonal step sequence, in dance hold(s), fully utilizing ice surface as much as possible from corner to corner;**

**d.) Twizzle: One (1) additional twizzle element, either synchronized twizzles or a series of synchronized twizzles, minimum 1 revolution by both partners simultaneously. Must differ either in the number or direction of rotations and/or in the entry edge from the required twizzle element performed.**

**Extra elements may be added without penalty.**

**Duration: Not to exceed 3 minutes 10 seconds. Vocal music permitted.**

<b><u>Maximum points 12.0</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Average:</u></b>	<b><u>Passing Total:</u></b>
	<b><u>Adult 4.2</u></b>	<b><u>8.4</u></b>
	<b><u>Masters 3.7</u></b>	<b><u>7.4</u></b>

**Judging panel required: Three (3) silver or higher rank dance judges.**

**75. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

***Rule TR 54.04 Junior Free Dance Test (page 227)* - amend by changing the program duration of the junior free dance test from 3:00 minutes to **3:30** +/- 10 seconds. **This item be declared URGENT to go into effect on June 1, 2007****

**76. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

Establish a compulsory dance **solo test track for adult and masters** skaters.

**77. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4442 Selection of Compulsory Dances – Pre-Juvenile Dance (page 634)** amend to read:

For each competition season, the following groups of compulsory dances will alternate in the order shown.

- Group A: **Initial Round:** Dutch Waltz, Cha-Cha  
**Final Round: Rhythm Blues, Fiesta Tango**
- Group B: **Initial Round:** Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues  
**Final Round: Cha-Cha, Swing Dance**

- A. For 2007-2008 **Group A will be skated;**
- B. **For 2008–2009 Group B will be skated;**
- C. Same as currently in rulebook;
- D. Same as currently in rulebook.

**78. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4432 Selection of Compulsory Dances – Juvenile Dance (page 632)** amend to read:

For each competitive season, the following groups of three compulsory dances will be alternated in successive years in the order shown. **The asterisked (\*) dance plus one of the other two dances in the group will be drawn as per rule 4241 to be skated at the U.S. Junior Championships. The asterisked (\*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the regional championships.**

2007–2008 Group A: **Swing Dance, Hickory Hoedown, Fourteenstep (\*)**

**2008–2009** Group B: **Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz, Ten Fox (\*)**

The remainder of this rule stays as currently written.

**79. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4422 Selection of Compulsory Dances – Intermediate Dance (page 630)** amend to read:

For each competitive season, the following groups of three compulsory dances will be alternated in successive years in the order shown. **The asterisked (\*) dance plus one of the other two dances in the group will be drawn as per rule 4241 to be skated at the U.S. Junior Championships. The asterisked (\*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the regional championships.**

2007–2008 Group A: Fourteenstep, **Foxtrot, American Waltz (\*)**

**2008–2009** Group B: **Fourteenstep, Rocker Foxtrot, European Waltz (\*)**

**80. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4402, Selection of Compulsory Dances- Junior Dance (page 625)** amend to read:

- A. For 2007-2008, **one (1)** compulsory dance shall be drawn from the following four (4): Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado, Argentine Tango, Blues
- B. For **2008-2009, one (1)** compulsory dance shall be drawn from the **dances as identified by the ISU for that competition season.**
- C. ~~The dances will be skated in the order listed, except if the rhythm for the original dance is the same as one of the two compulsory dances. In that case, the compulsory dance with the same rhythm as the original dance shall be skated first~~
- C. **For each competitive season one compulsory dance will be drawn as per rule 4241 to be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. One different dance will be drawn from the remainder of the group as per rule 4241 to be skated at the sectional championships.**
- D. No change from current rulebook;
- E. No change from current rulebook.

**81. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4302 NEW (C) Selection of Compulsory Dance (page 622)** add new item (C) and renumber existing (C) and (D) to (D) and (E) respectively:

**New (C) One dance will be drawn as per rule 4241 to be skated at U.S. Figure Skating Championships. One different dance will be drawn from the remainder of the group as per rule 4241 to be skated at the sectional championships.**

**82. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule 3412 (page 514) and Table B (page 518)* - amend by providing a way to break ties after the compulsory dance portion of an event when there are two or more compulsory dances to reflect the following:

**After the compulsory dance segment of an event if two or more couples are tied for the same place the couple with the best placement for the last compulsory dance will be awarded the ordinal for the tied place with the other couple receiving the next following placement. If the couples who have the same placement for the last compulsory dance were tied for that dance, the couples shall remain tied for the compulsory dance segment.**

**83. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*4435 (B) Juvenile Free Dance Spins (page 633)* amend as follows:

Increase the number of revolutions for spins to **three (3)** by each partner and for the combination spin to **three (3)** by each partner on each foot.

**84. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule 4425 (B) Intermediate Free Dance Spins (page 631)* amend as follows:

Increase the number of revolutions for spins to **three (3)** by each partner and for the combination spin to **three (3)** by each partner on each foot.

**85. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule 4463 (B)(1)(b) Adult Original Dance – Technical Elements – Spins (page 636)* amend as follows:

Increase the number of required revolutions in a dance spin to **three (3)** revolutions by each partner on one foot and **three (3)** revolutions on one foot by each partner for each part of the combination spin.

**86. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rules 4460, 4470, 4480, 4490, 4491, 4495, 4500, 4505 and the open masters event (from Dance Committee Ballot # 3) for all adult competitive events* - amend to include the provision that test requirements can be fulfilled by passing the standard, adult or masters tests.

**87. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*Rule 4510 Adult Centennial Dance (page 641)* – amend by deleting the following statement under Test and Age Requirements:

“Teams entering centennial dance may not enter any other dance event except championship adult dance.”

**88. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

*NEW category of Open Masters Dance* - add to the list of competitive events to be offered at the U.S. Adult Championships.

**Test and Age Requirements: Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries. Open to those couples where one partner must have passed at least one gold/adult gold/[masters gold] dance; the other partner must have passed at least one pre-gold /adult pre-gold/[masters pre-gold] dance.**

**Adult dance events are open to skaters who have met the test criteria and are at least 21 years of age at the close of entries.**

**Program Duration – Original Dance (Final Round) – 2:40 max**

**Selection of Compulsory Dances**

**For each competitive season, the following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:**

<b><u>2007–2008 Group 1</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Round – Starlight Waltz, Cha-Cha Congelado</u></b>
	<b><u>Final Round – Original Dance</u></b>
<b><u>2008–2009 Group 2</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Round – Silver Samba, Vienese Waltz</u></b>
	<b><u>Final Round – Original Dance</u></b>
<b><u>2009–2010 Group 3</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Round – Westminster Waltz, Rhumba</u></b>



**Final Round – Original Dance**  
**2010–2011 Group 4      Initial Round – Quickstep, Tango Romantica**  
**Final Round – Original Dance**

- A. **The dances will be skated in the order listed;**  
B. **Draw for the skating order of the couples shall be made in accordance with Rule 4204.**

**Original Dance**

**In the final round each of the couples shall present an original dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of 4463. The rhythms are to be the same as the annual selection by the ISU.**

**Note: The requirements/restrictions for the current year original dance rhythm shall be the same as the championship, gold, and pre-gold dance events.**

**89. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule 4463 (B)(1) Technical elements and (B)(2) Optional elements (page 636) – amend as shown:**

**4463 (B)(1) Technical Elements:**

~~a.) One (1) step sequence from the following:~~

- a.) Diagonal Step Sequence executed as fully from corner to corner as possible. The sequence must be skated in dance holds without separations except to change dance holds.
- ~~Midline (not touching) step sequence executed along the center axis of the ice surface extending as nearly as possible for the full length of the ice surface. During this step sequence, the partners should remain as close together as possible but no more than two (2) arms lengths apart. Synchronized twizzles are optional. (Move from technical elements to optional elements – see below.)~~
  - ~~During both step sequences: no lifts, spins, jumps of more than one-half revolution, stops or pattern regressions are permitted. Small hops without rotation and a few toe steps are permitted. (Move from technical elements to optional elements – see below.)~~
  - ~~Combined spins and lifts are not permitted. (Move from technical elements to optional elements.)~~
- b.) One type of spin (spin or combination spin) but no more. The position of the skaters is optional. The spin must achieve a minimum of ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** revolutions by each partner on one foot. If the skaters choose to execute a combination spin, they must each complete ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** rotations on one foot before changing feet and each executing ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** additional revolutions on the other foot. There should be no more than one-half rotation on two (2) feet while the “change of foot” is taking place.

**4463 (B)(2) Optional Elements:**

- ~~a.) Up to two (2) two footed highlights are allowed;~~  
~~b.) Up to two (2) stops, each for a maximum duration of five (5) seconds are allowed;~~  
~~c.) Loops may be included but must not cross the long axis;~~
- a.) **Midline (not touching) step sequence executed along the center axis of the ice surface extending as nearly as possible for the full length of the ice surface. During this step sequence, the partners should remain as close together as possible but no more than two (2) arms lengths apart.**
- b.) **Synchronized twizzles included within the midline (not touching) step sequence.**
- c.) Up to two (2) different types of dance lifts from the list of short lifts (up to six (6) seconds) as described in 4263 (A)(1) with the same limitations as described in 4263(A)(2). (*This is currently item 4463B (2)(d).*)
- d.) **During both step sequences: no lifts, spins, jumps of more than one-half revolution, stops or pattern regressions are permitted. Small hops without rotation and a few toe steps are permitted.**
- e.) **Combined spins and lifts are not permitted.**

**90. APPROVED - Dance Committee**

**Rule DCR 2.02 (page 111) delete the rule entirely. It states the following:**

*The president may also appoint such additional vice chairs from time to time as are deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the committee.*

**91. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Program (page 598) – amend the solo jump to read:**

Maximum one (1) solo jump **single or double**

**92. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Program (page 598)** – amend the combination/jump sequence to read:

Maximum one (1) jump combination or jump sequence. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two (2). The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free. **Only single and double jumps are permitted**

**93. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Program (page 598)** – amend the death spiral to read:

Maximum one (1) death ~~or pivot~~ spiral. Minimum one-half (1/2) revolution by the man in pivot position.

Also delete the reference to the pivot spiral at the end of the table. “See remarks under 4061. ~~Intermediate pairs may do a death or pivot spiral.~~”

**94. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4061 (B)(1) Novice Pairs Short Program (page 595)** – add the following new item c. and renumber the balance:

**c. one (1) throw jump, single or double**

**95. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4061 (B)(2) Novice Pairs Short Program (page 596)** – add the following new item c. and renumber the balance. Make the change effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting:

**c. one (1) throw jump, single or double**

**96. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4061 (B)(3) Novice Pairs Short Program (page 596)** – add the following new item c. and renumber the balance:

**c. one (1) throw jump, single or double**

**97. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4061 (C) Remarks [Novice Pairs Short Program] (page 596)** – add the following new item c. and renumber the balance. Make the change effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting:

**c. Any single or double throw jump is permitted. Throw jumps are partner assisted jumps in which the lady is thrown into the air by the man on the take-off and lands without assistance from her partner on a backward outside edge.**

**98. APPROVED - Pairs Committee**

**Rule 4060 Novice Pairs (page 595)** – change the program duration for the short program to **2:50 max.** Make the change effective at the close of the Governing Council meeting

**99. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule 3721 – No Test Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 574)** – amend to read:

<b>Jumps</b>	<b>Maximum of five (5) jump elements. No Axels or double jumps are allowed</b>
<b>Spins</b>	<b>Maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature</b>
<b>Steps</b>	<b>One (1) step sequence utilizing one-half (1/2) the ice surface</b>

**Remarks:** See generally “Remarks: Intermediate Free Skate,” except as provided below.

**A. Jumps generally:** Single jumps (not including Axel) limited to a maximum of five (5).

**B. Jump combinations and jump sequences:** Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See “Remarks: Senior Free Skate Program” for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One (1) jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

**C. Spins:** The minimum number of revolutions for the spins in the no-test free skate is three (3).

**D. Step Sequence:** The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize at least one-half (1/2) the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element.

**100. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule 3711 – Pre - Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 574) – amend to read:**

<b>Jumps</b>	<b>Maximum of five (5) jump elements. Axels are allowed. No double jumps are allowed</b>
<b>Spins</b>	<b>Maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature</b>
<b>Steps</b>	<b>One (1) step sequence utilizing one-half (1/2) the ice surface</b>

**Remarks:** See generally “Remarks: Intermediate Free Skate,” except as provided below.

**A. Jumps generally:** Single jumps including an axel limited to a maximum of five (5). An Axel may be repeated as an individual jump, jump sequence, or jump combinations. No double or triple jumps are allowed.

**B. Jump combinations and jump sequences:** Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See “Remarks: Senior Free Skate Program” for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One (1) jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

**C. Jump repetitions:** The maximum number of Axels in the program is two (2).

**D. Spins:** The minimum number of revolutions for the spins in the pre-preliminary free skate is three (3).

**E. Step Sequence:** The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize at least one-half (1/2) the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element.

**101. APPROVED - Singles Committee (see also 102 and 103, which propose additional modifications)**

**Rule 3701 – Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 573) – amend to read:**

<b>Jumps</b>	<b>Maximum of five (5) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel-type jump).</b>
<b>Spins</b>	<b>Maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature</b>
<b>Steps</b>	<b>One (1) step sequence utilizing one-half (1/2) the ice surface</b>

**Remarks:** See generally “Remarks: Intermediate Free Skate,” except as provided below.

**A. Jumps generally:** Number of single jumps is not limited. An Axel plus up to two (2) different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences, or jump combinations. No triple jumps are allowed.

**B. Jump combinations and jump sequences:** Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See “Remarks: Senior Free Skate Program” for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One (1) jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.

**C. Jump repetitions:** No double jump or the axel may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, that jump must be in combination or sequence. No more than two (2) different double jumps may be repeated in the program. The maximum number of any particular double jump or axel in the program is two (2).

**D. Spins:** The minimum number of revolutions for the spins in the preliminary free skate is three (3).

**E. Step Sequence:** The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize at least one-half (1/2) the ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element.

**102. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule 3701 – Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 573) – amend to the jump elements to read:**

<b>Jumps</b>	<b>Maximum of five (5) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel/waltz jump-type jump).</b>
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**103. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule 3701 – Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 573) - amend A. Jumps generally, to read:**

**A. Jumps generally:** Number of single jumps is not limited. An Axel plus up to two (2) different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences, or jump combinations. No **double Axels or** triple jumps are allowed.

**104. APPROVED - Singles Committee (see also 105, which proposes an additional modification)**

**Rule TR 32.02 Preliminary Free Skate Test (page 195)** – amend to read:

The purpose of this test is to continue the encouragement of beginning skaters to learn the fundamentals of free skating. The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of the elements and a good sense of power (speed/flow). A relationship with the music should be attempted in the program. The following elements are required:

Jumps – **Maximum of five (5)**

1. Waltz jump
2. Salchow
3. Loop
4. Flip
5. One (1) jump combination — Waltz jump, toe loop (no turn or change of foot between jumps)

Spins – **Maximum of two (2):**

1. One-foot backspin — entry optional (three (3) revolutions)
2. Sit spin — in recognizable sit position (three (3) revolutions)

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

Balance of the rule remains the same

**105. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule TR 32.02 Preliminary Free Skate Test (page 195)** – amend item 5 under jumps to read:

5. One (1) jump combination **consisting of a single toe loop and one of the jumps listed above** (no turn or change of foot between jumps).

**106. APPROVED - Singles Committee (see also 107, which proposes an additional modification)**

**Rule 3691 - Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 573)** – amend to read:

<b>Jumps</b>	<b>Maximum of six (6) jump elements (one of which must be an Axel-type jump).</b>
<b>Spins</b>	<b>Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature</b>
<b>Steps</b>	<b>One (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface</b>

**Remarks:** See generally “Remarks: Intermediate Free Skate,” except as provided below.

**A. Jumps generally:** Number of single jumps is not limited. An Axel plus up to three (3) different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences, or jump combinations. No triple jumps are allowed.

**B. Jump combinations and jump sequences:** Up to three (3) of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. See “Remarks: Senior Free Skate Program” for definitions of jump elements, jump combinations and jump sequences. One (1) jump combination may contain three (3) jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two (2) jumps. Number of jumps in jump sequence is free.

**C. Jump repetitions:** No double jump or the axel may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, that jump must be in combination or sequence. No more than three (3) different double jumps may be repeated in the program. The maximum number of any particular double jump in the program is two (2).

**D. Spins:** The minimum number of revolutions for the spins in the pre-juvenile free skate is three (3).

**E. Step Sequence:** The required step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element.

**107. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule 3691 - Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 573)** – amend item A. Jumps generally under Remarks to read:

**A. Jumps generally:** Number of single jumps is not limited. An Axel plus up to three (3) different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences, or jump combinations. No **double Axels or** triple jumps are allowed.

### 108. APPROVED - Singles Committee

**Rule TR 32.03- Pre-juvenile Free Skate Test (page 196)** – amend to read:

The fundamentals of free skating must be demonstrated, although not necessarily mastered. Good edges, flow, power, extension and posture are required for all of the elements of free skating (jumps, spins, as well as connecting moves). The program should utilize the ice surface and demonstrate some relationship with the music. The following elements are required:

Jumps - **Maximum of Six (6) jumping elements including the following requirements:**

1. Loop
2. Flip
3. Lutz
4. One (1) jump combination — choice of above with a loop jump (no turn or change of foot between jumps). The loop jump must be the second jump.

Spins – **Maximum of 3 spins including:**

1. One (1) camel spin (minimum three (3) revolutions)
2. One (1) combination spin: camel spin to sit spin. No change of foot (minimum six (6) revolutions in positions)
3. Front scratch to back scratch — exit on spinning foot (minimum four (4) revolutions on each foot)

Steps: **One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed**, may be added without penalty.

Balance of the rule remains the same

### 109. APPROVED - Singles Committee

**Rule TR 32.04 - Juvenile Free Skate Test (page 196-197)** – amend to read:

The candidate must skate the selected elements (jumps, spins, as well as connecting steps) on good edges, with good form, flow, power and preciseness. The candidate must also skate to the music and utilize the ice surface.

The following elements are required:

Jumps – **Maximum Six (6) jumping elements including the following requirements**

1. One (1) Axel jump
2. **Three (3) different single or double jumps**
3. One (1) jump combination consisting of two (2) single jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
4. **In addition to the listed jumps at least one of the following must also be included: Split jump, stag jump, falling leaf, half loop**

Spins – **Maximum of three (3) spins including:**

1. Forward sit spin (minimum four (4) revolutions in position)
2. Ladies: Layback or attitude spin (minimum four (4) revolutions in position)  
Men: Forward camel spin (minimum four (4) revolutions in position)
3. One (1) spin with one (1) change of foot, change of position optional, (minimum four (4) revolutions each foot). Must include one (1) of the following positions: camel, sit or attitude.

Steps: **One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed**, may be added without penalty.

Balance of the rule remains the same

### 110. DID NOT APPROVE - Singles Committee

**Rule 3681 - Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 572)** – amend item D. under spins to limit variations in the required flying spin.

D. Spins: The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the juvenile or open juvenile free skate is five (5), a minimum two (2) of which must be in the landing position. **Variations of the entry, edge, or body positions (features) to increase the difficulty (level) of the flying spin will not be considered. When the IJS system of judging is used the flying spin will always be a level 1 spin.** The minimum number of revolutions in the combination is eight (8) total. The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least five (5) revolutions.

### 111. APPROVED - Singles Committee

**Rule TR 32.05 Intermediate Free Skate Test (page 197)** – amend to read:

Strong, smooth edges and turns, combined with correct posture and effortless flow, utilizing the music and the ice surface are expected of the candidate in all types of free skating elements (jumps, spins, as well as connecting steps). The following elements are required:

Jumps – **Maximum Six (6) jumping elements including the following requirements**

1. One (1) Axel jump
2. One (1) double jump: double Salchow, or double toe loop
3. One (1) jump combination consisting of two (2) single jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
4. One (1) jump combination consisting of either one (1) single and one (1) double jump or consisting of two (2) double jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps).

Spins – **Maximum of three (3) spins including the following requirements**

1. **Flying spin (minimum five (5) revolutions in position)**
2. Spin combination consisting of **at least** one (1) change of foot and **at least** one (1) change of position (minimum four (4) revolutions on each foot)

Steps: **One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed,** may be added without penalty.

Balance of the rule remains the same

### 112. APPROVED - Singles Committee

**Rule 3671 – Intermediate Short Program (page 571)** – amend item A. Technical Elements, #3 – to restrict repeat of the double Axel and amend the remarks to be consistent:

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

And change **Remarks** to read:

**The jump performed in (1) may not be repeated as either the jump in (2) or as a part of the combination (3).** The jump performed in (2) may not be repeated as part of jump combination (3); ... (remainder unchanged)

### 113. DID NOT APPROVE - Singles Committee

**Rule 3672 - Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 571)** – amend item C. Spins to limit variations in the required flying spin.

C. Spins: All spins in the intermediate free skate may have flying entries, may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of rotations for the flying spin is five (5), two (2) of which must be in the landing position. **Variations of the entry, edge, or body positions (features) to increase the difficulty (level) of the first flying spin will not be considered. When the IJS system of judging is used the first flying spin will always be a level 1 spin.** The combination spin must have a minimum of four (4) revolutions on each foot. The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least five (5) revolutions.

### 114. APPROVED - Singles Committee

**Rule TR 32.06 Novice Free Skate Test (page 197-198)** – amend to read:

The candidate must give a performance that is generally good. The preciseness of the footwork should be nearly faultless; body motions well timed with the music, and the flow and power very good in all free skating elements (jumps, spins, as well as connecting steps). The program should fully utilize the ice surface and no major or consistent errors should be in evidence. The following elements are required:

Jumps – **Maximum of seven (7) jumping elements for men and six (6) jumping elements for ladies, including the following requirements:**

1. Double Salchow
2. Double toe loop
3. Double loop
4. One (1) jump combination consisting of two (2) double jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)

Spins – **Maximum of three (3) spins including the following requirements:**

1. Choice of camel spin, sit spin or layback spin (minimum 6 revolutions in position)
2. **Flying spin (minimum five (5) revolutions in position)**
3. Spin combination consisting of **at least** one (1) change of foot and **at least** one (1) change of position (minimum five (5) revolutions on each foot)

Steps – Maximum one (1)

**1. One (1) step sequence or spiral sequence. See Rule 3640 for description.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed,** may be added without penalty.

Balance of the rule remains unchanged

**115. APPROVED - Singles Committee (see also 116, which proposes an additional modification)**

**Rule TR 32.07 Junior Free Skate Test (page 198-199)** – amend to read:

The candidate must give a performance that is generally very good in all respects. Focus should be on power, flow, edge quality, line and footwork control. The program should demonstrate a good, harmonious composition that is skated to the music with rhythm and expression, while utilizing the full ice surface. The following elements are required:

Jumps - **Maximum of eight (8) jumping elements for men and seven (7) jumping elements for ladies, including the following requirements:**

1. At least three different double jumps, one (1) of which must be a double flip
2. One (1) jump combination consisting of two (2) double jumps (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
3. One (1) jump sequence consisting of small jumps, followed by any double jump
4. **An Axel type jump**

Spins – **Maximum of three (3) spins including the following requirements:**

1. **Flying spin (minimum 6 revolutions in position)**
2. **Spin in one position (minimum 6 revolutions in position)**
3. Spin combination consisting of **all** three positions and one (1) change of foot (**minimum (10) revolutions total.**)

Steps:

**1a. Men - Two (2) different step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface. See Rule 3640 for description**

**1b. Ladies - One step sequence and one spiral sequence, covering the full ice surface. See Rule 3640 for description.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed,** may be added without penalty. All spins may fly and change feet.

Balance of rule remains unchanged

**116. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

**Rule TR 32.07 Junior Free Skate Test (page 198-199)** – amend under Spins item 3 to read:

3. Spin combination consisting of **all** three positions and one (1) change of foot (**minimum of 2 revolutions in each position and minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot and a minimum of 10 revolutions total.**)

**117. APPROVED - Singles Committee (see also 118, which proposes an additional modification)**

**Rule TR 32.08 Senior Free Skate Test (page 199)** - amend to read:

The candidate must give an excellent performance displaying power, strong edge control and depth, extension and precise footwork control in all aspects of the selected elements. The program should fully utilize the ice surface, have a change of pace and superbly express the mood and rhythm of music. Harmonious steps and connecting movements in time to the music should be maintained throughout the program. The following elements are required:

Jumps - **Maximum of eight (8) jumping elements for men and seven (7) jumping elements for ladies, including the following requirements:**

1. Four (4) different double or triple jumps, one (1) of which must be a double Lutz. If the skater elects to perform triple jumps, only one (1) may be repeated in combinations or jump sequences.
2. Two (2) different jump combinations consisting of two double jumps or a double and a triple jump (no turn or change of foot between jumps)
3. **An Axel type jump**

Spins – **Maximum of four (4) spins including the following requirements:**

- 1) One (1) must be a flying spin (**minimum of 6 revolutions in position.**)
- 2) **Spin combination consisting of all three positions and one (1) change of foot (minimum five (10) revolutions total)**
- 3) **Spin in one position (minimum of 6 revolutions in position).**

Steps:

**1a. Men - Two (2) different step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface. See Rule 3640 for description**

**1b. Ladies - One step sequence and one spiral sequence, covering the full ice surface. See Rule 3640 for description.**

Extra elements, **up to the maximum allowed,** may be added without penalty. All spins may fly and change feet.

Balance of the rule remains unchanged

**118. APPROVED - Singles Committee**

*Rule TR 32.08 Senior Free Skate Test (page 199)* – amend under Spins item 2 to read:

2. Spin combination consisting of all three positions and one (1) change of foot (minimum of 2 revolutions in each position and minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot and a minimum of 10 revolutions total).

**119. APPROVED - Tests Committee**

*TR 55.00 through TR 61.05 Synchronized Skating Tests (pages 228-235)* - delete in entirety.

**120. APPROVED - Tests Committee**

*TR 4.00-4.04 ISU Tests (page 169) and TR 9.04 Test Fees (page 174)* – delete in entirety

**121. APPROVED - Tests Committee - [amended by the Board]**

*TR 9.01 and 9.03 Test Fees (page 173)* – amend by the following increase in fees

TR 9.01 “... \$3 ~~4~~ per test if registered on line and \$4 ~~5~~ ~~6~~ per test if manually submitted ...”

TR 9.03 “... Candidates who are member of member associations of the ISU(except Skate Canada) who are not members of U.S. Figure Skating or of a member club shall pay a fee of \$5 ~~10~~, in addition to the regular test fees, for each U.S. Figure Skating free skate, pairs, moves in the field or class of dance tests taken at any one (1) test period or session. The fee for members of Skate Canada who are not members of U.S. Figure Skating or of a member club shall be \$1 ~~2~~ in addition to the regular test fee.”

**ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (Group 4)**

**122. APPROVED** the Strategic Plan dated August 31, 2006 as presented by the Strategic Planning Committee.

**123. APPROVED** to amend FCR 3.01 by deleting the requirement to allocate 10% of U.S. Figure Skating television revenue to the USFS Foundation

*Current FCR 3.01 was based on the current television contract, which is now expiring. If U.S. Figure Skating is in a deficit position and requires money from the Foundation, there may be tax consequences.*

**124. APPROVED - Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator; Chairs of the Strategic Planning and Nominating Committees**

**NCR 3.01, Procedures (page 135)** - To amend as follows:

NCR 3.01 The Nominating Committee shall organize soon after the conclusion of the annual meeting of the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council but shall elect its chair no later than July 1. The most recent eligible past chair not currently sitting on the Nominating Committee shall convene the committee to elect the incoming chair. At least two (2) meetings shall be held prior to the next annual meeting of the Governing Council. Additional meetings shall be held as necessary as determined by the committee. When practical, in person meetings are preferable to telephone conferences. A meeting may be called by the chair with suitable notice or by any five members. All committee deliberations shall be kept strictly confidential **and each Nominating Committee member shall sign annually a confidentiality agreement.**

**125. REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEES** to report back to the board at the fall meeting.

**Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator; Chairs of the Strategic Planning and Nominating Committees**  
**NCR 3.02, Procedures (page 136)** - To amend as follows:

NCR 3.02 The presence of eight members, including the chair of their designated representative, is necessary for the conduct of business. A member present by telephone at a duly called meeting may be considered present for determination of a quorum. Such member may vote upon issues if present for the entire discussion of such issues. **Should a non-athlete member resign from the committee before it finalizes and publishes its proposed slate of recommended candidates, the chair shall immediately notify the Board of Directors of this vacancy. The board shall appoint the alternate member voted upon by the sectional members at the past year's Governing Council sectional caucus meeting. The appointed substitute member shall complete the remaining nominating committee term of the resigned committee member.**



**126. APPROVED - Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator; Chairs of the Strategic Planning and Nominating Committees**

*NCR 3.04 (A), Procedures (page 136)* - To amend as follows:

NCR 3.04 Annually, the committee shall:

A. Publish on the U.S. Figure Skating web site a listing of the positions that will be considered by the Nominating Committee, as such may be known at the time, and send the list to member clubs. A job description and qualifications for all positions will be included with this posting on the web site. **The committee shall also develop annual written guidelines for its operation and publish these guidelines on the web site.**

**127. DID NOT APPROVE - Rules Committee**

*GR 4.00 (or appropriate location) [new] Limitations of Service on U.S. Figure Skating Bodies* [this item was referred to the Rules Committee by the 2006 Governing Council]

**GR [new]** Any member elected or appointed to any position of board member, national chair, national vice chair, sectional vice chair, or regional vice chair of a committee may not hold the office of national chair, national vice chair, sectional vice chair, or regional vice chair in any other permanent committee. The only exceptions to this rule are 1) the treasurer who is also the chair of the Finance Committee and 2) the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, who may also be a member of the Board of Directors.

**128. DID NOT APPROVE - Strategic Planning Committee**

*NCR 3.04 Procedures, (page 136)* – Add a new item (C) and renumber the balance - submitted by the Strategic Planning Committee in response to a request for referral approved at the May 2006 Governing Council

***C. The Nominating Committee shall be directed to consider the primary aspects of all candidates' qualifications as well as the consideration of sectional balance for the composition of the Board and all other Nominating Committee recommendations.***

**New Business from the May 2007 Board of Directors**

**129. APPROVED** the revised budget for 2007-08 as presented to the Board of Directors.

**130. APPROVED** a motion to suggest to the Governing Council that Exhibit C include the amendment "...if so directed by the Board of Directors."

*[Due to action taken by the Governing Council on Exhibit C this item becomes moot]*

**131. APPROVED** to add TR 51.06 (new) as shown:

**TR 51.06 The technical requirements for all free dance tests are described in TR 54.00. In the event of a substantive change to any required technical element(s), by the ISU Dance Technical Committee, the chair of the Dance Committee shall revise the affected free dance test(s) to include such change(s) as soon as practical. The chair also will issue notification of such change to U.S. Figure Skating and to the chairs of the Judges and Tests Committees. U.S. Figure Skating shall post the change on the U.S. Figure Skating web site and ensure test forms are modified accordingly.**

**132. ELECTED** the following members to the Nominating Committee to serve a two year term:

**Joan Gruber – SA**

**William Fauver – EGL**

**Richard Perez – CP**

**134. APPROVED** to release Daisuke Murakami to represent Japan.

**135. APPROVED** to amend GR 3.02 as shown:

GR 3.02 An athlete elected, selected or appointed for service as set forth in GR 3.01 shall (a) have competed in a championship (senior) or junior event at the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships or U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships, or (b) have competed in an international competition **within the ten years preceding election** pursuant to selection as described in ~~International Committee Rule~~ ICR 6.00.

**ITEMS MODIFIED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

- 136. APPROVED - Membership Committee [item 201 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**  
*Proposed new MR 5.09 to define a member coaches' registration fee requirement and to amend rule 3032 for consistency.*

**MR 5.09 Coach's Registration Fee**

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

**If a current PSA member with general liability**

**Insurance through PSA or proof of current general**

**Liability insurance with limits of \$1 million**

**Per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate:**

**A fee not to exceed \$40.**

**All other coaches:**

**A fee not to exceed \$170**

Coaches will still need to become full members of U.S. Figure Skating through either their home club or as an individual member but this is an added **coaches registration requirement** that bundles these necessary services together making it automatic to include a current rulebook, sport accident insurance and coaches' liability insurance. Headquarters would obtain a criminal background screening on coach members.

- 3032 Any coach being credentialed for a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition is required to be a member of both U.S. Figure Skating and the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) **and must have paid the annual Coach's Registration Fee required under MR 5.09.**

- 137. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE - Membership Committee [item 202 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**

**MR 5.03 – Dues (page 83)** – to add a new category of **Collegiate Membership** available through individual membership

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

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

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

- 138. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE - Membership Committee [item 203 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**

**MR 5.08 – Dues (page 84)** – to add a new category of **Collegiate Membership** available through club membership.

MR 5.08 Registration Fee for Members **and Collegiate** Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs. Each registrant of a member club or a collegiate club shall pay an annual fee as outlined below. The first family member shall receive upon payment of such fee a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine. The second and each subsequent member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) shall receive a registration card only. Such registrants shall register only as members of their designated home club, provided, however, that such registration shall not preclude such registrant from changing their home club in the course of a skating year (July 1 to June 30) in accordance with any rules governing such change.

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

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

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

**139. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee [item 301 from the May 3 2007 Board Report of Action]**  
*Rule 3801 Adult Bronze Well-Balanced Program (WBP)* – amend to increase the number of spins a maximum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) spins of a difference nature.

**140. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [item 306 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**  
*Rule 3281 – Qualifying Rounds and Seeding at the US Junior Championships (page 502)* – permit the Rules Committee to draft a rule giving the chief referee, at our U.S. Junior Championships ~~ONLY~~ and regional qualifying competitions, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee the authority to adjust the group sizes at their discretion to meet the logistical needs of the event and insure fairness to the skaters. ~~This rule change would not affect the singles skaters and~~ Groups would be finalized and drawn to give the same notice that they get presently

**141. APPROVED – Competitions Committee [item 308 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**  
*Rule 3365 (C) – TV Rule (page 510)* – amend to permit the following: (*The rule applies only to our U.S. Figure Skating Championships senior events.*)

[The following concept with any additional unforeseen supporting changes was voted on and accepted by the Governing Council]

C. TV Rule

1. At U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, for the championship (senior) ladies, men, and pairs free skate, and for championships (senior) dance events, the final draw groups(s) shall consist of:

Ladies and men: six (6) competitors in the final group the last two warm-up groups will consist of not less than 10 and not more than 12 competitors, the exact number to be decided by the chief referee and in consultation with the executive director prior to the draw of the short program.

- a. Starting order for the final two groups will be drawn in ~~two~~ four subgroups.
  - i. The top three (3) finishers in the short program shall be the last to skate in the final group, and will be drawn from ~~one~~ the first (1) subgroup.
  - ii. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place (or 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the final group, and will draw from ~~the other~~ this second (2) subgroup.
  - iii. The 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place (or 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the second to last group, and will draw from this third (3) subgroup.
  - iv. The 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> place (or 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the second to last group, and will draw from this fourth (4) subgroup.

[Balance remains the same for 1.]

2.[new] It is the policy of U.S. Figure Skating to keep some format of random draw and not go to a reverse placement skating order in the future.

[renumber the balance]

**142. APPROVED [item 501 from the May 3, 2007 Board Report of Action]**  
to ~~accept the Competitions Task Force report and~~ to implement the YEAR 1 recommendations that are contained in the Competitions Task Force report. In summary, YEAR 1 recommendations are:

- Mandatory on line registration except adult and collegiate
- 2007/08 Juv/Int pairs and dance advance directly to the U.S. Junior Championships (optionally compete at sectionals)
- Novice pairs and dance advance directly to sectionals
- Limit use of exchange judges to limit LOC costs

**143. APPROVED [item 502 from the Board Report of Action]**  
to institute an administrative fee for each ~~entrant~~ entry at all qualifying competitions in the amount of \$10.00 for regionals, sectionals, synchronized sectionals, and adult sectional qualifying events.

**144. REFERRED BACK TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS [item 508 from the May 3, 2007, Board Report of Action]**

The release of Morgan Matthews to represent Canada.

**145. APPROVED [an item from the September 11, 2006 teleconference of the Board]**

that no qualifying competitions may be sanctioned by the Competitions Committee during ~~either~~ the final weekend of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, unless prior approval is obtained from the Board of Directors and extenuating circumstances can be clearly demonstrated and justified.

**OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**146. APPROVED** the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

**147. ELECTED** the following:

**OFFICERS**

President	Ron Hershberger
Eastern Vice President	Robert Horen
Midwestern Vice President	Patricia St. Peter
Pacific Coast Vice President	Charles Cyr
Secretary	Tamie Campbell
Treasurer	Susan Keogh

**GROUP COORDINATORS**

Athlete Services	Shawn Rettstatt
Membership Development	Kathy Slack
Technical	Lawrence Mondschein
Administrative/Legal	Ann O'Keefe

**COACHING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Jeffrey DiGregorio  
Tammy Gambill

**148 ANNOUNCED**

**ATHLETE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD** as elected by the athletes

Justin Dillon  
Brandon Forsyth  
Steven Hartsell

**149. The President has ACCEPTED** the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs

Adult Skating	Antonio Conte
Athlete Development	Brittney Bottoms
Athlete Advisory	Justin Dillon – elected by the athletes
Coaches	Jackie Yarema-Brenner
Collegiate Programs	Jennifer Marker Johnson
Competitions	Larry Kriwanek
Dance	Janis Engel
Ethics	Bill Cloran
Grievance	Dee Pascoe
International	Lorrie Parker
Int’ l Judges & Officials	Anne Cammett
Judges	Kristina Lundgren
Membership	Maureen Dalton
Memorial Fund	Leslie Gianelli
Pairs	William Smith
Parents	Pamela Dawson
Program Development	Terri Levine
Rules	Alexander Enzmann
Sanctions & Eligibility	Karen Dillon
Selections	Todd Bromley
Singles	Hal Marron
Sports Science & Medicine	Christine Lawless, M.D.
Strategic Planning	Samuel Auxier
Synchronized Team Skating	Dann Krueger
Technical Panel	William Schneider
Tests	Richard Kern
<u>Special Committee Chairs</u>	
Special Olympics	Linda Crowley
State Games	Mary Anne McGivern

**150. ANNOUNCED** the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative	Charles Cyr
ISU Representative	Gale Tanger

**151. ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for 2008-2009:

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term – this is year two of that term		
Lucy Brennan (NA)	Lynn Goldman (SW)	Paula Naughton (NWP)
Kathaleen Kelly Cutone (NE)	Roger Glenn (UGL)	Doug Williams (SWP)
Elected by the Board of Directors in 2007 to serve a two year term		
Joan Gruber (SA)	William Fauver (EGL)	Richard Perez (CP)
Elected by the Athletes to serve a one year term		
Derrick Delmore	Larisa Joeright	Erin Reed

## NEW BUSINESS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

### **152. REFERRED TO THE ADULT SKATING COMMITTEE**

a request to add adult solo dance events to the U.S. Adult Championships – with the proviso that this item be considered on the first ballot sent to the Adult Skating Committee:

Competitors may enter the dance level they have completed, partially completed, or one level higher. Two patterns of each dance are required, except the Kilian where three (3) are required. Genders will be combined in these events. Age levels may be combined (in case of single entry at a level) to allow an event to occur.

#### **Adult Gold**

Test requirements: at least one pre-gold dance, standard, adult or masters

IR: one gold or pre-gold dance

FR: one gold dance

#### **Adult Silver**

Test requirements: at least one silver dance, standard, adult or masters; no more than one pre-gold dance

IR: one silver or pre-silver dance

FR: one silver dance

#### **Adult Bronze**

Test requirements: at least one bronze dance, standard, adult or masters; no more than one pre-silver dance

IR: one bronze or pre-bronze dance

FR: one bronze dance

#### **Adult Pre-Bronze**

Test requirements: at least one pre-bronze dance, standard, adult or masters; no more than one bronze dance

IR: one preliminary or pre-bronze dance

FR: one pre-bronze dance

### **153. APPROVED** to amend rule 2203 B – referee's reports - by adding the following:

**The requirements regarding items 5 and 6 [of the chart] may be fulfilled via e-mail at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.**

The purpose is to reduce the accountants work load, speed up the transfer of data, reduce paperwork archiving by the listed persons.

### **154. APPROVED** to amend rule 2405 – accountant's reports - by adding the following:

**This requirement may be fulfilled via e-mail at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.**

The purpose is to reduce the accountants work load, speed up the transfer of data, reduce paperwork archiving by the listed persons.

### **155. REFERRED TO THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

a request to amend rule 3140 to reflect that if there are four or fewer competitors in a juvenile or intermediate pairs or dance event from a region at the close of entries, competitors may progress directly to the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships.

### **156. APPROVED**

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

# ADDENDUM 1

*U. S. FIGURE SKATING*  
*BOARD OF DIRECTORS (where applicable) & GOVERNING COUNCIL*  
*STANDING RULES*  
*As amended to May 3, 2007*

To facilitate operations and voting, Governing Council meetings should be arranged with the Board members together in front of delegate seating. Reserved seating will be provided for past presidents, VIPs, honorary members, members of the board of directors and committee chairs.

The president should clearly present questions during voting so as to be assured that all participants understand the effects of their vote before casting it. The president will prevent attempts to write rules during debate.

The president will appoint qualified individuals to research and report on matters to come before the meeting when they are not pertinent to an existing officer or committee.

Meetings are conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (currently, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, 2000) and U. S. Figure Skating bylaws.

## CONDUCT OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING BUSINESS MEETINGS

1. When addressing the meeting, everyone must speak into a microphone. The speaker's name and the name of the club or office represented must be stated.
2. 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.
3. Substantive motions must be published in the meeting book or presented on U.S. Figure Skating new business forms
4. New business motions must be submitted by **12:00 noon Thursday** for the spring Board of Directors and the **end of the Friday meeting session** for the Governing Council. New business for the annual [fall] meeting of the Board of Directors must be submitted by noon on the day of the meeting.
5. Proxies can only be used for matters stated in the Notice of the meeting. No proxies can be used for new business.
6. ~~Committee~~ **Group Coordinator** reports presented to the Governing Council will not exceed ~~five~~ **fifteen** minutes.
7. Reports ~~presented in the meeting book~~ **posted on line** will not be presented orally; however, ~~additions and changes may be.~~ **in the event of a substantial change that change** will be announced at the meeting. ~~These~~ **Changes** should be avoided if at all possible.
8. Discussion must be directed through the chair. Conversation between members or delegates is prohibited during proceedings except questions and answers directed through the chair when these are in order.
9. A speaker may not exceed three minutes 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.
10. No one may speak more than twice in one day on the same question. A second speech is not permitted until all who wish to speak have been heard once. If debate is closed before a second speech is made, the opportunity is lost.
11. In general, the maker of a motion will be given the first opportunity to speak to the question.
12. In general, proponents of each side of a question will be heard in equal number. If a motion appears to have a majority, the chair will call for the vote.

13. Policy is debated and adopted at U.S. Figure Skating business meetings. Rules implementing policy are written in technical committees. New business and floor amendments affecting rules must be made in the form of policy statements and moved in principle with an instruction to the appropriate committee to write the implementing language in the rules. For determination of intent during this process, the maker of the motion being implemented will be consulted. Rule writing is no part of debate and is out of order on the floor.

14. Requests for action that include a significant financial impact on U.S. Figure Skating or its members must be accompanied by an analysis of such financial impact. Such requests unaccompanied by an analysis will be ruled out of order.

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. For closed ballot votes, voters must present their voting card, proxy card and picture identification in order to receive their ballots.

## SECTIONAL MEETINGS

16. Every board member and Governing Council delegate has the right to speak at their respective sectional general meeting.

17. The sectional caucuses are closed meetings for delegates and board members only. All votes will be taken by closed ballot.

### **Procedures for Ballot Voting at Governing Council**

Packets consisting of different colored ballots will be distributed at the time when/if a vote is needed. ***Packets for elections will be distributed as delegates enter the Governing Council meeting room on Saturday morning, starting at 8:00 7:30 a.m.*** Separate packets will be created for those with a delegate vote and/or those with proxy votes. The total number of proxy votes will be written in a special colored marker. There will be a different color ballot distributed for each office.

When ballots are issued, a photo ID from the voter will be required and their Governing Council voting card will be punched, denoting that they have received their ballots. Two sets of tables will be set up, one for those delegates with just a single vote and one for those with proxies.

The voter will then vote at the appropriate time with the appropriate colored ballot and place the ballot into a covered box.

The boxes will be taken into a separate room to be counted by staff with supervision and validation by an independent party (~~local attorney, accountant or parliamentarian TBD~~). The votes will be counted twice to verify the totals. If the counts are different, then the pile will be counted again.

#### For elected offices:

- A. The vote for each of the offices will occur simultaneously on separate ballots.
- B. Voting will take place immediately
- C. Names of all nominees will be listed on the projection screens for delegates prior to voting, with the candidate of the Nominating Committee listed first. All other candidates will be listed in the date/time received order of their nominations (if available), or alphabetically by last name.
- D. Ballots for each of the individual offices will have a blank for the voter to write in the named of the desired candidate.
- E. The ballot packets will be separate for each delegate (one vote only) and/or for those carrying proxies (more than one vote).
- F. Multiples ballots (**6 4**) will be distributed for the election of each office in the event that any election needs to be retaken.

#### For other votes:

- A. Packets of 3 ballots (different colors) will be made up for single delegate votes with either a box to check as "In favor of" or "Opposed to."
- B. The ballot packets will be separate for each delegate (one vote only) and/or those carrying proxies (more than one vote).
- C. These ballot packets will be distributed only if needed for ballot voting on an issue.