

U.S. Figure Skating
2019-20 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION
Board of Directors — In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots — May 4, 2019, through May 11, 2020
Governing Council — Via Video Conference — May 16, 2020

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2020 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2019

1. **APPROVED** amending **rule 2711 (page 142, Rulebook)** to reduce the warm-up times for the juvenile girls and boys free skate and the intermediate ladies and men's short program to five minutes, effective May 13, 2019.
2. **DIRECTED** the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management (DORM) Committee to create a task force to establish guidelines for potential compensation of officials for: (1) test sessions, (2) nonqualifying and qualifying competitions, (3) critiques, etc. The task force should: (1) review how other sports compensate their officials, (2) survey current compensation practices across the country among clubs and LOCs, (3) estimate the financial impact of compensating officials, and (4) produce a recommendation to the Board of Directors and the 2020 Governing Council.
3. **DIRECTED** the Competitions Committee to review and report back to the board regarding the policy on the announcement and publication of officials' cities and states at competitions.
4. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the 2019-20 Audit Committee: Kristin Arneson Cutler, Winston Burbank, Jenna Longo (athlete) and Troy Goldstein (ex officio as treasurer). Cammett will confirm a fifth member soon. The committee will select its own chair.
5. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the 2019-20 Compensation Committee: Heather Nemier (chair), Kristin Arneson Cutler, Colin McManus (athlete), and Troy Goldstein (ex officio as treasurer).

MAY 28, 2019

6. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of Janis Engel to join Kristin Arneson Cutler, Winston Burbank, Jenna Longo (athlete) and Troy Goldstein (ex officio as treasurer) as members of the 2019-20 Audit Committee. The committee will select its own chair.
7. **APPROVED** amending **rule GR 1.03 (page 38, Rulebook)** as follows:

GR 1.03 U.S. Figure Skating will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment (including sexual harassment), misconduct, (including sexual, physical and emotional misconduct), bullying or hazing of any of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes and volunteers — or any other persons — while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. The U.S. Figure Skating Policy Statement on Harassment and Abuse may be found in its entirety online at usfigureskating.org. Harassment of such nature between or among U.S. Figure Skating members ~~shall~~ must be reported to the chair of the Ethics, or Grievance or SafeSport Committee as soon as is practicably possible, per rules ECR 2.00, ~~and~~ GCR 2.00 and SFR 3.00.

- A. If any form of child abuse is observed or suspected, the observer should immediately contact either local law enforcement or a public child welfare agency and make a report.
- B. Any person who violates this rule, who fails to appropriately report or who makes a false report or otherwise violates U.S. Figure Skating's Policy on Harassment and Abuse will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Implementation date: May 29, 2019

8. **APPROVED** an updated U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program Handbook (from the current Handbook dated May 14, 2019), pending final sign off by the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator, the SafeSport Committee chair and U.S. Figure Skating internal legal counsel.

JULY 1, 2019

9. **APPROVED** the nomination of Emily Hughes to serve as U.S. Figure Skating's athlete trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation.
10. **APPROVED** the president's reappointment of Scott Cudmore and Jerod Swallow as U.S. Figure Skating representatives to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Ice Rinks Association and the new appointment of athlete representative Isabella Cannuscio to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Ice Rinks Association.

AUGUST 5, 2019

11. **CONCURRED** regarding the resolution of the Stipulation of a Grievance Matter from the chair of the Grievance Committee.
12. **CONCURRED** with the recommendation of the chair of the Grievance Committee to a three-year suspension and corresponding requirements for reinstatement of an individual from U.S. Figure Skating.
13. **APPROVED** the selection procedures for the 2020 World Figure Skating Team, 2020 Four Continents Team and 2020 World Junior Figure Skating Team.
14. **APPROVED** the Guidelines for International Byes for Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance for the 2019-20 Season.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

15. **APPROVED** the new Foundation Spending Policy.
16. **CONCURRED** with the recommendation of the chair of the Grievance Committee to a permanent ban of an individual from U.S. Figure Skating.
17. **APPROVED** Nashville as the host of the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
18. **APPROVED** the Antlers Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the site for the 2021 Governing Council.

OCTOBER 7, 2019

19. **APPROVED** the updated Travel and Expense Policy.
20. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2019 California Cup; Nov. 7-9, 2019; Irvine, California; Glacier Falls FSC, Inc. and U.S. Figure Skating.
21. **APPROVED AS AMENDED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee**
Amend **rule 2823 (page 139, Rulebook)** as follows:

2823 In each For qualifying competitions a teams may must skate the number of members permitted skaters required for its the level as specified in rules 9400 through 9530. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters due to onsite illness or injury which has been confirmed by onsite medical staff, the team will be permitted to compete. If the minimum number of skaters on a team is not met for any other reason, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn; however, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821 and 2828.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

22. APPROVED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee
 Amend rules 9461, 9471, 9481 and 9496 (pages 302-306, Rulebook) as follows:

9461 Elements for Open Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate

OPEN JUVENILE SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:30 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following six elements in any order	
<u>ARTISTIC</u> CREATIVE	One creative element – intersection One artistic element chosen from the following <u>Artistic element – block</u> <u>Artistic element – line</u> <u>Artistic element – circle</u> <u>Artistic element – wheel</u> Features are optional
INTERSECTION	One intersection element
<u>LINEAR</u> LINE	One linear element – line
<u>PIVOTING</u> BLOCK	One pivoting element – block <u>Pivoting at least 90 degrees with at least one turn/step and linking steps is required</u>
<u>ROTATING</u> CIRCLE	One rotating element – circle or wheel <u>Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the traveling element</u> Features are optional
<u>TRAVELING</u> WHEEL	One traveling element – circle or wheel <u>Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the rotating element</u> <u>Any recognizable travel is required</u>

9471 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate

PRE-JUVENILE SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:15 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following six elements in any order	
<u>ARTISTIC</u> CREATIVE	One creative element – intersection One artistic element chosen from the following <u>Artistic element – block</u> <u>Artistic element – line</u> <u>Artistic element – circle</u> <u>Artistic element – wheel</u> Features are optional
INTERSECTION	One intersection element
<u>LINEAR</u> LINE	One linear element – line
<u>PIVOTING</u> BLOCK	One pivoting element – block <u>Pivoting at least 90 degrees with at least one turn/step and linking steps is required</u>
<u>ROTATING</u> CIRCLE	One rotating element – circle or wheel <u>Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the traveling element</u> Features are optional
<u>TRAVELING</u> WHEEL	One traveling element – circle or wheel <u>Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the rotating element</u> <u>Any recognizable travel is required</u>

9481 Elements for Preliminary Synchronized Free Skate

PRELIMINARY SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following five elements in any order	
INTERSECTION	One intersection element
LINEAR LINE	One linear element – line
PIVOTING BLOCK	One pivoting element – block Any recognizable pivoting is required
ROTATING CIRCLE	One rotating element – circle or wheel Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the traveling element Features are optional
TRAVELING WHEEL	One traveling element – circle or wheel Teams may not repeat the same shape used in the rotating element Any recognizable travel is required

9496 Elements for Open Collegiate Synchronized Free Skate

OPEN COLLEGIATE SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:30 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following six elements in any order	
ARTISTIC CREATIVE	One creative element – intersection One artistic element chosen from the following Artistic element – block Artistic element – line Artistic element – circle Artistic element – wheel Features are optional
BLOCK	One block element
CIRCLE	One circle element
INTERSECTION	One intersection element
LINE	One line element
WHEEL	One wheel element

Implementation date: Immediate

23. APPROVED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee

Amend rule 9000 (A) (page 287, Rulebook) as follows:

9000 Synchronized Rules

- A. The chair of the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the vice chair of development, the vice chair of technical and the technical representative on the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee will prepare the list of well-balanced program elements for ~~qualifying HS~~ levels other than collegiate, novice, junior and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published as a Technical Notification on the U.S. Figure Skating website within ~~45~~ 30 days of publication of the corresponding ISU Communication.

Implementation date: May 4, 2020

24. APPROVED the selection procedures for the 2020 World Junior Synchronized Skating Team and the 2020 World Synchronized Skating Team.

25. APPROVED San Jose as the host of the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

NOVEMBER 9, 2019

26. **APPROVED** the budget timeline for the 2020-21 budget year.

27. **APPROVED** the updates to the Strategic Plan for 2018-2022.

28. **APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 6561 (page 203, rulebook)** to allow a two-foot spin to receive credit in the adult pre-bronze well-balanced free skate:

6561 Elements for the Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate and Free Skate Test

ADULT PRE-BRONZE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & TEST 1:40 maximum time		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.	Test: Must follow competition requirements, in addition to the minimum requirements below. Note: The skater may choose to complete the elements in a program (with or without music), or as isolated elements.
SPINS	A maximum of two spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spins with a flying entry are not permitted• Spins must have a minimum of three revolutions• <u>A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin</u>• The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed	Two spins: Same as competition requirements Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A two-foot spin is of a different character than a one-foot spin and would meet the requirements for one of the spins on this test.• For this test only, a backward upright one-foot spin is considered of a different character than a forward upright one-foot spin, so both may be performed.• For this test, if a skater performs a sit spin or a camel spin, the spin must be in a recognizable position but does NOT need to achieve a basic position as defined in rule 6103 (A).

The following information will be added to the Adult Skating Calling Clarifications:

Two foot spin: Receives credit in adult pre-bronze only. If the spin has at least three consecutive revolutions on two feet, it will be called confirmed; otherwise, it will receive no value.

Implementation date: November 18, 2019

29. **APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rules 7500, 7530, 7540, 7550, 8501, 8520, 8530, 8560, 8570, 8580, 8590 (pages 226, 228-230 and 275-278 Rulebook)** as follows:

7500 Adult Pairs Competition Requirements and Pair Test Elements

- A. Adult pair events are open to couples in which each partner has reached 21 years of age as of the closing date for entries.
- B. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice pairs, junior pairs, or senior pairs:
 - 1. May not compete in the adult gold, adult silver or adult bronze pairs events.
 - 2. May compete in the championship masters, masters and centennial pairs events.

7530 Adult Gold Pairs

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

- A. Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
 - 1. The adult silver or adult gold pair test;
 - 2. The adult gold free skate test;
 - 3. The standard juvenile, intermediate or, prior to 1989, bronze pair test;
 - 4. The standard juvenile free skate test or the adult or standard intermediate or novice free skate test.
- B. Neither partner may have passed:
 - 1. Higher than the intermediate pair test;
 - 2. Prior to 1989, higher than the standard bronze pair test;
 - 3. Higher than the standard novice free skate test.
- C. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice pairs, junior pairs or senior pairs will be ineligible to compete in this event.

7540 Adult Silver Pairs

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

- A. Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
 - 1. The adult bronze or adult silver pair test;
 - 2. The adult silver or adult gold free skate test;
 - 3. The standard preliminary, pre-juvenile or juvenile pair test;
 - 4. The standard pre-juvenile or juvenile free skate test.
- B. Neither partner may have passed:
 - 1. Higher than the adult silver pair test;
 - 2. Higher than the standard juvenile pair test;
 - 3. Higher than the standard juvenile free skate test.
- C. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice pairs, junior pairs or senior pairs will be ineligible to compete in this event.

7550 Adult Bronze Pairs

Test requirements as of the closing date for entries:

- A. Both partners must have passed at least one of the following tests:
 - 1. The adult bronze pair test;
 - 2. The adult bronze or adult silver free skate test;
 - 3. The standard preliminary or pre-juvenile pair test;
 - 4. The standard preliminary or pre-juvenile free skate test.
- B. Neither partner may have passed:
 - 1. Higher than the adult bronze pair test;
 - 2. Higher than the adult silver free skate test;
 - 3. Higher than the standard pre-juvenile pair test;
 - 4. Higher than the standard pre-juvenile free skate test.
- C. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice pairs, junior pairs or senior pairs will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8501 Adult dance events:

- A. Adult dance events are open to skaters who are at least 21 years of age at closing date for entries. See rules 2212 and 2543. For the centennial dance event, both partners must be at least 50 years of age at closing date for entries.
- B. The pattern dances are selected by the Dance Development and Technical Committee and announced no later than the spring Board of Directors meeting.
- C. The draws shall be conducted according to rules 2722 and 2723. The number of sequences of each dance shall be as specified in rule 8075.
- D. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance, or senior dance:

1. May not compete in the adult gold, adult pre-gold, adult silver, adult pre-silver, adult bronze, or adult pre-bronze dance events.
2. May compete in the championship adult, masters open and centennial dance events.

8520 Adult Gold Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8530 Adult Pre-Gold Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered silver dance. Neither partner may have completed the standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ gold dance test. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8560 Adult Silver Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered silver dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-silver dance. Neither partner may have completed the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance test. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8570 Adult Pre-Silver Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-silver dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered bronze dance. Neither partner may have completed the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered silver dance test. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8580 Adult Bronze Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered bronze dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-bronze dance. Neither partner may have completed the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-silver dance test. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8590 Adult Pre-Bronze Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Both partners must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-bronze dance test but no higher than the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered bronze dance test. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

Implementation date: November 9, 2019

30. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2116 (page 120, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2116** A judge, referee or accountant assigned to a qualifying competition (see rule 1022) may not skate as a competitor in any event of said competition ~~except the nonqualifying adult events.~~
- A. This includes both qualifying and nonqualifying events held at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships (see rules 2055.(A) and 2055.(B)).
- B. A judge, referee or accountant invited to an adult sectional championships (see rule 2055 (A)) may compete in the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the same adult sectional championships. A judge, referee or accountant invited to serve at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with an adult sectional championships may compete in a championship event (see rule 2055 (A)) at the same adult sectional championships.

Also see Item 318.

Implementation date: November 9, 2019

31. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2060 (page 119 Rulebook)** as follows:

2060 Qualifying Competitions – Announcements

- 2061** The rules for qualifying competitions will be those in this rulebook unless stated otherwise in the announcement. The announcement and entry form for:
- A. The U.S. Figure Skating Championships must be approved by the chair of the Competitions Committee;
- B. The U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships must be approved by the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee;
- C. The U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, sectional singles finals, sectional pairs challenges, sectional ice dance challenges, regional singles challenges, and National Qualifying Series events must be approved by the appropriate sectional vice chairs of the Competitions Committee;
- D. Synchronized skating sectional championships must be approved by both the appropriate sectional vice chair and the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee;
- E. The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and adult sectional championships must be approved by the national vice chair of the Adult Competitions Subcommittee.

Implementation date: November 9, 2019

32. APPROVED a new perpetual trophy for the championship masters pairs event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

33. APPROVED – Judges Management Subcommittee

Remove **rule DOR 4.63 (page 59, Rulebook):**

~~**DOR 4.63 (JR 8.02)** Persons seeking appointment as a synchronized skating judge must obtain at least a bronze singles test judge or bronze dance test judge appointment before being appointed as a synchronized skating judge.~~

Implementation date: November 18, 2019

34. APPROVED – Judges Management Subcommittee

Amend **rule 3046 (page 151, Rulebook)** to reflect that singles/pairs and dance competition judges may judge nonqualifying synchronized competitions (all levels) as a one-judge minority of the panel.

Implementation date: November 18, 2019

35. APPROVED – Judges Training Subcommittee

Amend **rule DOR 4.71 (page 60, Rulebook)** as follows:

- A. For candidates applying for any test appointment or a national singles/pairs, dance or synchronized skating competition appointment, a written exam, composed of a multiple choice portion and an essay portion, must be taken, and each section must be passed to qualify for promotion. The exam is to be completed and returned as instructed within 30 days of being emailed by headquarters.

B. For national singles/pairs, dance or synchronized skating competition appointments, a written exam will be conducted on-site during the trial judge program at the appropriate U.S. Figure Skating Championships and U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships. All other requirements as set forth in the Judges Committee Guidelines must be met.

Note: With the deletion of rule DOR 4.63 in Item 33, this is now rule DOR 4.70.

Implementation date: November 18, 2019

36. APPROVED a new perpetual trophy for the championship masters intermediate-novice men's event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

37. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2021 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships; Jan. 19-24, 2021; Notre Dame, Indiana; University of Notre Dame (collegiate club).

38. APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

The following national appointments:

- **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Danielle Rey, Colleyville, Texas
- **National Theatre On Ice Judge:** Barbara Buch, Silver Spring, Md.

39. ACCEPTED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

The following national resignations:

- Albert Beard, Lake Oswego, Ore. (National Accountant) – Resigned Sept. 6, 2019
- Maxine Ganter, Oakdale, Pa. (National Accountant) – Resigned July 17, 2019
- Joan Gruber, Wyomissing, Pa. (National Singles/Pairs Judge) – Resigned June 30, 2019

40. ACKNOWLEDGED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Marilyn Guilfoyle, Manchester, N.J. (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Judge) – Passed away June 11, 2019
- Margie Jones, Fountain Valley, Calif. (National Music Coordinator) – Passed away June 29, 2019

41. APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

The following honorary national appointments:

- Albert Beard, Lake Oswego, Ore. – Honorary National Accountant
- Maxine Ganter, Oakdale, Pa. – Honorary National Accountant
- Marilyn Guilfoyle (posthumously), Manchester, N.J. – Honorary National Judge
- Joan Gruber, Wyomissing, Pa. – Honorary National Judge
- Margie Jones (posthumously), Fountain Valley, Calif. – Honorary National Music Coordinator
- C. Peter Zurlinden (posthumously), La Crescenta, Calif. – Honorary National Music Coordinator

42. APPROVED – SafeSport Committee

Add new **rule GR 1.05 (page 38, Rulebook)** as follows:

GR 1.05 Retaliatory Conduct

A. Retaliatory conduct is prohibited toward any person who in good faith (i) reports, or bears witness to, an action that is a possible violation of the rules or bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating or (ii) participates in the grievance, disciplinary or SafeSport processes of U.S. Figure Skating.

B. Retaliatory conduct includes threatening, intimidating, harassing, coercing, or any other conduct that would discourage a reasonable person from (i) reporting, or bearing witness to, an action that is a possible violation of the rules or bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating or (ii) participating in the grievance, disciplinary or SafeSport processes of U.S. Figure Skating, when the conduct is reasonably related to the report or engagement with the grievance, disciplinary or SafeSport processes of U.S. Figure Skating. Retaliation may be present even when there is a finding that no violation of the rules or bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating occurred. Retaliation does not include good faith actions lawfully pursued in response to a report of a violation of the rules or bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating.

C. Retaliatory conduct must be reported to the chair of the Ethics, Grievance or SafeSport Committee. Any member engaging in retaliatory conduct will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Current rules GR 1.05 (Jurisdiction) and GR 1.06 (Enforcement) will be renumbered accordingly.

Implementation date: November 11, 2019

43. APPROVED – SafeSport Committee

Amend **rule GR 1.03 (page 38, Rulebook)** as follows:

GR 1.03 U.S. Figure Skating will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment (including sexual harassment), misconduct, (including sexual, physical and emotional misconduct), bullying or hazing of any of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes and volunteers — or any other persons — while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. The U.S. Figure Skating Policy Statement on Harassment and Abuse may be found in its entirety online at usfigureskating.org. Harassment of such nature between or among U.S. Figure Skating members ~~shall~~ must be reported to the chair of the Ethics, ~~or~~ Grievance or SafeSport Committee as soon as is practicably possible, per rules ECR 2.00, ~~and~~ GCR 2.00 and SFCR 3.00.

- A. If any form of child abuse is observed or suspected, the observer should immediately contact either local law enforcement or a public child welfare agency and make a report.
- B. Any person who violates this rule, who fails to appropriately report or who makes a false report or otherwise violates U.S. Figure Skating's Policy on Harassment and Abuse will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

Implementation date: November 11, 2019

44. APPROVED – Grievance Committee

Amend **rule GCR 3.05 (page 92, Rulebook)** as follows:

GCR 3.05 Hearing Guidelines:

- A. The Grievance Committee chair, after consultation with the parties, ~~shall~~ will determine if how the hearing will be conducted by ~~writing, telephone conference, hearing or any combination thereof,~~ and provide written notification of such decision to the parties. The hearing or completion of the investigation must occur within 90 days of the appointment of a Hearing Panel unless the Hearing Panel chair and the Grievance Committee chair concurrently decide that there are reasonable grounds for a delay, in which case they will grant a reasonable delay, and notify the parties of the delay, ~~and the reasons for it in writing.~~
- B. The Grievant and Respondent may represent themselves throughout the grievance process, or may be represented by a person of their choice.
- C. The Hearing Panel chair will provide the Grievant, the Respondent and the panel members with written procedures and guidelines to be followed.
- D. All communications with the Hearing Panel before and after the hearing must be in writing and directed to the chair of the Hearing Panel. Communications during the hearing proceedings need not be in writing.
- E. The Hearing Panel chair must ensure that a record of the hearing is made.
- F. All parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present such factual or legal claims as desired. The rules of evidence will not be strictly enforced; instead, rules of evidence generally accepted in administrative proceedings will be applicable. The Hearing Panel will determine admissibility, relevance and materiality of the evidence offered and may exclude evidence deemed by the Hearing Panel to be cumulative or irrelevant. The Hearing Panel has the right to question witnesses or parties to the proceeding at any time.
- G. The Grievant has the burden of supporting the Grievance by a preponderance of the evidence.
- H. Within 20 days of the conclusion of a hearing, the Hearing Panel must issue a written decision including findings of fact, the bylaws or rules upon which the decision is based and the reasoning behind the decision. The decision must be sent to the Grievance Committee chair, Grievant, Respondent and the U.S. Figure Skating president, secretary and Administrative/Legal Group coordinator by any expeditious delivery system that provides reasonable evidence of delivery.
- I. The jurisdiction of the Hearing Panel ceases, and Hearing Panel members will be discharged when the written decision is issued.

Implementation date: November 11, 2019

45. APPROVED the updated U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program Handbook, dated November 2019.

DECEMBER 10, 2019

46. **ACCEPTED** the Audit Report as presented by Stockman Kast Ryan & Co. for the 2019 FY Financials through June 30, 2019.
47. **APPROVED** a new perpetual trophy for the Small Club Team Competition at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
48. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2020 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 25 through March 1, 2020; Providence, Rhode Island; Warwick Figure Skaters.
49. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2021 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 24-27, 2021, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event will be hosted by U.S. Figure Skating and The Orleans arena.

50. **APPROVED – SafeSport Committee**

Add **new rule** as follows:

Any current or past member (living or deceased) who has been permanently banned from U.S. Figure Skating by U.S. Figure Skating or in accordance with measures enacted by the U.S. Center for SafeSport will be removed from the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame and stripped of all U.S. Hall of Fame recognitions. In accord, any banned member is ineligible for consideration by the Nominating Committee to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

***Proviso:** This will be applied retroactively, meaning any member who is currently in the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame who has been permanently banned from U.S. Figure Skating will be stripped of all U.S. Hall of Fame recognitions upon approval of this new rule.*

Implementation date: Immediately

51. **APPROVED** Las Vegas (Orleans Arena) as the site of the 2020 Skate America international competition, Oct. 23-25, 2020, pending the execution of a host agreement between U.S. Figure Skating and the Orleans Arena by Jan. 20, 2020.
52. **APPROVED** a memorial resolution for Benjamin T. Wright, past president of U.S. Figure Skating, who recently passed away

JANUARY 13, 2020

53. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2020 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 14-18, 2020; Newark, Delaware; University of Delaware FSC.
54. **ADOPTED** the Grievance Publication Policy as presented.

55. **APPROVED – Grievance Committee**

Amend **rules GR 4.00-GR 4.01, 7222, 8222 and 8322 (pages 39, 231, 252 and 257, Rulebook)** as follows:

GR 4.00 ~~Annual~~ Compliance Requirements for Coaches and Professional Group Instructors

GR 4.01 *Coach and Instructor Compliance.* All coaches must meet all compliance requirements ~~complete the following requirements on an annual basis~~ by July 1:

A. Coach Compliance:

1. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating — either through a member club or as an individual member.
2. If 18 years of age or older;
 - a. ~~m~~Must submit the proper payment of \$30 through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, and submit information for and successfully pass an annual a U.S. Figure Skating background check; and
 - b. Must complete the SafeSport training course.
3. Must complete continuing education requirements (CER) any additional courses as required in rule GR 4.02.
4. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
5. Must be a current full PSA member if coaching skaters/teams in qualifying events at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions. See rule 1022.

- B. Professional Group Instructor Compliance:
 1. Must be registered as a Learn to Skate USA instructor member and complete the annual online certification course.
 2. If 18 years of age or older;:
 - a. ~~m~~Must have successfully passed the annual background check. submit the proper payment through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, submit information for and successfully pass a U.S. Figure Skating background check; and
 - b. Must complete the SafeSport training course.

For deadline and penalties, see rules GR 4.03 and GR 4.04.

7222 Partners for all pair tests may be selected without regard to pair test accomplishments or eligibility status; however, in order to partner pair tests during a sanctioned U.S. Figure Skating test session, one:

- A. Must be a registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating; ~~and~~
- B. If 18 years of age or older and partnering a minor;:
 1. ~~m~~Must submit the proper payment through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, submit information for and successfully pass an annual a U.S. Figure Skating background check, as required for coach compliance in rule GR 4.01 (A)(2);; and
 2. Must complete the SafeSport training course.

8222 Partners for all pattern dance tests may be selected from dancers without regard to dance test accomplishments or eligibility status; however, in order to partner pattern dance tests during a sanctioned U.S. Figure Skating test session, one:

- A. Must be a registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating; ~~and~~
- B. If 18 years of age or older and partnering a minor;:
 1. ~~m~~Must submit the proper payment through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, submit information for and successfully pass an annual a U.S. Figure Skating background check, as required for coach compliance in rule GR 4.01 (A)(2);; and
 2. Must complete the SafeSport training course.

8322 Partners for free dance tests may be selected from dancers without regard to dance test accomplishments or eligibility status; however, in order to partner free dance tests during a sanctioned U.S. Figure Skating test session, one:

- A. Must be a registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating; ~~and~~
- B. If 18 years of age or older and partnering a minor;:
 1. ~~m~~Must submit the proper payment through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, submit information for and successfully pass an annual a U.S. Figure Skating background check, as required for coach compliance in rule GR 4.01 (A)(2);; and
 2. Must complete the SafeSport training course.

Implementation date: Immediate

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

56. APPROVED the 2020-21 final budget for presentation to the 2020 Governing Council.

57. ADOPTED the updates to the Strategic Plan for 2018-2022.

58. CONCURRED with the recommendation of the chair of the Grievance Committee for a stipulated resolution of a grievance.

59. APPROVED a new perpetual trophy for the juvenile girls champion at the South Atlantic Regional Singles Challenge.

60. APPROVED the Games Staff Selection Procedures: Team Mangers/Technical Advisors for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games for presentation to the USOPC for final approval.

MARCH 9, 2020

- 61. APPROVED** the changes to Technical Notification 238.
- 62. APPROVED** submitting the candidates recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotions at the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt, Germany, in July 2020.
- 63. APPROVED** submitting the candidates recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotion to ISU singles/pairs judge in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September 2020.

MARCH 18, 2020

- 64. APPROVED** a request to the Foundation for an emergency no interest loan of 2.2 million dollars to U.S. Figure Skating due to the impact of the coronavirus on U.S. Figure Skating operations through the end of FY2020 (June 30, 2020). Such transfer will be repaid to the Foundation after October 15, 2020, with a payment plan agreed to by the Foundation not to extend past December 31, 2020.

MARCH 23, 2020

- 65. APPROVED** moving the 2020 Governing Council meeting dates to May 15-16, 2020, and holding the meeting via video conference.

MARCH 30, 2020

- 66. APPROVED** the 2020-21 newly revised budget for presentation to the 2020 Governing Council.

APRIL 6, 2020

- 67. APPROVED** the Convention Standing Rules for the 2020 Governing Council meeting via video conference as presented.
- 68. APPROVED** suspending rule GR 4.04 to waive the late fee for coaches from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to the impacts of the coronavirus.

GR 4.04 Any renewing coach who does not fulfill the requirements of coach compliance in rules GR 4.01 and GR 4.02 by July 1 will be assessed a \$75 late fee.

A. Special exceptions to the late fee may be granted by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee.

- 69. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2020 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, July 26 through Aug. 1, 2020; Aston, Pa.; IceWorks SC.
- 70. APPROVED** a policy, effective with the 2020-21 membership season (July 1, 2020), that background checks and SafeSport training are mandatory for all members of the board of directors of a U.S. Figure Skating full, provisional or interim club.
- 71. APPROVED** a 50 percent decrease in the annual club dues as specified in rule MR 5.01 for the 2020-2021 season due to the impacts of the coronavirus.
- 72. APPROVED** the U.S. Figure Skating executive director to execute any and all documents necessary to secure a Small Business Administration loan under the Paycheck Protection Program for U.S. Figure Skating, including the Actions Authorized as required by the lender's Corporate Resolution to Borrow document.

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- 73. ADOPTED** the credentials report for the Governing Council meeting.
- 74. ADOPTED** the agenda for the Governing Council meeting.
- 75.** The president **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this 2020 Governing Council meeting of Linda Chihara (chair), Lisa Erle (Rules Committee chair) and Devin Wang (athlete member).

76. ADOPTED – Exhibit A – Board of Directors

Amend Article XXI, paragraph D, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (page 31, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE XXI

Prerequisites to Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities

Prerequisites.

D. It is the duty of all athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons (as those terms are defined in the World-Anti Doping Code), by virtue of their participation in an event or competition organized or sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating, participation on a national team, participation in the Olympic or Youth Olympic Games, utilization of a USOPC Training Center, receipt of benefits from the USOPC or U.S. Figure Skating, inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool, or otherwise subject to the World Anti-Doping Code to comply with all anti-doping rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Skating Union (ISU), the USOPC, including the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, U.S. Figure Skating, the USOPC and USADA. If it is determined that an athlete, athlete support personnel, or other person may have committed a doping violation, the individual agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of U.S. Figure Skating, if applicable or referred by USADA. In addition, athletes agree to submit to drug testing by U.S. Figure Skating and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension.

Implementation date: Immediate

77. ADOPTED – Exhibit B – Athletes Advisory Committee

Amend Article XXII, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (page 32, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE XXII

Definition of Athlete

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

- A. Any person who has competed in a sectional ~~championship in singles, pairs or ice dance in a qualifying event~~ singles final, the U.S. Pairs Final, the U.S. Ice Dance Final, or the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships during the prior five years; or
- B. Any person who has placed first through fourth in singles, pairs or ice dance in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships during the prior five years; or
- C. Any person who has competed for U.S. Figure Skating as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating team as defined in rule ICR 3.05 within the prior 10 years.

Proviso: Until we have completed five years with the new sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final, members will also meet the definition of an athlete in Section 1, Paragraph A, by having competed in a sectional championship in singles, pairs or ice dance in a qualifying event during the prior five years.

Implementation date: Immediate

78. ADOPTED – Exhibit C – SafeSport Committee

Amend Article XXV, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (page 32, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Section 1 *Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.* All grievance and disciplinary procedures must be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

- A. *Grievance Proceedings* (except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport under Section 2 of this article):
 - (i) *Scope:*
 - (a) Any U.S. Figure Skating member or member club aggrieved or harmed by the alleged violation of a U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule by any other U.S. Figure Skating member or member club, or by U.S. Figure Skating, may bring a grievance citing the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.

- (b) The member or member club must be a member in good standing both at the time the grievance is filed and at the time of the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.
- (c) Such grievance must include the allegation that violation of a specific U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule caused harm to the Grievant.
- (ii) *Time period:* A grievance must be filed:
 - (a) Within 60 days of the occurrence of the alleged violation, or
 - (b) Within 60 days of the discovery of the alleged violation, or
 - (c) In the case of the minor, within 60 days after the minor's 18th birthday, whichever is later.
- (iii) *Requirements:* The specific Grievance Statement filing requirements and hearing procedure guidelines for a grievance that proceeds under this Section 1(A) are found in the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).

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Section 2 SafeSport – Sexual Abuse or Misconduct.

- A. As a member National Governing Body (NGB) of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), U.S. Figure Skating is required to adhere to the SafeSport rules and regulations of the USOPC. Additionally, USOPC Bylaw Section 8.7(1) provides that, as a condition of membership in the USOPC, each NGB must comply with the policies and procedures of the independent SafeSport organization designated by the USOPC to investigate and resolve SafeSport violations. The USOPC has designated the U.S. Center for SafeSport (USCSS) as that organization. The current SafeSport rules, policies and procedures are available at the offices of U.S. Figure Skating or online at the following websites: www.usfigureskating.org or www.safesport.org.
- B. The investigation and adjudication of matters involving allegations or reports of sexual abuse or misconduct, or other violations of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Policies that involve prohibited conduct that is reasonably related to and accompanies an alleged violation involving sexualized behavior (see GR 1.03, U.S. Figure Skating Policy Statement on Harassment and Abuse, and the current edition of the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program Handbook) are subject to the jurisdiction of the USCSS in accordance with the requirements of the USOPC and as set forth in the USCSS Bylaws or other USCSS governing documents. Rules and procedures to be followed by U.S. Figure Skating and its members and member clubs in dealing with allegations or reports of sexual abuse or misconduct, or other violations of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Policies that fall within the jurisdiction of the USCSS, and the enforcement of discipline or other sanctions issued by the USCSS, are set forth in the applicable SafeSport policies and disciplinary procedures of the USCSS, GR 1.03 and/or other rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. There is no time limitation for submitting a report or filing a complaint for matters involving allegations of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct.

Implementation date: Immediate

FROM THE ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP

101.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **Rule 8374 (page 263, Rulebook)** to add the definition of a Choreographic Sliding Movement to the solo free dance test rules as follows:

8374 Definitions and Descriptions

- E. **Definition of Choreographic Sliding Movement:** Performed anywhere in the program, during which the skater performs a controlled sliding movement on the ice. The following requirements apply:
 1. Continuous controlled sliding movement on any part of the body.
 2. May rotate and there is no time restriction.
 3. Controlled sliding on two knees or any part of the body will not be considered as a fall/illegal element during this element.
 4. A sliding movement which finishes as a stop on two knees or sitting/lying on the ice is identified as a Choreographic Sliding Movement, and a deduction for fall/illegal element is applied.

Note: This is NOT being added as a required element for tests, but it is an element in competitions, so the definition needs to be clear to make sure that it isn't identified as a fall if a skater performs it in a test program.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

102.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend rules 8391, 8392, 8393, 8394, 8395, juvenile through senior solo free dance test requirements (pages 264-265, Rulebook) to add the following language to each test:

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

Financial impact: None

103.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend rules 8394 and 8395 (pages 265-266, Rulebook) as follows:

8394 Junior Solo Free Dance Test

8395 Senior Solo Free Dance Test

Twizzle Series: ~~Two different~~ One twizzle series ~~but no more. One twizzle series must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation for the two twizzles. For both series, a~~ A minimum of two revolutions is required in each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

Note: Due to housekeeping changes, these are now rules 8391 (D) and (E) (standard) and 8392 (D) and (E) (adult).

104.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend rules 2711 and 2714 (pages 135-136, Rulebook) to shorten the warm up for some ice dance events and allow a maximum of six teams in a warm up for pattern dance events:

2711 Before the start of any part of any event, the referee will allow a period of warm-up in groups when required as follows (see rule 2713):

Event	Group Maximum	Minutes
Pattern dances	<u>6</u> 5	<u>3</u> 4
Rhythm dance	5	5
Free dance: <u>junior, senior</u>	5	5
Free dance: <u>pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

A. For pattern dances that are not designated as skaters’ choice dances, the warm-up will be one minute without music, with music played for the remainder of the warm-up followed by three minutes with music. The referee may choose any number of musical selections, except that at least two selections must be chosen when there are more than five couples. When more than one musical selection is to be played for a pattern dance, all selections will be played in numerical order, starting with selection No. 1. The music selected for the warm-up may not be used for competition.

1. The Finnstep warm-up is an exception to this rule and is to be conducted as follows: one minute without music followed by three minutes of all three tunes of the Finnstep (one minute of each tune will be played).

B. For pattern dances that are designated as “skaters’ choice” dances, the warm-up will be ~~four minutes~~ without music.

Note: With the next publication of the rulebook, the chart above will be updated to include the information in Technical Notification No. 228. As such, warm-up times and group sizes for adult dance events will not change.

2714 Size of Warm-Up Groups – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

Number of Competitors	<u>ICE DANCE Pattern Dance</u>	<u>ICE DANCE Pattern Dance, Rhythm Dance, Free Dance</u>
	Maximum 6	Maximum 5
4	<u>4</u>	4
5	<u>5</u>	5
6	<u>6</u>	3+3
7	<u>3+4</u>	3+4
8	<u>4+4</u>	4+4
9	<u>4+5</u>	4+5
10	<u>5+5</u>	5+5
11	<u>5+6</u>	3+4+4
12	<u>6+6</u>	4+4+4
13	<u>4+4+5</u>	4+4+5
14	<u>4+5+5</u>	4+5+5
15	<u>5+5+5</u>	5+5+5
16	<u>5+5+6</u>	4+4+4+4
17	<u>5+6+6</u>	4+4+4+5
18	<u>6+6+6</u>	4+4+5+5
19	<u>4+5+5+5</u>	4+5+5+5
20	<u>5+5+5+5</u>	5+5+5+5
21	<u>5+5+5+6</u>	4+4+4+4+5
22	<u>5+5+6+6</u>	4+4+4+5+5
23	<u>5+6+6+6</u>	4+4+5+5+5
24	<u>6+6+6+6</u>	4+5+5+5+5
25	<u>5+5+5+5+5</u>	5+5+5+5+5
26	<u>5+5+5+5+6</u>	4+4+4+4+5+5
27	<u>5+5+5+6+6</u>	4+4+4+5+5+5
28	<u>5+5+6+6+6</u>	4+4+5+5+5+5
29	<u>5+6+6+6+6</u>	4+5+5+5+5+5
30	<u>6+6+6+6+6</u>	5+5+5+5+5+5
31	<u>5+5+5+5+5+6</u>	4+4+4+4+5+5+5
32	<u>5+5+5+5+6+6</u>	4+4+4+5+5+5+5
33	<u>5+5+5+6+6+6</u>	4+4+5+5+5+5+5
34	<u>5+5+6+6+6+6</u>	4+5+5+5+5+5+5
35	<u>5+6+6+6+6+6</u>	5+5+5+5+5+5+5
36	<u>6+6+6+6+6+6</u>	4+4+4+4+5+5+5+5

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

105.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rules 2473 and 2474 (page 131, Rulebook)** to remove ice dance, and add **rules 2475 and 2476** to separate the qualification requirements of pairs and dance and provide new qualification standards for the U.S. Ice Dance Final. Only substantive changes are underlined.

2475 Dance competitors qualify for the U.S. Ice Dance Final by:

- A. ~~Placing in the top three, of all teams nationwide, in their level, at the National Qualifying Series.~~
- A. Placing in the top ~~five~~ six at a sectional ice dance challenge;
- B. For junior or senior events, any member of the United States Figure Skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, that has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level, and competes in that event; regardless of whether it conflicts with their sectional challenge;
- C. For junior and senior events, having ~~five~~ two or fewer entries in their event at a sectional ice dance challenge, or having ~~15~~ 18 or fewer entries in all their events, nationwide (see rule 2476);
- D. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season;
- E. Having won the U.S. Ice Dance Final at the senior level the previous season;
- F. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2475 (D) or (E) have the choice to compete at their sectional ice dance challenge but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Ice Dance Final, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who might place in the top six if said team was not entered.
- G. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2475 (C) will be given the option to compete at a different sectional ice dance challenge but not lose their bye to the U.S. Ice Dance Final, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who might place in the top ~~five~~ six if said team was not entered.

2476 **Two/18 or Fewer Rule:** Ice dance competitors at a sectional challenge, in the junior or senior events only, may progress directly to the U.S. Ice Dance Final if, at the closing date for entries, there are ~~five~~ two or fewer competitors in their event within their section or ~~15~~ 18 or fewer competitors in their event nationwide. The chair of the Competitions Committee may also invoke this rule after the closing date for entries if international byes and/or withdrawals reduce an event to ~~five~~ two or fewer competitors. Competitors in the juvenile through novice events must compete at their sectional challenge as long as there are two or more competitors.

- A. **Fill-up Rule:** Additional competitors from the same event in other sections will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of competitors qualifying through the sectional challenge events up to a maximum of ~~15~~ 18 (or more, if ties make it necessary). These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included, even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed ~~15~~ 18 qualifying through the sectional challenge events.

Implementation date: June 1, 2021

106.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 2493 (page 132, Rulebook)**, qualification for the National High Performance Development Team Camp to reflect only ice dance, and add **rule 2494** to reflect the qualification in pairs:

2493 Pairs competitors will qualify for the National High Performance Development Team Camp by:

- A. Placing in the top six in novice pairs at the U.S. Pairs Final;
- B. By competing in juvenile through novice pairs at the U.S. Pairs Final, and being selected as one of three additional teams by the Pairs Development and Technical Committee.
 - 1. The Pairs Development and Technical Committee will recommend, annually, objective criteria for selection of these teams to the Board of Directors. These criteria will be approved and published no later than Sept. 1.

24934 Pairs and Ice dance competitors will qualify for the National High Performance Development Team Camp by:

- A. ~~Placing in the top nine in juvenile pairs or dance at the U.S. Pairs or U.S. Ice Dance Final;~~
- B. ~~Placing in the top nine in intermediate pairs or dance at the U.S. Pairs or U.S. Ice Dance Final;~~
- C. ~~Placing in the top nine in novice pairs or dance at the U.S. Pairs or U.S. Ice Dance Final;~~
- D. In the event that a team qualifying under (A) – (C) splits up prior to the NHPDTC, the individual partners may attend.

Implementation date: 2021 competitive season

107.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Delete rule 7301 (page 214, Rulebook) and rules 7460 and 7461 (page 229, Rulebook) to eliminate the pre-juvenile pairs level.

7301—Pre-Juvenile Pair Test

Test expectations: The pre-juvenile pair test will consist of a variety of skating moves and connecting steps skated to music. A pair must demonstrate good form with some degree of unison, especially in stroking and footwork. See rule 7461 for element requirements and program duration.

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pair tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

7460 Pre-Juvenile Pairs

Note: Pre-juvenile pairs is considered a nonqualifying event and is held at regional championships only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

A Test qualifications as of the closing date for entry to the regional championships: Both partners must have passed the pre-juvenile pair and pre-juvenile moves in the field test (see note).

Note: It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the juvenile pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the pre-juvenile level, provided that neither partner has competed at the juvenile pair level in a qualifying competition. Further, if a skater chooses to compete at the pre-juvenile pair level, the skater must do so with a partner other than the one with whom the juvenile pair test was passed.

B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the regional championships: Under 14 years of age

7461—Elements for the Pre-Juvenile Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

PRE-JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 2:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
LIFTS	One selected from Group 1 or Group 2 waist lift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted; however, if a pair executes a Group 1 lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved is not a violation of this rule. • Minimum of one-half revolution by the man (no maximum) 	One lift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be from Group 1 or the waist lift from Group 2
THROW JUMP	One (optional) single throw jump	One (optional) single throw jump
SOLO JUMP	One solo jump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps only 	One solo jump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps only
JUMP SEQUENCE	One jump combination or jump sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in the jump combination or sequence • A jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. • Single jumps only 	One jump combination or jump sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in combination • A jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. • Single jumps only
SOLO SPIN	One solo spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot or position permitted • Minimum of three revolutions by both partners 	One solo spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot or position permitted • Minimum of three revolutions by both partners
PAIR SPIN	One pair spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot or position permitted • Minimum of three revolutions total 	One pair spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot or position permitted • Minimum of three revolutions total
PIVOT FIGURE	One (optional) pivot figure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum requirements • Pivot figure not eligible for features 	One (optional) pivot figure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum requirements

PRE-JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 2:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
STEP SEQUENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence (may include moves in the field and spirals) utilizing one-half the ice surface • Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence (may include moves in the field and spirals) utilizing one-half the ice surface • Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). • A pre-juvenile pairs program must demonstrate good form with some degree of unison, especially as it pertains to stroking and basic pair skating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 7237)

The following additional rules will be amended to remove references to pre-juvenile pairs:

Rule 3043 (page 148, Rulebook)

Rule 7052 (page 209, Rulebook)

Rule 7211 (page 213, Rulebook)

Rule 7923 (page 234, Rulebook)

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108.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 7441 (page 223, Rulebook)** to include a pair spin and side-by-side spin, removing the single twist lift, requiring one of the lifts to be from Group 1 or 2, allowing a maximum of only one throw, and replacing the leveled step sequence with a choreographic sequence.

7441 Elements for the Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST (2020-21) 3:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
LIFTS	Maximum of two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifts can be selected from Groups 1-4 and must be different. <u>One lift must be from Group 1 or 2</u> • Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted; however, the release of the lady's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved in a platter lift are not violations of this rule. • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) 	Two different lifts selected from Groups 1-4 <u>One lift must be from Group 1 or 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted; however, the release of the lady's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved in a platter lift are not violations of this rule. • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
TWIST LIFT	Maximum of one single <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off must be flip or Lutz 	One twist lift (single) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take off must be a flip or Lutz
THROW JUMP	Maximum of two <u>one</u> throw jump (single or double) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be different 	One throw jump (single or double)
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One solo jump (single or double)

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST (2020-21) 3:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
JUMP COMBINATION/ SEQUENCE	Maximum of one (single or double jumps only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in the jump combination • A jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. 	One jump combination or jump sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in combination • A jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a single or double Axel • Single or double jumps
<u>PAIR SPIN</u>	Maximum of one pair spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot • Optional change of position • Minimum of five revolutions total by both partners • May not be commenced with a jump • The rotation must be continuous, and no stop is permitted 	One spin chosen from solo spin, solo spin combination, or pair spin. If solo spin or solo spin combination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May begin with a flying entry • Change of foot and change of position are optional • Minimum of five revolutions by both partners • Both partners must achieve a basic position for at least two revolutions If pair spin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot • Optional change of position • Minimum of five revolutions total • May not be commenced with a jump
<u>SOLO SPIN/ SPIN COMBINATION</u>	Maximum of one solo spin or spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Minimum of five revolutions</u> • <u>Change of foot, position, and flying entry are optional</u> • <u>If spin combination, must have all three basic positions to receive full value</u> 	See above
DEATH SPIRAL/ PIVOT FIGURE	Maximum of one death spiral or pivot figure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular hand-to-hand hold required • In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position 	One death spiral or pivot figure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
<u>STEP SEQUENCE CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE</u>	Maximum of one step sequence choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must be clearly visible</u> • <u>Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface</u> • <u>Can earn a maximum of Level 2</u> 	One step sequence choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must be clearly visible</u> • <u>Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface</u>
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). • If an extra jump(s) element is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to the requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 7237)

Implementation Date: June 1, 2020

109. APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 7432 (page 222, Rulebook) to require a pair spin combination in the novice pairs free skate:

7432 Elements for the Novice Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

NOVICE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
PAIR SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be pair spin or a pair spin combination with at least one change of foot by each partner • If pair spin combination both partners must change feet and position at least once • <u>Minimum of two different basic positions by each partner with at least two revolutions in each position</u> • <u>Must have all three basic positions to receive full value</u> • Minimum of five <u>eight</u> revolutions total. 	One pair spin or pair spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If pair spin combination, both partners must change feet and position at least once • Minimum of five <u>eight</u> revolutions total

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

110. APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 7431 (page 221, Rulebook) as follows:

7431 Elements for the Novice Pairs Short Program 2019-20

NOVICE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2020-21)* 2:50 maximum time Must contain the following seven elements in any order	
SOLO SPIN COMBINATION	One solo spin or solo spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional <u>Only one change of foot (made at the same time by both partners)</u> • Optional change of position <u>Minimum of two basic positions with at least two revolutions in each position</u> • Minimum of five revolutions <u>on each foot by both partners</u> • May be commenced with a jump • <u>Must have all three basic positions to receive full value</u>

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111. APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee, and Singles Development & Technical Committee

Delete the following restriction from rule 6033 (page 175, Rulebook) and rule 7033 (page 209, Rulebook):

6033 Ladies may wear skirts, trousers and tights (including unitards):

7033 Ladies may wear skirts, trousers and tights (including unitards):

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

112. APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 6432 (page 189, Rulebook) to allow quadruple jumps in the novice free skate as follows:

6432 Elements for the Novice Men’s and Ladies Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.	Test: Must follow competition requirements, in addition to the minimum requirements below
<p>Jumps</p>	<p>Maximum of seven jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump. • All single, double and triple jumps are permitted. Quadruple jumps are not permitted. Jumps can contain any number of revolutions. • No more than one double Axel and two different triple jumps can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at least one of these executions is in a jump combination or a jump sequence, both executions (of the double Axel or same triple jump) are evaluated in a regular way. If both executions (of the double Axel or same triple jump) are as solo jumps, the second of these solo jumps will receive 70 percent of its original base value. • There is no limit to the number of different double jumps that may be repeated, but no double or triple jump may be included more than twice. No double jump (including double Axel) can be included more than twice (as a solo jump or as part of a combination/sequence). • Of all the triple and quadruple jumps, only two can be executed twice. Both repetitions may be quadruple jumps; this is an intentional variance from ISU rules. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If at least one of these executions is in a jump combination or a jump sequence, both executions (of the same triple or quadruple jump) are evaluated in a regular way. If both executions (of the same triple or quadruple jump) are as solo jumps, the second of these solo jumps will receive 70 percent of its original base value. • Up to three jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps. • A jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. 	<p>Seven jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single, double or triple Axel* • Three different double, or triple or quadruple jumps* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including two jumps with at least two rotations • Two additional jump elements must each include at least one listed jump, which may contain any number of revolutions be any single, double or triple jumps and may be the same as jumps already performed* <p>*May be performed as solo jumps, or as part of the permitted jump combinations and sequences, but no jump element may count for more than one of the jump requirements</p>

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113. APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 1071(D)(2) (page 106, Rulebook) to adjust the jump bonuses for the novice level.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

D. Singles Bonus

2. Novice Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

- a. +3.0 bonus for each two-jump or ~~three-jump~~ combination achieved ~~where both jumps are triple jumps, or a three-jump combination achieved in which~~ two triple jumps are executed in succession;
- b. +3.0 bonus for each triple Axel achieved;
- c. +3.0 bonus for one quadruple jump achieved;
- d. +2.0 bonus for a three-jump combination that starts with a triple jump and ends with a triple jump, connected by any single jump;
- e. +2.0 bonus for any triple jump achieved that immediately follows a double jump (including double Axel) in a jump combination;
- f. ~~d.~~ +1.0 bonus for each different triple jump achieved that doesn’t meet the criteria in paragraphs a, ~~b,~~ or ~~c~~ above through e of this rule. The following triple jumps are eligible for this +1.0 bonus:
 - i. Ladies: toe loop, Salchow, loop, flip, Lutz;
 - ii. Men: loop, flip, Lutz.
- g. ~~e.~~ +2.0 additional bonus for a skater who achieves four or more different triple or quadruple jumps. Triple and quadruple jumps with the same name will be considered as two different jumps.

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Additional Information

BONUS CHART – Singles Calling Clarifications for Junior and Below

Level	Quad	Triple Axel	<u>Triple/Triple Combo Jump Combination with Two Consecutive Triple Jumps</u>	<u>3-Jump Combo with 2 Triples Jump Combination with Two Triple Jumps Connected by a Single Jump</u>	Double/Triple Combo Triple Jump Following a Double Jump	Triple Jump	Four Different Triple or Quad Jumps	Double Axel
Junior	2.0	1.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Novice	<u>3.0 for one</u>	3.0	3.0	3.0 <u>2.0</u>	2.0	1.0*	2.0**	N/A
Intermediate	N/A	N/A	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	N/A	1.0 for one
Juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.0 for one	N/A	1.0

- Note (in calling specifications) that jumps must be clean or under-rotated (<) to receive a bonus. Jumps may have an edge attention (!) and receive a bonus. Jumps with a downgrade (<<) or wrong edge (e) are not eligible for bonuses. Additional clarifications to the calling specifications will be updated following the results of Governing Council.
- For the novice quad where the chart had stated N/A, we propose a 3.0 bonus. We also propose that the quad be included in the repertoire or four different triple/quad jumps. We also propose modifying the three-jump combination to allow for combinations that include a single Euler (or any single jump) as the second jump in between two triples. The single Euler must meet the requirements specified in the above bullet.
- The Singles Development and Technical Committee is working with U.S. Figure Skating to create a document that includes physical literacies required for quadruple jumps and also is working on creating a network of mentors in the quad coaching environment to assist coaches whose athletes are attempting such elements for the first time. These indicators are used to mitigate injuries due to attempts that are not reasonable based on the athlete’s demonstrated abilities on and off the ice (turn speed, rotations off ice, jump velocity to height ratio, etc.).

114. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9022, Clothing and Equipment – Synchronized Skating – Competition and Official Practice, (page 287, Rulebook)** as follows:

9022 Sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim may be used in moderation on the clothing of senior, junior, collegiate, adult, masters, open collegiate, open adult, and open masters synchronized skating teams (see rule 9021 (E)). This adornment is allowed on the bodice only and must be non-detachable. Sleeves and skirts are to be void of adornment. Feathers, props or other materials that could be dislodged upon contact are not allowed. The use of adornments at all other levels is prohibited. The decorations on costumes must be non-detachable. If any part of the costume or decoration falls on the ice during a competition, the team will be penalized by a deduction. See rule 9923. See Synchronized Skating Costume Guidelines for specific regulations per division.

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115.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9170 (D) (page 296, Rulebook)** as follows:

9170 Non-Permitted Elements, Features, Additional Features and Movements

- D. Intermediate, Juvenile, Adult, Masters, Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Open Juvenile, Open Collegiate, Open Adult and Open Masters Free Skate
1. Lifts of any variety (including un-sustained group lifts)
 2. Vaults
 3. Stopping (exceeding five seconds) on more than one occasion within the free skate (not counting the opening and closing movements, which must not exceed 10 seconds each)
 4. Separating longer than necessary before resuming skating together as a unit
 5. Throw jumps
 6. Assisted jumps of more than one revolution
 7. Jumps of more than one revolution ~~jumps of one revolution or more~~ at the adult, masters, pre-juvenile, preliminary, open juvenile, open collegiate, open adult and open masters.
 8. Jumps through the point of intersection or stepping over clasped hands

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116.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9471 (page 303, Rulebook)** as follows:

**9471 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate
Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Well-Balanced Free Skate
2:15 +/- 10 seconds 2:30 +/- 10 seconds**

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117.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 1041 (page 102, Rulebook)** as follows:

1041 The International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system will be used as follows:

- A. The IJS will be used:
1. At all standard-track qualifying competitions (see rule 1022 (A)) and the U.S. Collegiate Championships for all levels and disciplines;
 2. At all adult sectional championships for all singles events;
 - a. The mini system is not required.
 3. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the championship events and the following nonqualifying events: the maters, adult gold, adult silver and centennial levels of singles and pairs, and the masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of partnered ice dance (including masters open dance).
 4. At all synchronized sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships for the senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult, and masters events.
 5. At all synchronized sectional championships for the open juvenile, pre juvenile, and preliminary events.
- B. The 6.0 system will be used:
1. At all adult sectional championships for the championship masters pairs and championship adult dance events;
 2. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the adult bronze and below nonqualifying singles and pairs events for the centennial adult silver and below partnered ice dance events for all solo dance events and for all dramatic entertainment and light entertainment levels (see rule 6700 (A));
 3. At all synchronized sectional championships for ~~preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile~~; open masters, open adult and open collegiate events.
- C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS, the 6.0 system or a combination of both.
1. The IJS system must be used for all singles ~~and synchronized~~ short program and well-balanced free skate events for juvenile and above except as follows:
 - a. The 6.0 system may be used for all levels of high school, intercollegiate and State Games competitions.
 - b. The 6.0 system may be used for all adult well-balanced free skate events.
 - c. The 6.0 system may be used for all open well-balanced free skate events.
 2. The 6.0 system may be used for all pre-juvenile and lower free skate events, Excel Program, showcase, Compete USA, Theatre on Ice, Special Olympics, adaptive skating, solo dance, partnered dance, pairs, ~~pre-juvenile and lower and open synchronized skating events~~, and specialty events (spins, compulsory moves, jumps, etc.).

3. The IJS system must be used for all synchronized short program and well-balanced free skate events for preliminary and above, except as follows:
 - a. The 6.0 system may be used for open adult, open masters, and open collegiate well-balanced free skate events.
 - b. The 6.0 system may be used for preliminary well-balanced free skate events at Compete USA sanctioned competitions.
 - c. The 6.0 system may be used for all well-balanced free skate events at State Games competitions.
- Sub-paragraphs 3 and 4 will be re-numbered accordingly.*

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118. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9922, Program Components Score – Synchronized Skating – IJS, (page 312, Rulebook)** to have preliminary, pre-juvenile and open juvenile evaluated on three components: (1) Skating Skills; (2) Performance; and (3) Interpretation.

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119. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rules 2851 and 2852 (page 141 & 142, Rulebook)** as follows:

2851 Synchronized qualifying rounds:

- A. Sectional qualifying and championship rounds:
 1. Seeded ~~Unseeded~~ qualifying rounds will be held if more than 24 teams are entered in the senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, ~~open juvenile, pre-juvenile, preliminary, and adult and masters~~ levels or if more than 18 teams are entered in the open collegiate, and masters levels. ~~Unseeded qualifying rounds will be held if more than 12 teams are entered in all other event levels. See rule 2852.~~
 2. Unseeded qualifying rounds will be held if more than 12 teams are entered in the open collegiate, open masters and open adult levels. See rule 2852.
 23. Advancement to the championship round will be per rule 2852.
 34. In events with a short program (junior and senior), only the free skate will be skated in the qualifying round. Both the short program and the free skate will be skated in the championship or final round, and the results will be combined.
- B. If the number of entries is not evenly divisible by the number of groups required, the groups will be balanced as evenly as possible.
- C. After the groups are determined, the skating order is in accordance with the order as drawn.

2852 **Qualifying Round Chart - Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships**

Number of Teams	Qualifying Round (QR) Groups	Number of Places Advancing	Championship Round (CR) Groups
Event level: open collegiate and open masters			
1-18	=	=	18
19-36	2	9	18
37-54	3	6	18
Event level: senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, and adult			
1-24	=	=	24
25-31	2	9	18
32-38	2	12	24
39-45	3	8	24
All other event levels			
1-12	=	=	12
13-15	2	4	8
16-18	2	5	10
19-24	2	6	12

<u>Number of Teams</u>	<u>Qualifying Round (OR) Groups</u>	<u>Number of Places Advancing</u>	<u>Additional Number Advancing by Score</u>	<u>Championship Round (CR) Groups</u>
<u>Event Level (IJS): senior, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, open juvenile, pre juvenile, preliminary, adult, and masters</u>				
<u>1-24</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25-31</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>+4 next highest scores</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>32-38</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>+4 next highest scores</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>39-45</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>+6 next highest scores</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Event Level (6.0): open collegiate, open masters, open adult</u>				
<u>1-12</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13-15</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>16-18</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>19-24</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>12</u>

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120. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 2911** and delete **rule 2912 (page 142, Rulebook)** as follows:

2911 For preliminary, pre juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate, adult, and masters, open juvenile, open adult, open masters and open collegiate events, each team will be allowed a warm up of at least one minute in duration (without music) on the competition ice surface during the judging of the previous team before the team is called to start. The first team of each starting group is granted a one-minute warm-up period before their call to start. See rule 1322.

~~**2912** For open juvenile, pre-junvenile, preliminary, open collegiate, open adult and open masters events, each team will be allowed a maximum of one minute of warm-up (without music) on the competition ice surface after their call to start. (See rule 1322.):~~

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

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

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121. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Delete **rule 9021 (B) (page 287, Rulebook)** as follows:

9021 The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. Costumes may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

~~B. Ladies may wear a skirt or body suit or full-length trousers.~~

~~Remaining paragraphs will be re-lettered accordingly.~~

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122. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9912 (page 311, Rulebook)** as follow:

9912 Marking of the Synchronized Skating Free Skate – 6.0 System

D. An element is omitted when it is not tried. Any element started after the maximum allowable program length (as identified under rules 9411 through 9531) will be considered as omitted in the marking and will incur a 0.6 deduction from the technical mark per rule 9912 (H). See current Synchronized Skating Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System.

E. A whistle will be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges must cease judging the performance. If the team fails to finish the program within the time limit, there should be a 0.1 deduction in the marks for technical elements and program components for up to every 10 seconds in excess. See current Synchronized Skating Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System.

- F. When illegal or non-permitted elements are included, a deduction of ~~0.1~~ must be made in both the technical element and program component marks for each forbidden element performed. See current Synchronized Skating Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System.
- G. If the music is not according to the requirements, a deduction will be incurred of ~~0.1~~ must be made in the program component mark. See current Synchronized Skating Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System.
- H. Deductions in the mark for technical elements:

General	Deduction
Omission	0.6
Maximum deduction/required element	0.5
Break in execution of the element	0.1-0.2
Stumble during a required element	0.1-0.2
Not according to requirements	0.1-0.2
Falls	
Major (more than one skater for prolonged time)	0.4-0.5
Medium (either one skater for prolonged time or down and up for more than one skater)	0.3
Minor (one skater down and up)	0.2

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123.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rules 2115 (page 120, Rulebook) and 3036 (page 147, Rulebook)** as follows:

2115 Synchronized team managers are prohibited from serving as a judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant on an event in which their team is competing and may not serve as a judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant on such an event for one year following the termination of their role as team manager.

- A. For the purposes of this rule, a synchronized team manager is a spokesperson for and provides management oversight for a synchronized skating team or teams. Management oversight includes the administrative aspects of conducting business for a team, specifically overseeing and directing the organization and administration of team expenses, travel, accommodations, competition entry forms and rosters, competition and non-competition clothing and all team communications.

3036 Synchronized team managers are prohibited from serving as a judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant on an event in which their team is competing and may not serve as a judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant on such an event for one year following the termination of their role as team manager.

- A. For the purposes of this rule, a synchronized team manager is a spokesperson for and provides management oversight for a synchronized skating team or teams. Management oversight includes the administrative aspects of conducting business for a team, specifically overseeing and directing the organization and administration of team expenses, travel, accommodations, competition entry forms and rosters, competition and non-competition clothing and all team communications.

Implementation date: Immediate

124.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9480 (page 304, Rulebook)** as follows:

9480 Preliminary Synchronized Skating

- B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters who are under age 12 ~~with the majority of skaters under age 10~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

125.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 9520 (page 309, Rulebook) as follows:

9520 Open Adult Synchronized Skating

- B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters who are with the majority of the team ~~19~~ 18 years of age or older

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

126.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 9461 (page 302, Rulebook) as follows:

9461 Elements for Open Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. Turns and linking steps may also be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

127.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 9471 (page 303, Rulebook) as follows:

9471 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. Turns and linking steps may also be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

128.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **Rule 9481 (page 304, Rulebook)** as follows:

9481 Elements for Preliminary Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions.
- Turns and linking steps may be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions.
- Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

129.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9496 (page 306, Rulebook)** as follows:

9496 Elements for Open Collegiate Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of three different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. Turns and linking steps may also be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

130.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 9521 (page 309, Rulebook) as follows:

9521 Elements for Open Adult Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. Turns and linking steps may also be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

131.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 9531 Open Masters Synchronized Skating (page 310, Rulebook) as follows:

9531 Elements for Open Masters Synchronized Free Skate

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 9150). Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. Turns and linking steps may also be used during elements.
- Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 9160 and 9170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 9110-9140.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

132.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend rules 2810-2813 (page 139, Rulebook) as follows:

2810 Synchronized Skating Qualifying Competitions – Entries

2811 All entries must be made to the person/place designated in the announcement using the online registration system designated by U.S. Figure Skating on or before the date specified for the closing of the date for entries. The provisions of rule 2401 shall apply.

~~**2812**~~ Closing date for entries for the first synchronized skating qualifying competition will be no later than Oct. 1. Teams not entering entered by the closing date for entries will not be permitted to compete. The provisions of rule 2401 will apply.

~~2812~~ A. Teams entered in synchronized sectional championships are not required to state whether or not they will participate in the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships until after the sectional championship is completed.

2813 The section is determined by:

A. The section of the team's home club or college (for collegiate and open collegiate teams), or

B. If a synchronized team is entered as an individual member team, it will enter the section in which the greatest number of team members' legal residences are located: the principal training center is located (where the team does the majority of its training), or

C. In the case of If a regional collegiate team, it will enter the section in which the majority of the colleges represented are located.

2814 Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team in the same level.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

133.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 2401 (B)(1) (page 124, Rulebook)** to add that “No entry fee will be charged for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.”

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

134.APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Delete **rule 2454 (page 129, Rulebook)** as follows:

~~2454~~ For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will also send, immediately after the conclusion of the competition, a copy of the final placements, including the address, telephone number and home club of the team managers for the teams qualifying for the higher competition, including first and second alternates to:

A. The national vice chair and applicable sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Competitions Subcommittee of the section in which the competition was held;

B. The sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee for the section in which the higher competition is to be held.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

201.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8530 (page 276, Rulebook)** and **rule 8630 (page 278, Rulebook)** to limit the test eligibility for adult pre-gold partnered and solo dance as follows:

8530 Adult Pre-Gold Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered silver dance. Neither partner may have completed the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance test or more than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered international dance test.

NOTE: For determining competition eligibility per this rule only, a Starlight Waltz test passed prior to Sept. 1, 2003, is considered a pre-gold dance, not an international dance.

8630 Adult Pre-Gold Solo Pattern Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered silver dance test and may have passed no higher than a maximum of one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered gold dance test or a maximum of one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered international dance test.

NOTE: For determining competition eligibility per this rule only, a Starlight Waltz test passed prior to Sept. 1, 2003, is considered a pre-gold dance, not an international dance.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

202.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8512 (page 275, Rulebook)** to allow kneeling/sliding on ice in championship adult, adult gold, adult pre-gold and open masters free dance:

8512 Elements for Championship Adult/Adult Gold/Adult Pre-Gold/Masters Open Free Dance

In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance in accordance with rule 8095. The draw for the starting order of the couples ~~shall~~ will be made in accordance with rule section 2730.

CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT/ADULT GOLD/ADULT PRE-GOLD/MASTERS OPEN FREE DANCE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
DANCE LIFTS	Not more* than one combination lift (up to 12 seconds) or two different types of short lifts (up to seven seconds each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One additional choreographic short lift (up to seven seconds) may be executed but will not be called by the technical panel or evaluated by the judges for GOE. Lifts will be considered in the order of execution.
DANCE SPINS	Maximum of one dance spin (spin or spin combination) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If spin, must have a minimum of three revolutions on one foot by both partners • If spin combination, must have a minimum of three revolutions in either part by both partners
STEP SEQUENCES	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must utilize the full ice surface • Must be skated in dance holds or variations thereof, except hand-in-hand hold in sustained position with fully extended arms • Serpentine and not touching types of step sequences are not permitted • Any separation to change hold must not exceed one measure of music • Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted • Dance spins and pirouettes are stops • A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value with the value of a Level 1 step sequence and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value
TWIZZLES	Maximum of one synchronized twizzle (at least one full rotation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stop is permitted before the twizzle • If a set of synchronized twizzles is performed instead of the required synchronized twizzle, only the first twizzle of the set will be called using the criteria in ISU Communication 1331 (IJS) or considered by the judges in the technical mark (6.0 system). The additional twizzle and steps can be considered by the judges in the program components.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required elements may be skated anywhere in the program except in the required step sequence • <u>One sliding element may be executed, but it will not be called by the technical panel or evaluated by the judges for GOE</u> • See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules • See rule 8098 for a list of illegal elements/movements • See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements • See usfigureskating.org for the Scale of Values, calling specifications and judging instructions

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

203.APPROVED – Collegiate Skating Subcommittee

Amend **rule 3063 (page 152, Rulebook)** as follows:

3063 Eligibility to Compete – Intercollegiate Competitions

In addition to meeting the usual eligibility requirements, all skaters in intercollegiate competitions must represent their college/university and be full-time students at the college/university they represent as of the closing date for entries. Skaters may be part-time at the college/university that they represent as of the closing date for entries only in their final term if documentation can be provided that they are enrolled, and the final credits for which they are registered will complete their degree requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

301.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1041 (C)(4)(b) (page 119 Rulebook)** as follows:

1041 The International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system will be used as follows:

C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS, the 6.0 system or a combination of both.

4. At the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with all adult sectional championships:
 - a. The IJS will be used for the masters, adult gold and adult silver levels of nonqualifying singles events;
 - b. The 6.0 system will may be used for the adult bronze and below singles events and for all pairs, ice dance, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events (see rule 6700 (A)).

Note: Due to the changes approved in Items 117 and 302, this is now subparagraph 6 instead of 4.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

302.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1041 (C) (page 98, Rulebook)** by adding subparagraph 5 as follows:

1041 The International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system will be used as follows:

C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS, the 6.0 system or a combination of both.

5. The IJS, as modified and delineated in the Showcase Guidelines, will be used at the National Showcase competition.

Components:

Three Program Components – marked on a scale of 0.25 to 10.

1. **Showcase Skating Skills**

Showcase skating is the way an athlete uses their skating and physical ability to convey their act on the ice surface. It must show a quality to support the selected theatrical performance, and show abilities in the skating vernacular, such as balance, glide, acceleration, ice coverage, one-foot skating, etc. Technical elements often found in singles should not be directly rewarded except where they are directly integrated into the performance and advance the story/theme/concept.

2. **Performance & Projection: Universe, Musicality and Feeling**

The physical, emotional and artistic involvement of a skater, using their ability to create a universe. This performance has continuous development of the theme and universe from beginning to end, while displaying their musicality skills. It is a measure of how skaters use the ice, music, and the space around them to project feeling and musical awareness into the subconscious of the audience.

3. **Artistic Appeal with Innovation & Creativity**

A performance is truly entertaining when it is in the eyes, ears, and hearts of the audience. It is a measure of how audience members remember the program, how they felt during the performance, their level of involvement during the program, what they take away from it, and how long after they will recall it. The meaning and feeling should be unique and personal. The question to be answered is: Will I remember what I have seen, and would I like to see it again?

The following factors would be applied: 1-25%, 2-35%, 3-40%

Implementation date: May 18, 2020

303.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2461 (page 129, Rulebook)** and **rule 2467 (page 130, Rulebook)** as follows:

2460 **Qualifying Rounds and Seeding – National Qualifying Series and Regional Singles Challenges**

2461 **Event Parameters – National Qualifying Series (singles):**

- A. When there are 24 or fewer entries in any event at a National Qualifying Series competition, skaters will compete as one group.
- B. When there are more than 24 entries, competitors will be divided into groups.
 1. Each group will be composed of programs as follows:
 - a. Juvenile singles: free skate only.
 - b. Intermediate, novice, junior and senior singles: short program and free skate.

2. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at a National Qualifying Series competition. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to all skaters in the event.
3. Groups will be seeded in the same manner as qualifying rounds of a regional singles challenge (see rule 2463).

C. For the National Qualifying Series, competitors will not advance to a championship round from their groups. The total score achieved from their group will be their final score for the event.

2462+ Event Parameters – Regional Singles Challenges:

- A. When there are 24 or fewer entries in any event at a ~~National Qualifying Series event~~ or regional singles challenge, qualifying rounds will not be held. Competitors proceed directly to the championship round.
- B. When there are more than 24 entries in any event at a ~~National Qualifying Series event~~ or regional singles challenge, qualifying rounds will be held. Competitors will be divided into groups in accordance with rule 24667 (see also rule 2468).
 1. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at a regional singles challenge. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to all skaters in the event. Notification procedures as outlined in rule 2465 will be followed.
- C. ~~Not more than 28 entries in any event will be permitted to enter the final round of a National Qualifying Series event or regional singles challenge, except as provided in rule 2461 (B)(1) or in the case of ties.~~

(renumber current rules 2462-2468)

24678 Qualifying and championship rounds will consist of the following programs:

- A. For 25–196 entrants at a regional singles challenge, there will be a qualifying round that will consist of:
 1. ~~Singles and pairs: free skate only.~~
 2. ~~Juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior dance: free dance only.~~
- B. For 25–196 entrants at a regional singles challenge, there will be a championship round consisting of:
 1. Juvenile singles ~~and pairs and intermediate pairs~~: free skate only.
 2. Intermediate, ~~singles and~~ novice, junior and senior singles ~~and pairs~~: short program and free skate.
 3. ~~Juvenile, intermediate and novice dance: pattern dances and free dance.~~
 4. ~~Junior and senior dance: rhythm dance and free dance.~~

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

304.REFERRED TO THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2463 (page 129, Rulebook)** as follows:

2463 Competitors in qualifying rounds of will be seeded from the current year’s National Qualifying Series rankings and the previous year’s qualifying competition final placements for the comparable event. Qualifying round results will not be used. Zigzag seeding will be used as follows:

- A. First by the current season’s ranking from the National Qualifying Series for the same level, followed by the final placement in the event of the same level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to junior and senior events only), then sectional singles final, then regional singles challenge, then the National Qualifying Series;
 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (sectional or regional or National Qualifying Series) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
- B. For intermediate, novice, junior and senior, by final placement in the event of the next lower level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to senior events only), then sectional singles final, then regional singles challenge, then the current season’s ranking for the National Qualifying Series;
 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (sectional or regional or National Qualifying Series) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
- C. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the same level;
- D. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the next lower level and for those moving up more than one competition level, regardless of previous placement (i.e. all remaining competitors).

Implementation date: Not applicable because item was referred back to committee

305.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2471 (G)** and **rule 2466 (page 130, Rulebook)** as follows:

2471 Singles competitors qualify for the sectional singles final by:

G. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2471 (A), or (C) through (F) have the choice to compete at their regional singles challenge but do not lose their bye to the sectional singles final, regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who would have placed in the top four at the regional singles challenge if said skater had not competed.

1. Competitors qualifying under rule 2471 (A), or (C) through (F) who choose to compete at a regional singles challenge will be advanced directly to the championship round.

2466 When there are more than 24 entries in any event at a regional singles challenge, the number of qualifying round groups as well as the total number of skaters advancing to the championship round are shown in the following chart:

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

Entries	Qualifying Round (QR)			Championship Round (CR)*
	Number of Groups	Number Advancing/ Group	Additional Number Advancing by Score	
25 – 36	2	4	+4 next highest scores	12
37 – 54	3	4	+4 next highest scores	16
55 – 72	4	4	+4 next highest scores	20
73 – 90	5	4	+4 next highest scores	24
91 – 144	6	4	+4 next highest scores	28
145 – 196	7	4	+4 next highest scores	32

*The number of skaters in the championship round will be increased by the total number of competitors with a bye who choose to compete at their regional singles challenge in accordance with rule 2471(G) (1).

Note: Due to the changes approved in Item 303, this is now rule 2467.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

306.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2481 and 2482 (page 131, Rulebook)** as follows:

2480 Alternates to the Sectional Singles Final and U.S. Pairs and Dance Final

2481 Singles

A. Singles skaters in the two places immediately following the qualifiers placing fifth and sixth in their regional singles challenge in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events will be designated as first and second alternates for their region in their section to the sectional singles final. All alternates will be provided with an application to file with the next competition. These skaters should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete. The alternates will be eligible to replace any withdrawn qualifier from the same regional singles challenge who did not have a bye from the National Qualifying Series.

B. After the regional singles challenge, a withdrawal by a singles skater who received a bye through the National Qualifying Series, without consideration to their participation or placement at a regional singles challenge, will be replaced at the sectional singles final by the next highest ranked National Qualifying Series athlete in the same section who has not otherwise qualified.

2482 Pairs and Ice Dance

A. Pairs or ice dance teams in the two places immediately following the qualifiers placing sixth and seventh in their sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events will be designated as first and second alternates for their section to the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final. All alternates will be provided with an application to file with the next competition. These teams should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete. The alternates will be eligible to replace any withdrawn qualifier from the same sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge who did not have a bye from the National Qualifying Series.

B. After the sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge, a withdrawal by a team who received a bye through the National Qualifying Series, without consideration to their participation or placement at a sectional pairs or ice dance challenge, will be replaced at the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final by the next highest ranked National Qualifying Series team who has not otherwise qualified.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

307.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Delete **rules 2725 and 2726 (page 136, Rulebook)** and amend **rule 2732 (page 137, Rulebook)** as follows:

~~2725~~ Draw for the Starting Order of Final Round after a Qualifying Round – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

~~2726~~ As soon as possible after the determination and certification of results from the qualifying rounds, the officials selected by the chief referee will complete the draw for the final round. The starting order for the final round will be drawn in two subgroups:

- A. The 1st and 2nd place finishers in each group in the initial round will be the last to skate in the final round and will draw from the first subgroup. If these skaters encompass a portion of a warm-up group, they will skate in the latter portion of said warm-up group.
- B. The remaining qualifiers from the initial round will be the first to skate in the final round and will draw from the second subgroup.

2732 Subsequent starting orders will be drawn:

- A. When there are no qualifying-round groups:
 - 1. As a draw based on the results of the preceding segment(s) of the event. See rule 2734.
- B. When there have been qualifying rounds:
 - 1. As a random draw in a single segment championship round;
 - 2. As a random draw in the first segment of the championship round;
 - 3. As a draw based on the results of the previous segment of a multi-segment championship round

Note: Championship rounds at a regional singles challenge will also include all competitors with a bye who choose to compete as outlined in rule 2471 (G)(1).

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

308.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1031 (page 102, Rulebook)** as follows:

1031 U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will:

- A. Maintain a log including the following items:
 - 1. Name, location and dates of the competition;
 - 2. Organizers (hosts) and name of principal contact;
 - 3. Sanction issue date;
 - 4. ~~Referee's report receipt date.~~
- B. Issue the current log monthly to:
 - 1. ~~The president of U.S. Figure Skating;~~
 - 2. ~~Chair of the Competitions Committee;~~
 - 3. ~~Vice chairs of the Competitions Committee.~~
- C. ~~Maintain a hard copy or electronic file of referee's reports including an announcement, results and judges' assignment/schedule for one year.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

309.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1122 (A) (page 108, Rulebook)** as follows:

1122 Except as noted above or below, the chair of the Competitions Committee, or the appropriate sectional or regional vice chair, must sanction all U.S. Figure Skating figure skating competitions held in the United States.

- A. Applications are to be submitted through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site may be obtained from any vice chair of the Competitions Committee or U.S. Figure Skating headquarters and must be returned at least 90 days in advance of the competition.
 - 1. Collegiate clubs will download the current standard announcement and sanction request form from the collegiate section of the U.S. Figure Skating website, complete the necessary parts, add any additional information they deem necessary and send these documents to the appropriate regional vice chair for approval and sanctioning. Applications for intercollegiate competitions are available through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site. Applications are reviewed, and competitions are selected, by the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee.

Implementation date: Immediate

310.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1231 (C)(1) (page 110, Rulebook)** as follows:

1230 Duties of the Chief Accountant

1231 The chief accountant at each competition has the following responsibilities:

C. At the conclusion of all qualifying competitions, for sending the following:

1. To the IJS technology specialist, no later than one day after the competition:

a. For IJS categories – the final and complete IsuCalcFS competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email or successfully uploaded to EMS.

b. For 6.0 events – the final and completed HAL2.0 competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email.

Implementation date: Immediate

311.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1235 (page 111, Rulebook) to add subparagraph D** as follows:

1235 Duties of the Accountants – IJS

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

D. Produce an individual test credit skater report at every nonqualifying competition with applicable IJS events for any skater meeting the minimum requirements for that respective level who requests the report. (See rule 4201.) For any given competition, the chief accountant will post, along with the starting orders, the latest time that a test credit report must be requested for that competition.

Remaining subparagraphs will be re-lettered accordingly.

Implementation date: Immediate

312.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2403 and 2404 (page 127, Rulebook)** as follows:

2400 Qualifying Competitions – Entries

2403 Entries of competitors who are members of clubs must be approved by the appropriate club officials ~~with a certificate of their eligibility, scholastic eligibility and eligibility under the rules for the events entered, signed by the entrant.~~ Entries must show the entrant's U.S. Figure Skating registration number. Headquarters will send to each member club a list of their registered competitors. It is the responsibility of each member club to verify the eligibility of each entrant and to inform headquarters if any competitor does not qualify.

2404 ~~Entries of competitors who are individual members must be made by the individuals themselves. They must certify that they are eligible persons, qualified for said events when they enter a qualifying competition, and must provide their U.S. Figure Skating registration number.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

313.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Delete **rule 2532 (page 129, Rulebook)** as follows:

~~**2532 Vacant Titles – All Disciplines**~~

~~A. If no competition is held for any U.S. Championship for any reason, the most recently declared champions will retain their titles.~~

~~B. If the most recently declared final or challenge senior champions enter and no other competitors enter or appear, they will retain their titles. If they do not enter, and no competition is held because of lack of entries, the title for that year will be declared vacant. If no final or challenge championship is held, for any other reason, the most recently declared champions will retain their titles.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

314.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2542 (page 127, Rulebook)** as follows:

2542 For the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and adult sectional championships each competitor will have achieved the appropriate test qualifications and must be at least 21 years of age, or must meet the age requirement of the event that they are entering, by the closing date for entries. (See rule 2422.)

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

315.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3055 (page 152, Rulebook)** as follows:

3055 At nonqualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, compete in an equivalent event one level above or one level below (as qualified by test level) or, for pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.

B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.

C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be cancelled.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

316.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2441-2443 (page 129, Rulebook)** as follows:

2440 Qualifying Competitions – Number of Competitors

2441 ~~A competition will be held if at least two eligible competitors appear at the start. For adult-track and standard-track qualifying competitions, except National Qualifying Series events (see rule 1022), an event will be held if at least one eligible competitor/team enters.~~

~~A. **2442** For regional challenges, sectional challenges, sectional finals, U.S. finals and adult sectional championships, the number of competitors entered in an event is determined at the closing date for entries as defined in rule section 2401. If there are more than four competitors in an event, the event will be held regardless of any subsequent withdrawals, as long as at least two competitors remain one competitor/team wants to skate. Refer to rule 2405 (D).~~

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

~~C. For National Qualifying Series events, rule 3055 applies.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

317.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1212 (O) (page 108, Rulebook)** as follows:

1212 The chief referee will:

O. Work with the local organizing committee (LOC) to ensure that all ~~coaches~~ individuals who require compliance per U.S. Figure Skating's rules and policies are in compliance, and take appropriate action, if necessary.

Implementation date: Immediate

318.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2116 (page 120, Rulebook*)** as follows:

2116 A judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant assigned to a National Qualifying Series event; a regional challenge; a sectional challenge, final or championship; or a U.S. final or championship may not skate as a competitor in any event of said championship except the nonqualifying adult events.

- A. This includes both qualifying and nonqualifying events held at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships (see rules 2055.A and 2055.B).
- B. A judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant invited to an adult sectional championships (see rule 2055 (A)) may compete in the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the same adult sectional championships. A judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant invited to serve at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with an adult sectional championships may compete in a championship event (see rule 2055 (A)) at the same adult sectionals.

**This includes changes that were approved by the Board of Directors on Nov. 9, 2019. Please see Item 30.*

Implementation date: Immediate

319.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2120 and 2132 (pages 120 and 122, Rulebook)** as follows:

2120 Qualifying Competitions – ~~IJS~~ Officials – All Skating Disciplines

The following officials ~~certified to function in the IJS~~ will be recommended to officiate at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions:

- A. Referee
- B. Judges
 - 1. ~~Either an odd or even number of judges may be used in events conducted under the IJS. An odd number of judges must be used in events conducted under the 6.0 system., but in any event, no fewer than five judges should comprise the panel.~~
 - a. U.S. Figure Skating Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - b. U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - c. U.S. Adult Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - d. U.S. Collegiate Championships: Minimum of five and maximum of nine judges;
 - e. Synchronized sectional championships: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - f. Adult sectional championships: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - g. U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final and Sectional Singles Final: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - h. Sectional Pairs Challenge, Sectional Ice Dance Challenge and Regional Singles Challenge: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - i. National Qualifying Series: In accordance with the National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook.
 - a. ~~U.S. Championships (figure skating, adult, synchronized and collegiate): Maximum of nine judges certified to judge at the national level;~~
 - b. ~~Sectional Championships (adult and synchronized): Maximum of seven judges certified to judge at the sectional level or above;~~
 - c. ~~U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final: Maximum of the seven judges certified to judge at the sectional level or above;~~
 - d. ~~Sectional Pairs Challenge and Sectional Ice Dance Challenge: Maximum of seven judges certified to judge at the sectional level or above;~~
 - e. ~~Sectional Singles Final: Maximum of seven judges certified to judge at the sectional level or above;~~
 - f. ~~Regional Singles Challenge: Maximum of seven judges certified to judge at the regional level or above;~~
 - g. ~~National Qualifying Series: Maximum of seven judges, to be approved by the appropriate committee, in accordance with the National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook.~~
- C. Technical panel
 - 1. Technical controller
 - 2. Technical specialist
 - 3. Assistant technical specialist
 - 4. Data operator
 - 5. Video replay operator
- D. Accountant to calculate the results using calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.

2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Number of judges on a panel in the 6.0 system (not applicable to IJS)
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	At least 7
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying events**)	At least 5 Recommend
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	At least 7; Each panel must be balanced, with no region comprising a majority of the panel.

Implementation date: June 1, 2020

320.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2134 (page 124, Rulebook)** as follows:

2134 Foreign/Guest Officials

A guest judge/referee or a guest technical panel official will be eligible to serve on one or more events of a National Qualifying Series event, a regional challenge, a sectional challenge, final or championship, or a U.S. final or championship qualifying competition (see rule 1022) upon satisfying the following qualifications and consent procedures:

- A. A guest judge/referee must be an eligible person and recognized as a qualified judge/referee of their ISU member association. The judge/referee need not be a U.S. Figure Skating member nor a citizen of the United States, ~~and~~
~~1. The guest judge/referee may be selected upon meeting the qualifications as set forth and with the unanimous consent of the president, the Competitions Committee chair and the Domestic Selections Committee chair.~~
- B. A guest technical panel official must be either on the current ISU list of technical officials, ISU certified or certified as a technical official by a member federation of the ISU. The guest technical panel official need not be a U.S. Figure Skating member nor a citizen of the United States, ~~and~~
~~1. The guest technical panel member may be selected upon meeting the qualifications as set forth and with the unanimous consent of the Competitions Committee chair and the Domestic Selections Committee chair.~~
- C. For U.S. championships (figure skating, synchronized skating, collegiate or adult), a guest judge/referee or technical panel official may be selected with the unanimous consent of the president, Competitions Committee chair and the Domestic Selections Committee chair. For all other qualifying competitions, the official may be selected with the unanimous consent of the Competitions Committee chair and Domestic Selections Committee chair.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

321.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

Amend **rule 2132 (page 122, Rulebook)** as follows:

2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	National SYS Senior Sec SYS Junior Sec SYS* – junior and lower events only Sectional SYS

Note: Any other rules that reference junior sectional and senior sectional appointments will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

322.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

Amend the **minimum qualifications to test to become a technical specialist (page 65, Rulebook)** as follows

Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications in addition to those in rule DOR 8.11:

- A. Must have the highest technical knowledge of the skating discipline in which they serve.
- B. Nonqualifying singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:
 - 1. A former senior or junior competitor at a sectional championship in the discipline in which they serve or, for singles only, a former senior competitor at a regional championship in a singles event or a former senior or junior competitor at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a pairs event;
 - 2. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in rule DOR 8.13 (B)(1);
 - 3. A current sectional-level or higher competition judge in the discipline in which they serve.
 - 1. Singles:
 - a. A former novice competitor at a sectional championship / final in a singles event,
 - b. A former junior or senior competitor at a regional championship / challenge or higher in a singles event,
 - c. A former masters junior-senior competitor at an adult sectional championship in a singles event, or
 - d. A former junior or senior competitor at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a pairs event;
 - 2. Synchronized skating: a former novice, junior, senior or collegiate competitor at a sectional championship;
 - 3. Pairs: a former junior or senior competitor at a sectional championship (prior to the 2020 season) / U.S. Pairs Final or higher;
 - 4. Ice Dance: a former junior or senior competitor at a sectional championship (prior to the 2020 season) / U.S. Ice Dance Final or higher;
 - 5. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in rule DOR 8.13 (B)(1-4); or
 - 6. A current sectional-level or higher competition judge in the discipline in which they serve.

Implementation date: July 1, 2020

323.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

Amend **DOCR 2.03 (page 84, Rulebook)** as follows:

DOCR 2.03 The Event Management Officials Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, five vice chairs, one each for referees, accountants, technical accountants, music and announcing; three sectional vice chairs for accounting, three sectional vice chairs for referees, three sectional vice chairs for music and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

Implementation date: With the 2020-21 Committee

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP

401.APPROVED AS AMENDED – SafeSport Committee

Add **new rules ECR 6.00-6.01 (page 89, Rulebook)** as follows:

ECR 6.00 Authority to Issue Immediate Interim Suspension

ECR 6.01 In the event a member is criminally charged with alleged sexual abuse or misconduct, the U.S. Figure Skating Executive Director, in consultation with legal counsel, has the authority to suspend the member immediately. The suspension will remain in effect until the U.S. Center for SafeSport accepts jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to Article XXV, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and issues an interim measure or other discipline or sanction against the member.

Implementation date: Immediate

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP

501. APPROVED AS AMENDED – International Committee

Amend rules ICR 2.02 and ICR 3.02 (pages 96-98, Rulebook) as follows:

ICR 2.00 Organization

ICR 2.02 The International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) will consist of:

- A. The chair of the IC;
- B. The immediate past chair of the IC;
 1. In the event the IC immediate past chair is unavailable to serve or fills one of the other positions on the ICMS, the ICMS will may fill that vacancy with another member of the IC.
- C. The chair of the Athlete Advisory Committee USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative;
 1. In the event the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative is unavailable to serve, the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will fill the vacancy.
- D. The ISU Representative/International Group Coordinator; and
- E. The national vice chair of the International Coaches Subcommittee.

ICR 3.00 Responsibility

ICR 3.02 International Committee Management Subcommittee

The responsibilities of the International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) are:

- A. To provide final approval on selection procedures, competition readiness requirements and which international competitions will be attended by the U.S. Figure Skating Team and U.S. Synchronized Skating Team (sometimes referred to as Team USA).
- B. ~~To approve the criteria for receiving Elite Athlete Health Insurance with final approval given by the appropriate headquarters staff. To provide final approval on the International Selection Pool (ISP) requirements for the international discipline subcommittees.~~
- C. ~~To govern the athletes selected and entered per ICR 3.01 (C)(4) and to withhold or withdraw selection of an athlete or team from any assignment:~~
 1. ~~For failure to abide by the applicable rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating and, if applicable, the USOPC;~~
 2. ~~For conduct in violation of GR 1.01, GR 1.02 or GR 1.03, or for any false statements or misrepresentations on documentation, contracts and/or agreements; and/or~~
 3. ~~For acting in a manner not deemed appropriate for a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Team or U.S. Synchronized Skating Team.~~
- ~~D.~~ To provide final approval for the disbursement of the funds from the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Support Program (ASUPP).
- E. ~~To issue sanctions for member athletes to participate in skating activities in foreign countries (excluding Canada)~~
- ~~F.~~ To recommend international competitions, based on the approved criteria determined by the discipline groups in ICR 3.01 (C).
- ~~G.~~ Any related or other responsibilities identified in ICR 3.03-3.06.
- ~~F.~~ To annually set goals for international athlete development and medals, and report on progress against those goals to the Board of Directors.

Note: A ~~two-thirds~~ four-fifths majority of the members of the ICMS will constitute a quorum in order for the ICMS to take action. Action by the ICMS will be determined by a two-thirds majority approval of the members actually voting.

Implementation date: Immediate

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

601. REFERRED TO THE SINGLES DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – Christine Cava, SC of Nevada

Amend rule 6450 (B) (page 192, Rulebook) as follows:

6450 Juvenile Singles and Open Juvenile Singles

Note: Open juvenile singles events are considered nonqualifying events and are held at a qualifying regional singles challenges only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Juvenile moves in the field test or higher, and juvenile free skate test but no higher.
- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying regional singles challenges:
 1. Juvenile: ~~± 13~~ 13 years of age or younger for girls; 13 years of age or younger for boys
 2. Open Juvenile: ~~± 13~~ 14 years of age or older for girls; 14 years of age or older for boys

Implementation date: Not applicable because item was referred to committee

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

701.ELECTED the following member of the Board of Directors for a two-year term:

President	Anne Cammett
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702.ELECTED the following members of the Board of Directors for a one-year term:

Eastern and First Vice President	Heather Nemier
Midwestern and Second Vice President	Kristin Arneson Cutler
Pacific Coast and Third Vice President	Janis Engel
Secretary	Gretchen Bonnie
Treasurer	Troy Goldstein
Athlete Services Group Coordinator	Lynn Goldman
Membership Development Group Coordinator	Elizabeth (Elise) Preston
Technical and Officials Group Coordinator	Todd Bromley
Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator	Karen Terry Perreault
Coaching Member	Bobby Martin
Coaching Member	Heather Paige

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

Colin McManus (ice dance)
Felicia Zhang (pairs)*
Rachael Flatt (singles)
Jenna Longo (synchronized skating)
*Non-voting member of the Board of Directors

704.ANNOUNCED Rachael Flatt as the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee as elected by the athletes.

705.The president **ACCEPTED** the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

Adult Skating	Aviva Cantor
Coaches	Phillip DiGuglielmo
Competitions	Kathleen Krieger
Dance Development and Technical	Elyse Matsumoto
Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management	Leslie Gianelli
Domestic Selections	Wendy Enzmann
Ethics	Steve Wolkin
Grievance	Pilar Helm
International	Laurie Johnson
International Officials	Peggy Graham
Membership	Terri Levine
Memorial Fund	Lynn Auxier
Officials Training	Whitney Luke
Pairs Development and Technical	Danielle Hartsell Minnis
Programs and New Program Development	John Cole
Rules	Lisa Erle
SafeSport	Alan Wolf
Singles Development and Technical	Stefanie Mathewson
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Kristin Abbott
Synchronized Development and Technical	Lauren O'Toole
Tests	Lori Osborne

706.The president **ANNOUNCED** the appointment of Bob Horen as the ISU Representative.

707.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2020-21:

Elected by the 2020 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year one):

Rachael Naphtal (NE)	Kitty DeLio LaForte (SW)	Linda Chihara (NWP)
Dana Hordyszynksi (NA)	Courtney Fecske (UGL)	Doug Williams (SWP)

Elected by the 2019 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year two):

Carol Nugent (SA)	Lainie DeMore (EGL)	Kevin Rosenstein (CP)
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Elected by the athletes to serve a one-year term:

Anastasia Cannuscio (E)	Alexander Johnson (M)	Jonathan Cassar (P)
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708.RATIFIED all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year except those actions that were rescinded, referred or amended by the Governing Council.

709.ADOPTED the budget as amended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

710.AWARDED provisional club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

CN Figure Skating Academy	Middleton, MA
Iowa Figure Skating Academy	Urbandale, IA
FSC of Louisiana	Lafayette, LA
Tacoma FSC	Tacoma, WA

711.AWARDED full club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following provisional clubs:

Academy at Mitchell Johansson Method	Revere, MA
Annapolis SC	Annapolis, MD
Edges of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA
Freedom FSC	Randolph, NJ
Hess FSC	New Castle, PA
SC of Ice Land	Hamilton, NJ
ION Figure Skating Club	Leesburg, VA
Michiana Ice FSC	Notre Dame, IN
Mitchell FSC	Mitchell, SD
Sheridan FSC	Sheridan, WY
Thunderbirds FSC	USAF Academy, CO
Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence	Las Vegas, NV
Wheaton FSC	Wheaton, MD

712.ANNOUNCED that the 2021 Governing Council will be held at the Antlers, a Wyndham Hotel, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 30 and May 1, 2021.