

**U.S. Figure Skating
2022-23 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION**

**Board of Directors — In Person, and Via Video Conference and Electronic Ballots — May 1, 2022, through May 3, 2023
Governing Council — Las Vegas, Nevada — May 5-6, 2023**

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2023 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

AUG. 8, 2022

1. APPROVED – Administrative/Legal Group

Amend the General Rules to add a new section prohibiting members of U.S. Figure Skating from providing job references to anyone who has violated policies of the U.S. Center for SafeSport or who was convicted of a crime related to sexual misconduct, as follows:

GR 1.08 Job Recommendations for individuals that have violated policies of the U.S. Center for SafeSport

No individual who is an employee, member, or contractor of U.S. Figure Skating may assist a member or former member of U.S. Figure Skating in obtaining a new job (excluding the routine employment verification and/or transmission of administrative or personnel files) if the individual knows that the member or former member has done one or more of the following:

- A. Violated the policies or procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport related to sexual misconduct;
- B. Been convicted of a crime involving sexual misconduct with a minor in violation of applicable law or the policies and procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

GR 1.09 Enforcement

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

Note: Per Article XVII, Section 4, this action is not subject to alteration or cancellation by the Governing Council, as such action would contradict applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of a regulatory body or organization with jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating. This language is required through the USOPC NGB Certification program, in accordance with Section 22024(a)(10) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, as amended.

SEPT. 26, 2022

2. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee and Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 2911 (page 140, Rulebook)** as follows:

2910 Warm-Up Time – Synchronized Skating

2911 For preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, open juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate, adult, masters, 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 in preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open adult, open masters, and open collegiate events is granted a one-minute warm-up period before their call to start. The first team of each starting group in juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate, adult, and masters events is granted a two-minute warm-up period before their call to start. See rule 1322.

Implementation date: Oct. 3, 2022

NOV. 5, 2022

3. APPROVED amending rule PSER 4.12 (page 49, rulebook) as shown below:

PSER 4.12 One must be an eligible person to:

- A. Compete in U.S. Figure Skating competitions;
- B. Unless otherwise provided in rule PSER 4.70, serve as a U.S. Figure Skating referee, judge, accountant, music coordinator or announcer;
- C. Serve as an officer of U.S. Figure Skating; however, such officers cannot be ~~eligible coaches as defined in rule PSER 4.21 or~~ restricted persons as defined in rule PSER 4.51.

Implementation date: Effective starting with the current 2022-23 season

4. DID NOT APPROVE – Competitions Committee

Add **new rule 2134 (page 123, rulebook)** to provide minimum levels of appointed announcers and music coordinators for qualifying competitions as shown below.

2120 Qualifying Competitions – Officials – All Skating Disciplines

The following officials will be recommended to officiate at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions:

E. Announcers: Minimum of one

F. Music coordinator: Minimum of one

2130 Qualifying Competitions – Selection of Officials

2134 Levels of Announcers and Music Coordinators for Qualifying Competitions

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Chief Announcer</u>	<u>Assistant Announcer</u>	<u>Chief Music Coordinator</u>	<u>Assistant Music Coordinator</u>	<u>Music Technician</u>
<u>U.S. Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Required</u>
<u>U.S. Ice Dance Final</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>U.S. Pairs Final</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Sectional Singles Final</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>National Qualifying Series</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u> <u>Nonqualifying</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Volunteer music coordinators without appointments may be used</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Volunteer music coordinators without appointments may be used</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Required</u>
<u>Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)*</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Volunteer music coordinators without appointments may be used</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>Required</u>
<u>Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Sectional</u> <u>Regional</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Implementation date: Not applicable; was not approved

5. DID NOT APPROVE – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 3032 (page 144, rulebook) to add information on announcers and music coordinators for nonqualifying competitions as shown below.

- 3032** For all sanctioned, nonqualifying competitions, the local organizing committee must select the following officials:
- A. A chief referee. Additional referees may be selected at the discretion of the host club.
 - 1. Either the chief referee or the chief accountant (see D below) must be a regional, sectional or national official in the area of service, selected from the official lists. At nonqualifying competitions containing only 6.0 events, the chief referee may be a certified 6.0 singles/pairs referee selected from the official list, and the chief accountant may be a certified 6.0 accountant selected from the official list.
 - 2. The chief referee, if not a certified 6.0, regional, sectional or national referee, must be an official judge;
 - B. Judges:
 - 1. No fewer than three but no more than nine judges will be assigned to each event of any sanctioned competition. A five-judge panel is recommended.
 - a. An odd number of judges must be used with 6.0 scoring;
 - b. Either an odd or even number of judges may be used in events conducted under the IJS.
 - 2. See rules 3040-3048 for judge types and levels.
 - C. Technical Panel Officials (for IJS events only, see rule 2133) to include at a minimum:
 - 1. Technical controller
 - 2. Two technical specialists

In an emergency situation, when a shortage of technical panel personnel arises during a competition due to unforeseen circumstances, the chief referee may assign one technical controller and one technical specialist to the technical panel.
 - D. A chief accountant to calculate results using the calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software. Additional accountants may be selected at the discretion of the host club.
 - 1. For competitions holding IJS events and using the IVR judging equipment, a technical accountant to operate the equipment at rink side.
 - E. A chief announcer and any additional announcers necessary to support competition. Volunteer announcers without appointments may be used.
 - F. A chief music coordinator. It is recommended, but not required, that this be a regional, sectional or national music coordinator, selected from the official lists. Additional music coordinators may be selected at the discretion of the host club. Volunteer music coordinators without appointments may also be used.
 - EG. Other officials as may be necessary.

Implementation date: Not applicable; was not approved

6. APPROVED – Athlete Services Group (Item 101 from 2022 Fall Meeting Book)

Amend the U.S. Figure Skating clothing rules as follows:

- A. Delete rules 6033, 7033, 8021 (C) and 9021: ~~Men must wear full length trousers~~
- B. Delete rule 8021 (D): ~~Women are permitted to wear trousers~~
- C. Add as new rules 6033, 7033, 8023 and 9023: For domestic competitions and tests, there are no restrictions on attire related to gender. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU Rule(s) for their respective discipline.
- D. Add as new rules 6034, 7034, 8024 and 9024: For domestic competitions and tests, costume requirements are inclusive of necessary medical/adaptive equipment aids. There are no restrictions on choosing to wear required equipment aids, however they should not be theatrically enhanced or be used as a prop. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU Rule(s) for their respective discipline.

Including some housekeeping changes to bring consistency in how the clothing rules are structured from discipline to discipline, this is how the updated clothing rules will read:

6030 Clothing and Equipment – Singles

6031 The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competitions or tests, not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

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

6032 Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.

6033 ~~Men must wear full-length trousers.~~ For domestic competitions and tests, there are no restrictions on attire related to gender. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow ISU rules for their respective discipline.

6034 For domestic competitions and tests, costume requirements are inclusive of necessary medical/adaptive equipment aids. There are no restrictions on choosing to wear required equipment aids, however they should not be theatrically enhanced or be used as a prop. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU rules for their respective discipline.

6035 Accessories and props are not permitted. [Moved from rule 6032.]

60346 Any ornamentation attached to the clothing must be firmly fastened so as not to fall off while skating under normal competitive conditions.

Note: Current rule 6035 regarding skate blades will be renumbered to 6037.

7030 Clothing and Equipment – Pairs

7031 The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competitions and tests, not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

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

7032 Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.

7033 ~~Men must wear full-length trousers.~~ For domestic competitions and tests, there are no restrictions on attire related to gender. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow ISU rules for their respective discipline.

7034 For domestic competitions and tests, costume requirements are inclusive of necessary medical/adaptive equipment aids. There are no restrictions on choosing to wear required equipment aids, however they should not be theatrically enhanced or be used as a prop. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU rules for their respective discipline.

7035 Accessories and props are not permitted. [Moved from rule 7032.]

70346 Any ornamentation attached to the clothing must be firmly fastened so as not to fall off while skating under normal competitive conditions.

Note: Current rule 7035 regarding skate blades will be renumbered to 7037.

8020 Clothing and Equipment – Ice Dance

8021 The clothing must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competitions and tests, not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

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

~~B.8022~~ The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.

~~8021 C.— Men must wear full-length trousers.~~

~~8021 D.— Women are permitted to wear trousers.~~

8023 For domestic competitions and tests, there are no restrictions on attire related to gender. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow ISU rules for their respective discipline.

8024 For domestic competitions and tests, costume requirements are inclusive of necessary medical/adaptive equipment aids. There are no restrictions on choosing to wear required equipment aids, however they should not be theatrically enhanced or be used as a prop. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU rules for their respective discipline.

~~E.8025~~ Accessories and props are not permitted.

~~F.8026~~ The decorations on the costumes must be nondetachable, and no part of the costume or hair decoration such as flowers, headbands, ribbons, etc. (which are also a part of a costume), may fall on the ice during skating.

Note: Current rule 8022 regarding skate blades will be renumbered to 8027.

9020 Clothing and Equipment – Synchronized Skating – Competition and Official Practice

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.

9023A. The skating clothing worn in actual competition may not bear any form of advertising. However, warm-up suits may bear the name of a sponsor when the team is on the ice. The sponsor's name must not exceed 4.65 square inches (30 square centimeters).

A.9022 The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.

~~9021 B. Men must wear full-length trousers.~~

9023 For domestic competitions, there are no restrictions on attire related to gender. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow ISU rules for their respective discipline.

9024 For domestic competitions, costume requirements are inclusive of necessary medical/adaptive equipment aids. There are no restrictions on choosing to wear required equipment aids, however they should not be theatrically enhanced or be used as a prop. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU rules for their respective discipline.

~~C.9025~~ Accessories, feathers, props and rhinestones adhered to the face are not permitted. ~~D.~~ Costumes that transform in appearance will be considered as props.

~~9021 E. Clothing and makeup that does not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized by a deduction. See rule 9923. [Removing as housekeeping for consistency with other disciplines. This rule doesn't need to point to the deduction rule for the deduction to be enforceable, and the specific deductions have already been removed from the rulebook for synchronized skating.]~~

90226 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.

Note: Current rule 9024 regarding skate blades will be renumbered to 9027.

Implementation date: Immediate (Technical Notification was posted Nov. 10)

7. APPROVED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee

Add senior elite 12 to all relevant rules of competition and technical requirements:

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

A. The IJS will be used:

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4. At all synchronized sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships for the senior, senior elite 12, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult and masters events.
5. At all synchronized sectional championships for the open juvenile, pre juvenile, and preliminary events.

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

A. The U.S. and sectional synchronized skating championships will consist of the following levels: senior, senior elite 12, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult and masters.

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

2824 Documents required for qualifying competitions:

A. Proof of age (i.e. copy of birth certificate, passport, driver's license, notarized affidavit, etc.) for members of senior, senior elite 12, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile synchronized skating teams must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating by Oct. 1, prior to the member entering their first qualifying competition. Such proof needs to be submitted only once per member. Upon receiving valid proof of age, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will flag the member record and immediately destroy any documentation. The roster is to be verified by headquarters on a yearly basis. Adult, masters, open adult and open masters synchronized skating teams must provide proof of age if so requested by the referee and/or local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered.

2830 Qualifying for U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships

2831 The four best-placed teams in each event (juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, senior elite 12, collegiate, adult and masters) from each section will be permitted to enter the comparable event at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

2832 Two or Fewer Rule: Teams entered in any event (juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior elite 12, senior, collegiate, adult and masters) at a synchronized sectional championship may progress directly to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships if, at the closing date for entries, there are two or fewer teams in their event within their section.

2851 Synchronized qualifying rounds:

A. Sectional qualifying and championship rounds:

1. Unseeded qualifying rounds will be held if more than 24 teams are entered in the senior, senior elite 12, junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, open juvenile, pre-juvenile, preliminary, adult and masters 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.
3. Advancement to the championship round will be per rule 2852.
4. In events with a short program (junior, senior elite 12 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.

2852 Qualifying Round Chart - Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships

Number of Teams	Qualifying Round (QR) Groups	Number of Places Advancing	Additional Number Advancing by Score	Championship Round (CR) Groups
Event level (IJS): senior, <u>senior elite 12</u> , junior, collegiate, novice, intermediate, juvenile, open juvenile, pre juvenile, preliminary, adult, and masters				
1-24	-	-	-	24
25-31	2	4	+4 next highest scores	12
32-38	2	6	+4 next highest scores	16
39-45	3	4	+6 next highest scores	18

2910 Warm-Up Time – Synchronized Skating

2911 For preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, open juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, senior elite 12, collegiate, adult, masters, 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.

2920 Draws for Starting Orders and Resurface Groups – Synchronized Skating Competitions

2921 At the synchronized sectional championships:

- A. All draws for starting order in the first segment of each event will be drawn in a closed draw by the chief referee or chief accountant in the presence of at least two other officials at any convenient time after the closing of entries. The drawn starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first event of the competition.
- B. Draws following the short program for the senior, senior elite 12 and junior levels may be an open draw at the discretion of the chief referee. Promptly following these draws, the starting order for the free skate will be posted.

2922 At the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships:

- A. All draws for starting order in the first segment of each event will be drawn in a closed draw by the chief referee or chief accountant in the presence of at least two other officials at any convenient time after the closing of entries. The drawn starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first event of the competition.
- B. Draws following the short program for the senior, senior elite 12 and junior levels will be an open draw announced in advance. The team captain of each team should attend this draw. The referee will designate someone to draw for teams not attending. Promptly following these draws, the starting order for the free skate will be posted.

2924 In senior, senior elite 12 and junior events only, the ice should be resurfaced after six teams perform the short program and after five teams (six in the case of ties) perform the free skate

2944 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 10-minute official practice ice segment: senior short program, senior elite 12 short program, junior short program, novice free skate and intermediate free skate.

- 2946** Teams entered in the following events are provided a 12-minute official practice ice segment: senior free skate and senior elite 12 free skate. The skating order for the senior free skate and senior elite 12 free skate practice ice segments will be determined by the draw for the free skates.

9000 Synchronized Rules

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior, senior elite 12 and senior events. U.S. Figure Skating also reserves the right to incorporate revisions made to the advanced novice free skate event into the novice free skate event. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. Revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on the Members Only site and, when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

- A. The short program and well-balanced free skate requirements, costume guidelines and deductions will be reviewed by the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee and published on the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site no later than July 1 each season.
- B. Using the list in rule 9062 (E), 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 panel representative on the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee will determine the well-balanced free skate elements for levels other than novice, junior, senior elite 12 and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published in the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

9042 Permissible Time Allowance – Short Programs

The duration of the short program must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included. Any element started after the permissible time will be considered in the marking as omitted. No extra marks are obtained by extending the program to the maximum time permitted if it is unnecessary to do so. For IJS deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

- A. Senior short program: 2:50 maximum time
- B. Senior elite 12 short program: 2:50 maximum time
- BC. Junior short program: 2:50 maximum time

9043 Permissible Time Allowance – Free Skates

Teams are allowed to finish a free skate within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. For IJS and 6.0 deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

- A. Senior free skate: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds
- B. Senior elite 12 free skate: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds
- BC. Junior free skate: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds

Note: Balance of rule would be re-lettered accordingly.

9050 Composition of Synchronized Events

9051 Synchronized skating qualifying competitions consist of:

- A. Senior, senior elite 12 and junior: a short program and a free skate
- B. All other event levels: free skate only

9052 Number of Elements

Must contain the following in any order, unless otherwise specified. Levels of difficulty, calling specifications, scale of values, and judging criteria can be found at usfigureskating.org.

- A. Senior short program consists of a maximum of five required elements.
- B. Senior free skate consists of a maximum of 10 elements.
- C. Senior elite 12 short program consists of a maximum of five required elements.
- D. Senior elite 12 free skate consists of a maximum of 10 elements.

EE. Junior short program consists of a maximum of five required elements.

DE. Junior free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements.

Note: Balance of rule would be re-lettered accordingly.

9061 Short Program Requirements

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- E. Lifts may be used in senior short program and senior elite 12 short program (only when required as an element) (see rule 9160 (B)).

F. Elements for Short Programs

The required elements for the junior, senior elite 12 and senior short programs will be selected each season from the following list of synchronized skating elements and will be published annually on the Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site. See rule 9000 (A).

- 1. Artistic Element

2. Creative Element
3. Intersection Element
4. Group Lift Element (senior and senior elite 12 only when required)
5. Linear Element (Block or Line)
6. Mixed Element
7. Move Element
8. No Hold Element
9. Pair Element
10. Pivoting Element (Block or Line)
11. Rotating Element (Circle or Wheel)
12. Synchronized Spin Element
13. Traveling Element (Circle or Wheel)
14. Twizzle Element

9062 Free Skate Requirements

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- D. Lifts, un-sustained lifts and vaults may be used in senior, senior elite 12, junior and collegiate free skate (see rule 9160).
- E. Elements for the Free Skate
All levels of free skates may consist of a maximum number of elements. The elements will be selected each season from the following list of synchronized skating elements and will be published annually on the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site. See rule 9000 (A).
 1. Artistic Element
 2. Creative Element
 3. Intersection Element
 4. Group Lift Element (senior, senior elite 12 and collegiate only)
 5. Linear Element (Block or Line)
 6. Mixed Element
 7. Move Element
 8. No Hold Element
 9. Pair Element
 10. Pivoting Element (Block or Line)
 11. Rotating Element (Circle or Wheel)
 12. Synchronized Spin Element
 13. Traveling Element (Circle or Wheel)
 14. Twizzle Element

9160 Illegal Elements, Features, Additional Features, Movements

- A. All categories (short program and/or free skate)
 1. Illegal lifts as defined in rule 9130 (A)(6)
 2. Intersections incorporating back spirals
 3. Flying camel spins executed by the entire team
 4. Split jump through the point of intersection
- B. Senior, Senior Elite 12 and Junior Short Program
 1. Lifts and un-sustained lifts of any variety unless required
- C. Novice Free Skate
 1. Lifts and un-sustained lifts of any variety
 2. Vaults
- D. Intermediate, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Open Collegiate, Adult, Masters, Open Adult and Open Masters Free Skate
 1. Lifts and un-sustained lifts of any variety unless required
 2. Vaults
 3. Throw jumps
 4. Assisted jumps of more than one revolution
 5. Jumps of more than one revolution at the masters, pre-juvenile, preliminary, open juvenile, open collegiate, open adult and open masters levels
 6. Jumps through the point of intersection or stepping over clasped hands

9400 Synchronized Skating Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

Test qualifications are as of the closing date for entries. Age requirements are as of the preceding July 1.

Test Qualifications and Age Requirements for the 2022-23 Season and Beyond		
Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Senior	Senior moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)	16 skaters who are 15 years of age or older
<u>Senior Elite 12</u>	<u>Senior moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)</u>	<u>12 skaters who are 15 years of age or older</u>
Junior	Junior moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)	12-16 skaters who are 13 through 19 years of age (Note for ISU competitions, you must follow ISU requirements)

Balance of rule/table remains unchanged.

Implementation date: For the current 2022-23 season

8. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Add **rules 8630, 8631 and 8632 (Page 287, rulebook; *note - existing rules will need to be renumbered)** and amend **rules 1041, 2055 (A), 2401 (B)(3), 2405 (B)(2) and 8082** to add a championship adult solo dance event to the U.S. Adult Championships, qualifying from the adult sectional championship.

8630 Championship Adult Solo Dance Event

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-gold dance.

B. Men and women will compete against one another in this event.

8631 Selection of Championship Adult Solo Pattern Dances

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

2022-23 Group 1 Initial Round – Quickstep

Final Round – solo free dance

2023-24 Group 2 Initial Round – Argentine Tango

Final Round – solo free dance

2024-25 Group 3 Initial Round – Viennese Waltz

Final Round – solo free dance

2025-26 Group 4 Initial Round – Westminster Waltz

Final Round – solo free dance

B. Men and women will skate their gender's respective steps.

C. Draw for the skating order of the competitors will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 8074.

D. Each skater may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

8632 Elements for Championship Adult Solo Free Dance

<u>Championship Adult Solo Free Dance</u> <u>2:40 +/- 10 seconds</u> <u>Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.</u>	
<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>Music must have an audible rhythmic beat with the exception of 10 seconds at the beginning of the program.</u>
<u>EDGE ELEMENTS</u>	<u>One combination edge element and one short edge element.</u> <u>OR</u> <u>Three different short edge elements with different positions.</u> <u>• Each lobe of a combination edge element must be held in position for a minimum of three seconds, but a combination edge element may not exceed 12 seconds.</u> <u>• A short edge element must be held in position for a minimum of three seconds, but no more than seven seconds</u>
<u>SPIN</u>	<u>One solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin, but no more</u> <u>• Minimum of three revolutions on one/each foot</u> <u>• May change feet</u> <u>• Flying spins are not permitted</u>

<p align="center"><u>Championship Adult Solo Free Dance</u> <u>2:40 +/- 10 seconds</u> <u>Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.</u></p>	
<u>STEP SEQUENCES</u>	<p>One step sequence from the following list: serpentine, circular, midline or diagonal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface and should include a variety of steps and turns, and must include brackets, counters, rockers and choctaws. • Not permitted elements: Stops, pattern retrogressions, loops, jumps of more than one-half rotation, dance spins and pirouettes.
<u>TWIZZLE SERIES</u>	<p>One twizzle series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of two revolutions is required on each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation.
<u>CHOREOGRAPHIC CHARACTER STEP SEQUENCE</u>	<p>One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. • Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.
<u>REMARKS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See rule 8375 for definitions and descriptions of elements.

Related rule changes to include:

Amend **rules 1041 (A)(3) and 1041 (B)(2) (page 98, 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:
 3. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for all championship events, except championship adult solo dance, and the following nonqualifying events: the masters, adult gold, adult silver and centennial levels of singles and pairs, the masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of partnered ice dance (including masters open dance), and all levels of emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events (see rule 6700).
- B. The 6.0 system will be used:
 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, and for all solo dance events, including championship adult solo dance.

Amend **rule 2055 (A) (page 117, rulebook)** as follows:

2055 U.S. Adult Figure Skating and Adult Sectional Championships – Events

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and the adult sectional championships will consist of the following events:

- A. Adult sectional championships events and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships events which require qualification from adult sectional championships:
 1. Singles: championship masters junior-senior free skate; championship masters intermediate-novice free skate; championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate;
 2. Pairs: championship masters pairs;
 3. Partnered dance: championship adult dance;
 4. Solo dance: championship adult solo dance.

Amend **rule 2401 (B)(3) (pages 125-126, rulebook)** as follows:

2400 Qualifying Competitions – Entries

2401

- B. All skaters/teams entries must include the appropriate entry fee and an administrative fee. Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. Administrative fees are not refundable.
3. If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. In the case of qualifying in a championship partnered dance event or championship solo dance event, competitors may withdraw from either the respective partnered or solo pattern dance or free dance, but not both. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.

Amend **rule 2405 (B)(2) (page 126, rulebook)** as follows:

2405 Competitors:

B. May enter, if an adult competitor:

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

- a. If entering more than one event, each event entered must be in a different kind of event (i.e. free skate, pairs, partnered pattern dance, partnered free dance, solo pattern dance, solo free dance, emotional performance, lyrical pop/character/comedy). Rule 2405 (A) applies. Exceptions are that a competitor who qualifies for a championship free skate or pairs event through the adult sectional championships may also enter the corresponding kind of nonqualifying event; ~~and~~ competitors who qualify for championship adult partnered dance may enter one nonqualifying partnered pattern dance event and one nonqualifying partnered free dance event; ~~and competitors who qualify for championship adult solo dance may enter one nonqualifying solo pattern dance event and one nonqualifying solo free dance event.~~

Amend **rule 8082 (page 243, rulebook)** as follows:

8082 Pattern Dances Drawn for 2022-23

Event	ADULT SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS	
	Adult Sectional Championships and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	
<u>Championship Adult</u>	<u>Quickstep</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Adult Gold	Blues	Quickstep
Adult Pre-Gold	Tango	Killian
Adult Silver	European Waltz	Rocker Foxtrot
Adult Pre-Silver	Hickory Hoedown	Foxtrot
Adult Bronze	Cha Cha	Hickory Hoedown

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2022 (TN will be posted Nov. 10)

NOV. 15, 2022

9. APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

Amend the rules for the **Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee (pages 81-82, Rulebook)** as shown below.

Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee (Group 3)

DOCR 1.00 Authority

DOCR 1.01 The Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

DOCR 2.00 Organization

DOCR 2.01 The Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee will consist of a chair, an ombudsperson and the following subcommittees:

BA. Event Management Officials;

CB. Judges Management;

EC. Technical Panel Management;:

D. Officials Recruitment; and

AE. Officials ~~Development and Assessment Review~~;

DOCR 2.032 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.

DOCR 2.043 The Judges Management Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, three sectional vice chairs and nine regional vice chairs for ice dance judges; three sectional vice chairs and nine regional vice chairs for singles/pairs judges; three sectional vice chairs for synchronized skating judges; one vice chair of theatrical skating judges; the national vice chair of the Judges Training Subcommittee on the Officials Training Committee; and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

DOCR 2.064 The Technical Panel Management Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, six discipline vice

chairs – one each for singles, pairs, dance, synchronized skating, singles/pairs/dance data operators and synchronized skating data operators; the national vice chair of the Technical Panel Training Subcommittee on the Officials Training Committee; and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

DOCR 2.05 The Officials Recruitment Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, and six vice chairs, one each for singles, pairs, dance, synchronized skating, accountants/technical accountants and music/announcing, additional members as necessary for their skill set and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

DOCR 2.026 ~~The Development and Assessment Officials Review Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, a vice chair of judges and referees, a vice chair of technical panel officials, a vice chair of accountants/technical accountants, a vice chair of music, a vice chair of announcing, additional members as necessary for their skill set, and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation. The chair of the Ethics Committee will be an ex officio member of judges, and three representatives, one each for singles/pairs, dance and synchronized skating; a vice chair of technical panel officials, with five representatives, one each for singles, pairs, dance, synchronized skating and data; a vice chair of referees, a vice chair of accountants/technical accountants, a vice chair of music/announcing, an ombudsman and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.~~

DOCR 3.00 Responsibility

DOCR 3.01 ~~The Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee is responsible for responsibilities of the Event Management Officials, Judges Management and Technical Panel Management Subcommittees are:~~

- A. The evaluation, appointment, promotion, suspension, demotion, removal, conduct, qualification and performance of all accountants, technical accountants, announcers, music officials, judges, referees and technical panel officials.
- B. The oversight of rules relating to officials.
- C. Establishing minimum standards and qualifications to serve as an official for sanctioned competitions and test sessions conducted by U.S. Figure Skating in all skating disciplines.
- D. Establishing and administering conflict of interest regulations governing service of officials in sanctioned competitions conducted by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. ~~Reviewing the performance of officials at all qualifying competitions, and providing feedback to the individual officials, in addition to the Domestic Selections Committee, the International Officials Selections Subcommittee, the International Officials Committee, the Officials Recruitment Subcommittee and the Officials Training Committee as appropriate.~~

~~**DOCR 3.02** The Event Management Officials, Judges Management and Technical Panel Management Subcommittees will be responsible for rules DOCR 3.01 (A) through (E), with regards to the official type they oversee.~~

DOCR 3.042 Officials Recruitment Subcommittee

The responsibilities of the Officials Recruitment Subcommittee are:

- A. ~~Recruiting~~ enough officials to staff U.S. Figure Skating competitions and test sessions in all positions.
- B. ~~Developing~~ and ~~implementing~~ a welcoming on-boarding process for interested officials.
- C. ~~Managing~~ a list of prospective officials. ~~Ensuring~~ those interested go through the on-boarding process and receive the tools they need to get started.
- D. ~~Coordinating~~ with the appropriate subcommittees to assign mentors to prospective officials to ensure they become established on the path to earn their first appointment.
- E. ~~Developing~~ and ~~implementing~~ programs for recruiting new officials in all roles.

DOCR 3.03 Domestic Officials Development and Assessment Review Subcommittee

The responsibilities of the Domestic Officials Development and Assessment Review Subcommittee are to:

- A. Developing, implementing and overseeing a process for collecting and analyzing data to evaluate the performances of officials at competitions and test sessions.
- B. Providing the analysis to the appropriate subcommittees, committees and/or headquarters staff.
- ~~A. Support all U.S. Figure Skating officials in successfully serving.~~
- ~~B. Implement and oversee a process for review of and feedback to officials that is honest, objective, understandable and, for judges, based on statistical information.~~
- ~~C. Develop review panels for performance evaluation, when necessary.~~
- ~~D. Provide recommendations for performance improvement and support officials in obtaining the recommended education or completing a specific performance plan.~~
- ~~E. Initiate a review/feedback process based on a) an individual officials' request for one, b) a referee's report, c) a technical panel captain's report, or d) a mentor or JET request.~~
- ~~F. Serve as a place that officials can go with questions, complaints or to seek honest feedback on their appointment progress and/or assignments.~~
- ~~G. Support the appropriate subcommittees in the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee in providing performance reviews on officials at qualifying competitions to Domestic Selections, International Officials and Officials Training Committees.~~
- ~~H. Handle complaints against officials, as determined by the chair of Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

MARCH 13, 2023

10. APPROVED amending **Article II (K), Article XXV, Section 1 (C) and conforming rule GCR 6.01 of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** as follows:

ARTICLE II

Objectives

- K. We submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving: (i) U.S. Figure Skating's recognition as a National Governing Body, or (ii) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in amateur athletic competition in figure skating, upon demand of the USOPC or any aggrieved amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official, conducted in accordance with the standard commercial arbitration rules of the arbitral organization designated by the USOPC ~~Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association~~ or as modified pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act;

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Section 1 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.

C. Appeal from Regular Grievance or Disciplinary Proceedings

(v) Arbitration:

- (a) If the decision of the Appellate Panel arises from a controversy involving recognition of U.S. Figure Skating as a national governing body or involves the opportunity of any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition as protected by the USOPC bylaws, upon demand of the affected person the decision of the Appellate Panel may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with applicable provisions of the USOPC bylaws and the standard commercial arbitration rules of the arbitral organization designated by the USOPC (the "Arbitral Organization") ~~American Arbitration Association~~.
- (b) Such arbitration will be conducted at the office of the Arbitral Organization ~~American Arbitration Association~~ nearest to the headquarters of U.S. Figure Skating unless the parties otherwise agree.
- (c) The decision of the Arbitral Organization ~~American Arbitration Association~~ and any charges of the arbitrator will be borne by the party against whom the decision of the arbitrator is rendered except as otherwise agreed by the parties.

GCR 6.00 Appeal from Decisions of Expedited Hearing Panels

GCR 6.01

- B. The Appellate Panel's decision is final, binding and not reviewable, unless the decision involves the opportunity of any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition as protected by the USOPC Bylaws, in which event, upon demand of the affected person, the decision of the Appellate Panel may be submitted to arbitration by any party in accordance with the standard commercial arbitration rules of the arbitral organization designated by the USOPC (the "Arbitral Organization") ~~American Arbitration Association~~. Such arbitration shall be conducted at the office of the Arbitral Organization ~~American Arbitration Association~~ nearest to the U.S. Figure Skating headquarters unless the parties otherwise agree. The party against whom the decision is rendered must bear the cost of the Arbitral Organization ~~American Arbitration Association~~ and any charges of the arbitrator, except as otherwise agreed by the parties.

Note: Per Article XVII, Section 4, this action is not subject to alteration or cancellation by the Governing Council, as such action would contradict applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of a regulatory body or organization with jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating. These amendments are a result of amendments to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and the USOPC Bylaws.

11. APPROVED amending **rule ICR 2.02 (page 91, Rulebook)** as follows:

International Committee (Group 5)

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 fill that vacancy with another member of the IC.

- C. U.S. Figure Skating's athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council;
 - 1. In the event U.S. Figure Skating's athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council is unavailable to serve, U.S. Figure Skating's alternate athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will fill the vacancy.
- D. The ISU representative/International Group coordinator;
- E. ~~The national vice chair of the International Coaches Subcommittee~~ The senior director of athlete high performance; and
- F. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.

Implementation date: May 7, 2023

APRIL 3, 2023

12. APPROVED amending **rules GR 4.01-GR 4.04 and 1311 (pages 39-40 and 110, Rulebook)** regarding the requirements of coaches related to compliance and continuing education:

GR 4.00 Compliance Requirements for Coaches and Professional Group Instructors¹

GR 4.01 *Coach and Instructor Compliance.* All coaches and instructors must meet all compliance requirements at all times while engaging in their coaching and instructor activities ~~by July 1:~~

- A. Coach Compliance:
 - 1. Must be a current ~~full~~ coach 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. ~~Must submit the proper payment through the Members Only site, submit information for and successfully pass a U.S. Figure Skating background check; and~~
 - b. Must complete the SafeSport™ Training course.
 - 3. Must complete continuing education and certification requirements ~~(CER)~~ 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 voting member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) if coaching skaters/teams in qualifying events at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions. See rule 1022.~~

GR 4.02 Coaches Continuing Education / and Certification Requirements

All coaches must complete annual continuing education and certification requirements ~~(CER)~~, determined by U.S. Figure Skating, based on the following categories:

- A. *Professional Coach (or Choreographer).* Those coaches who train or instruct one or more skaters or teams who are participating in any U.S. Figure Skating or member club activities other than group lessons as part of a Learn to Skate USA® program. This includes, but is not limited to, primary coaches, choreographers, assistant coaches and element specialists.
- B. *Professional Group Instructor.* Those coaches who teach group lessons only, as part of a Learn to Skate USA® program.
- C. *Professional Sport Science Support Services.* Includes, but is not limited to: sports psychologists, physical therapists and athletic trainers who are working with skaters or teams at any U.S. Figure Skating or member club activities. An individual who performs sport science support services and also performs duties as a professional coach or choreographer must meet “Professional Coach (or Choreographer)” requirements.

~~Any additional required courses beyond the SafeSport® Training course required of all coaches are established by the Coaches Committee or their appointed task force and must be approved by the Board of Directors. The requirements will be published on usfigureskating.org.~~

GR 4.03 Coaches who do not fulfill the requirements of coach compliance in rules GR 4.01 and GR 4.02 will be considered “non-compliant” coaches of U.S. Figure Skating ~~and PSA~~, and will not be allowed to coach athletes, nor have contact, either directly or indirectly, at any U.S. Figure Skating or member club activities or sanctioned events.

¹ The amendments to GR 4.01, 4.02, 4.03 and 4.04 are effective as of July 1, 2024, with the following requirements for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons:

For the 2023-24 season:

- Coaches must complete continuing education through the PSA by June 20, 2023.
- Qualifying coaches must join PSA.

For 2024-25 season:

- Coaches must complete certification and continuing education delivered through U.S. Figure Skating by June 30, 2024.
- Coaches must be a coach member beginning July 1, 2024.

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. Coaches must be compliant at the time that their coaching activity takes place.~~
~~A. Special exceptions to the late fee may be granted by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee.~~

1310 Coaching Requirements – All Disciplines

1311 Any coach being credentialed for a U.S. Figure Skating competition, either qualifying or nonqualifying must:²

- A. Be a current ~~full~~ coach member of U.S. Figure Skating;
- B. Successfully complete the coach and instructor compliance required under rule GR 4.01;
- C. Complete the continuing education and/or certification requirements specified in rule GR 4.02.
- ~~D. For qualifying events at qualifying competitions only, be a current voting member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA).~~

Implementation date: See footnotes 1 and 2.

13. APPROVED amending **rule ECR 4.10 (page 85, Rulebook)** related to SkateSafe and Ethics violations:

ECR 4.10 Letters of Admonition must be in writing and furnished to the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters in addition to the parties specified in rule ECR 4.08. ~~In the event the Respondent is a designated coach, the Letter of Admonition, Public or Private, will also be provided to the Professional Skaters Association.~~

Implementation date: Effective upon the close of the 2023 annual Governing Council meeting.

14. APPROVED amending **rule 4701 (page 164, Rulebook)** to raise the fee paid to U.S. Figure Skating for each test by \$2 per test.

4700 Test Registration Fees and Late Fees

4701 The test chair or duly authorized representative of the member club must collect and remit a standardized registration fee to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters of ~~\$6~~ \$8 per test. In the case of pair, pattern dance and free dance tests, each candidate will be assessed this test fee.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

15. APPROVED amending applicable rules to convert from three levels of test judges (bronze, silver and gold) to two levels (pre-silver and gold), while maintaining the separate certification for international dance tests.

Current bronze test judges will become pre-silver test judges and will be eligible to judge pre-preliminary through pre-silver (intermediate) tests. Current silver and gold test judges will become gold test judges eligible to judge all levels up through gold (senior).

² The provisions and amendments to Rule 1311 are effective as of July 1, 2024, with the following requirements for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons:

For the 2023-24 season:

- Coaches must complete continuing education through the PSA by June 20, 2023.
- Qualifying coaches must join PSA.

For 2024-25 season:

- Coaches must complete certification and continuing education delivered through U.S. Figure Skating by June 30, 2024.
- Coaches must be a coach member beginning July 1, 2024.

4530 Levels of Judges Required for Tests

4531 Judges Required for Figure Tests RESERVED

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge figure tests:

Judges Required for Figure Tests		Figure Test Judge Classifications		
		Bronze Figure Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Figure Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Figure Test Judge (GLD)
Figure Test Level	Preliminary Figure	J*	J*	J*
	1st Test	J*	J*	J*
	2nd Test	J*	J*	J*
	3rd Test	J*	J*	J*
	4th Test	J*	J*	J*
	5th Test	J*	J*	J*
	6th Test			J*
	7th Test			J*
	8th Test			J*
	Adult Bronze Figure	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Silver Figure	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Gold Figure			J*

J= Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable figure test without limitation

*= Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable figure test as a single-judge panel

4532 Judges Required for Skating Skills Tests

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge skating skills tests:

Judges Required for Skating Skills Tests		Singles Test Judge Classifications			Dance Test Judge Classifications			
		Bronze Pre-Silver Singles Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Singles Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Singles Test Judge (GLD)	Bronze Pre-Silver Dance Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Dance Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Dance Test Judge (GLD)	Gold Dance Test Judge with Intl Cert (G/I)
Skating Skills Tests	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Preliminary Skating Skills	S	S*a	S*a	S	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	S	S ^a	S ^a	S	S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Bronze Skating Skills	S	S ^a	S ^a	S	S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Pre-Silver Skating Skills	<u>S</u>	S ^a	S ^a	<u>S</u>	S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Silver Skating Skills		S ^a	S ^a		S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Pre-Gold Skating Skills		^a	S ^a		^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Gold Skating Skills		^a	S ^a		^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Adult Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Adult Bronze Skating Skills	S	S*a	S*a	S	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Adult Silver Skating Skills	S	S ^a	S ^a	S	S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Adult Gold Skating Skills	S	S ^a	S ^a	S	S ^a	S ^a	S ^a
	Adaptive Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Adaptive Bronze Skating Skills	S	S*a	S*a	S	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Adaptive Silver Skating Skills	S	S*a	S*a	S	S*a	S*a	S*a
	Adaptive Gold Skating Skills	S	S*a	S*a	S	S*a	S*a	S*a

S = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable Skating Skills test if certified for skating skills

* = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable skating skills test as a single-judge panel if certified for skating skills

^a = Qualified to judge applicable adaptive skating skating skills test as a single-judge panel if certified for skating skills

4533 Judges Required for Singles Tests

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge singles tests:

Judges Required for Singles Tests		Singles Test Judge Classifications		
		Bronze-Pre-Silver Singles Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Singles Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Singles Test Judge (GLD)
Singles Tests	Pre-Preliminary Singles	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Preliminary Singles	J	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Pre-Bronze Singles	J	J ^a	J ^a
	Bronze Singles	J	J ^a	J ^a
	Pre-Silver Singles	J	J ^a	J ^a
	Silver Singles		J ^a	J ^a
	Pre-Gold Singles		^a	J ^a
	Gold Singles		^a	J ^a
	Adult Pre-Bronze Singles	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Adult Bronze Singles	J	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Adult Silver Singles	J	J ^a	J ^a
	Adult Gold Singles	J	J ^a	J ^a
	Adaptive Pre-Bronze Singles	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Adaptive Bronze Singles	J	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Adaptive Silver Singles	J	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}
	Adaptive Gold Singles	J	J ^{*a}	J ^{*a}

J = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable singles test

* = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable free skate test as a single-judge panel

^a = Qualified to judge applicable adaptive skating free skate test as a single-judge panel

4534 Judges Required for Pair Tests *(The remainder of this rule is addressed in Item 16.)*

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge pair tests:

Judges Required for Pair Tests		Pairs Test Judge Classifications		
		Bronze-Pre-Silver Pairs Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Pairs Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Pairs Test Judge (GLD)
Pair Tests	Bronze Pair	J	J	J
	Pre-Silver Pair	J	J	J
	Silver Pair		J	J
	Pre-Gold Pair			J
	Gold Pair			J
	Adult Bronze Pair	J	J	J
	Adult Silver Pair	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Pair	J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pair test without limitation

* = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pair test as a single-judge panel

4535 Judges Required for Pattern Dance and Free Dance Tests

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge pattern dance and free dance tests:

Judges Required for Pattern Dance and Free Dance Tests		Dance Test Judge Classifications			
		Bronze Pre-Silver Dance Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Dance Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Dance Test Judge (GLD)	Gold Dance Test Judge with Intl Cert (G/T)+
Partnered PD Tests	Preliminary Partnered Pattern Dances	J* ^a	J* ^a	J* ^a	J* ^a
	Pre-Bronze Partnered Pattern Dances	J	J* ^a	J* ^a	J* ^a
	Bronze Partnered Pattern Dances	J	J* ^a	J* ^a	J* ^a
	Pre-Silver Partnered Pattern Dances	J	J ^a	J ^a	J ^a
	Silver Partnered Pattern Dances		J ^a	J ^a	J ^a
	Pre-Gold Partnered Pattern Dances		J ^a	J ^a	J ^a
	Gold Partnered Pattern Dances		^a	J ^a	J ^a
	International Partnered Pattern Dances		^a	^a	J ^a
Solo Pattern Dance Tests	Preliminary Solo Pattern Dances	J*	J*	J*	J*
	Pre-Bronze Solo Pattern Dances	J*	J*	J*	J*
	Bronze Solo Pattern Dances	J*	J*	J*	J*
	Pre-Silver Solo Pattern Dances	J*	J*	J*	J*
	Silver Solo Pattern Dances		J*	J*	J*
	Pre-Gold Solo Pattern Dances		J*	J*	J*
	Gold Solo Pattern Dances			J*	J*
	International Solo Pattern Dances				J*
Partnered Free Dance Tests	Bronze Partnered Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Pre-Silver Partnered Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Silver Partnered Free Dance	J	J	J	J
	Pre-Gold Partnered Free Dance		J	J	J
	Gold Partnered Free Dance			J	J
	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Bronze Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Silver Free Dance	J	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Free Dance		J	J	J
Solo Free Dance Tests	Bronze Solo Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Silver Solo Free Dance	J	J	J	J
	Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance		J	J	J
	Gold Solo Free Dance			J	J
	Adult Juvenile Solo Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Intermediate Solo Free Dance	J	J*	J*	J*
	Adult Novice Solo Free Dance	J	J	J	J
	Adult Junior Solo Free Dance		J	J	J
	Adult Senior Solo Free Dance			J	J

J = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pattern dance or free dance test

* = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pattern dance or free dance test as a single-judge panel

^a = Qualified to judge applicable adaptive skating pattern dance test as a single-judge panel

+Sectional dance judges are automatically qualified to judge international dance tests

Note: The judging panel information is going to be removed from rules 5100-5124, 6301-6324, 7301-7313, 8251-8258,

8341-8354, and 8391-8392. References will be added to direct people to the appropriate tables in rule section 4500 for judges requirements.

Implementation date: Jan. 1, 2024

16. APPROVED applicable rules to update competition judge levels and separate test judge appointments from competition judge appointments.

Current bronze test judges who don't already hold a competition judge appointment will become certified 6.0 competition judges. Current silver and gold test judges who don't already hold a competition judge appointment will become nonqualifying competition judges. Regional singles/pairs and novice sectional dance competition judges will become qualifying competition judges. Sectional and national judges will maintain the same appointments.

Nonqualifying competition judge appointments will no longer expire and will not be required to be a one-judge minimum of a panel.

2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events	Judge – Ice Dance Events	Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National S/P	National Dance	N/A
U.S. Ice Dance Final	N/A	National Dance	N/A
U.S. Pairs Final	National S/P	N/A	N/A
Sectional Singles Final	National S/P Sectional S/P	N/A	N/A
National Qualifying Series Ice Dance	N/A	National Dance Sectional Dance <u>Qualifying Dance</u> Novice Sectional Dance* *Novice and lower events only	N/A
National Qualifying Series Pairs	National S/P Sectional S/P <u>Qualifying S/P</u>	N/A	N/A
National Qualifying Series Singles	National S/P Sectional S/P <u>Regional Qualifying S/P</u>	N/A	N/A
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National S/P Sectional S/P	N/A	N/A
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National S/P Sectional S/P	National Dance Sectional Dance	N/A
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying events**)	National S/P Sectional S/P <u>Regional Qualifying S/P</u>	National Dance Sectional Dance <u>Qualifying Dance</u> Novice Sectional Dance	N/A
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A	N/A	National SYS
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	N/A	N/A	National SYS Sectional SYS
<p>**Judges for nonqualifying events at adult sectional championships may be any judge qualified to judge any nonqualifying competition and will be selected by the LOC and approved by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee</p> <p>Note: For all synchronized skating competitions, the judges should be positioned near the center of the ice surface and sufficiently above the ice surface as to afford the best possible position to observe the performance.</p>			

3040 Levels of Judges Required for Nonqualifying Competitions**3041 Judges Required for Figure Events at Competitions RESERVED**

The competition events to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge figure events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Figure Events		Figure Judge Classifications		
		Bronze- Figure Test Judge- (BRZ)	Silver- Figure Test Judge- (SLV)	Gold- Figure Test Judge- (GLD)
Figure Competition Level	Preliminary Figure		J	J
	Pre-Juvenile Figure		J	J
	Juvenile Figure		J	J
	Intermediate Figure		J	J
	Novice Figure		J	J
	Junior Figure			J
	Senior Figure			J
	Adult Bronze Figure	J	J	J
	Adult Silver Figure	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Figure			J

J = Qualified to judge without limitation

3042 Judges Required for Singles and Pairs Events at Nonqualifying Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Nonqualifying Singles and Pairs Events	<u>Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications</u>				
	<u>Certified 6.0 Singles Judge</u>	<u>Nonqualifying Singles Judge</u>	<u>Qualifying Singles/Pairs Judge</u>	<u>Sectional Singles/Pairs Judge</u>	<u>National Singles/Pairs Judge</u>
<u>6.0 Singles Events (all levels)</u>	J	J	J	J	J
<u>IJS Singles Events (all levels)</u>		J	J	J	J
<u>Pairs Events (all levels)</u>			J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

Judges Required for Singles Events		Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications						
		Bronze-Singles-Test-Judge (BRZ)	Silver-Singles-Test-Judge (SLV)	Gold-Singles-Test-Judge (GLD)	Nonqualifying-Singles-Judge (NQ)	Regional S/P-Judge (REG)	Sectional S/P-Judge (SEC)	National S/P-Judge (NAT)
Nonqualifying Competitions – Events and Levels	No-Test Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Pre-Preliminary Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Preliminary Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Pre-Juvenile Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Juvenile Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Intermediate Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Novice Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Junior Singles			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Senior Singles			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Pre-Bronze Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Bronze Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Silver Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Singles		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Masters Jr-Sr Singles		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Masters Int-Nov Singles		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J

J= Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

3043 **RESERVED Judges Required for Pairs Events at Competitions**

The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Pairs Events		Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications					
		Bronze-Singles-Test-Judge (BRZ)	Silver-Singles-Test-Judge (SLV)	Gold-Singles-Test-Judge (GLD)	Regional S/P-Judge (REG)	Sectional S/P-Judge (SEC)	National S/P-Judge (NAT)
Nonqualifying Competitions – Events and Levels	Juvenile Pair	P	P	P	J	J	J
	Intermediate Pair	P	P	P	J	J	J
	Novice Pair	P	P	P	J	J	J
	Junior Pair			P	J	J	J
	Senior Pair			P	J	J	J
	Centennial Pair		P	P	J	J	J
	Adult Bronze Pair	P	P	P	J	J	J
	Adult Silver Pair	P	P	P	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Pair		P	P	J	J	J
	Masters Pair		P	P	J	J	J

J= Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

J(1)= Qualified to judge events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel

P= Qualified to judge pair events at nonqualifying competitions if certified for pairs

3044 Judges Required for ~~Partnered~~ Dance Events at Nonqualifying Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge ~~partnered~~ dance events at nonqualifying competitions:

<u>Judges Required for Nonqualifying Solo and Partnered Dance Events</u>	<u>Dance Judge Classifications</u>				
	<u>Certified 6.0 Dance Judge</u>	<u>Nonqualifying Dance Judge</u>	<u>Qualifying Dance Judge</u>	<u>Sectional Dance Judge</u>	<u>National Dance Judge</u>
<u>6.0 Solo Dance Events (all levels)</u>	J	J	J	J	J
<u>IJS Solo Dance Events (all levels)*</u>		J	J	J	J
<u>6.0 Partnered Dance Events (all levels)</u>	J	J	J	J	J
<u>Partnered Dance Events (all levels)</u>		J	J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events without limitation

*For solo dance series requirements, see the Solo Dance Series Handbook for the current season

<u>Judges Required for Partnered Dance Events</u>		<u>Dance Judge Classifications</u>						
		<u>Bronze Dance Test Judge (BRZ)</u>	<u>Silver Dance Test Judge (SLV)</u>	<u>Gold Dance Test Judge with & w/o Intl Cert (GLD) (G/A)</u>	<u>Non- qual- ifying Dance Judge (NQ)</u>	<u>Novice Sec- tional Dance Judge (NV/S)</u>	<u>Sec- tional Dance Judge (SEC)</u>	<u>National Dance Judge (NAT)</u>
<u>Nonqualifying Competitions – Events and Levels</u>	<u>Pre-Juvenile Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Juvenile Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Intermediate Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Novice Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Junior Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Senior Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Pre-Bronze Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Bronze Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Pre-Silver Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Silver Dance</u>	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Pre-Gold Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Adult Gold Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Masters Open Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J
	<u>Centennial Dance</u>			J	J(1)	J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events without limitation

J(1) = Qualified to judge events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel

3045 **RESERVED Judges Required for Solo Dance Events at Competitions**

The competitions to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge solo dance events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Solo Dance Events		Dance Judge Classifications						
		Bronze Dance Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Dance Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Dance Test Judge with & w/o Intl Cert (GLD) (G/I)	Non-qualifying Dance Judge (NQ)	Novice Sectional Dance Judge (NV/S)	Sectional Dance Judge (SEC)	National Dance Judge (NAT)
Nonqualifying Competitions—Events and Levels	Pre-Juvenile Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Juvenile Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Intermediate Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Novice Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Junior Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Senior Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Preliminary Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Pre-Bronze Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Bronze Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Pre-Silver Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Silver Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Pre-Gold Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	International Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Gold Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Bronze Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Pre-Silver Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Silver Solo Dance	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Pre-Gold Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Solo Dance		J	J	J(1)	J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events without limitation

J(1) = Qualified to judge events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel

3046 **Judges Required for Synchronized Events at Competitions**

The competitions to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge synchronized events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for <u>Nonqualifying</u> Synchronized Events	Synchronized Judge Classifications			
	<u>Certified 6.0 Synchronized Judge</u>	Nonqualifying Synchronized Judge (NQ)	Sectional Synchronized Judge (SEC)	National Synchronized Judge (NAT)
6.0 Synchronized Events (all levels)	J	J	J	J
Nonqualifying IJS Synchronized Events Competitions (all levels)		J(1)	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

J(1) = Qualified to judge events at nonqualifying competitions as a single-judge minority of the panel

3047 Judges Required for Showcase Events at Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge showcase events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Showcase Events	Judge Classifications			
	National Showcase Judge	Singles/Pairs Judges - All Classifications*	Dance Judges - All Classifications*	Synchronized Judges - All Classifications*
Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions (all levels)	J	J	J	J
National Showcase (all levels)	J			

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

*Nonqualifying singles/pairs judges, nonqualifying dance judges and nonqualifying synchronized judges can only judge showcase events as a one-judge minority of the panel.

3048 Judges Required for Theatre On Ice Events at Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge Theatre On Ice events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Theatre On Ice Events	Theatre On Ice (TOI) Judge Classifications			Singles/Pairs Judges - All Classifications*	Dance Judges - All Classifications*	Synchronized Judges - All Classifications*
	Nonqualifying TOI Judge	National <u>Novice Qualifying</u> TOI Judge	National TOI Judge			
Theatre On Ice Events at Nonqualifying Competitions (all levels)*	J	J	J	J	J	J
National Theatre On Ice (novice and lower events)		J	J			
National Theatre On Ice (junior and senior events)			J			

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

*Nonqualifying singles/pairs judges, nonqualifying dance judges and nonqualifying synchronized judges can only judge Theatre On Ice events as a one-judge minority of the panel.

4534 Judges Required for Pair Tests *(The remainder of this rule is addressed in Item 1.)*

The tests to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). The following judges are required to judge pair tests:

Judges Required for Pair Tests		Singles/Pairs Competition Judge Classifications		
		Regional <u>Qualifying</u> S/P Judge (REG)	Sectional S/P Judge (SEC)	National S/P Judge (NAT)
Pair Tests	Bronze Pair	J	J	J
	Pre-Silver Pair	J	J	J
	Silver Pair	J	J	J
	Pre-Gold Pair	J	J	J
	Gold Pair	J	J	J
	Adult Bronze Pair	J	J*	J*
	Adult Silver Pair	J	J	J
	Adult Gold Pair	J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pair test without limitation

* = Qualified to judge all candidate types for applicable pair test as a single-judge panel

Implementation date: Jan. 1, 2024

17. **APPROVED** amending applicable rules to allow coaches to earn appointments as test judges and judge tests as a one-judge minority of a three-judge panel. Coaches would not be allowed to serve as a single-judge panel and would not be allowed to judge competitions.

DOR 5.03 Judging and Coaching

A U.S. Figure Skating judge is prohibited from participating as a U.S. Figure Skating judge while coaching except as allowed in paragraphs (D) and (E) of this rule DOR 5.03. Any judge who begins coaching must inform the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee in writing and must cease judging and request inactive status (see rule section DOR 6.00) or retire from their judging appointments (see rule DOR 7.00). If such judge concurrently acts as a judge of tests or at any U.S. Figure Skating competitions while serving as a paid coach in skating or its related activities, this conduct will be reviewed by the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee for disciplinary action.

A. A U.S. Figure Skating judge may trial judge during the coaching activity period.

B. The judge may begin or resume judging 90 days after withdrawing from coaching activity. The judge is prohibited from judging former students for one year following the student's last lesson.

C. See rules DOR 9.00-9.01 for the reappointment process.

D. U.S. Figure Skating appointed judges may instruct skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or higher tests. Such instruction must be as part of a learn-to-skate or Learn to Skate USA group lesson program, and cannot include private lessons. Judges who instruct under these guidelines maintain their eligibility to judge.

E. U.S. Figure Skating judges who are full-time college students may coach and judge concurrently. These judges must apply to the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee and provide documentation that confirms their status as a full-time college student.

U.S. Figure Skating members who are coaches may earn appointments as test judges and judge tests as a one-judge minority of a three-judge panel in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and the Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials. Coaches cannot serve as a single-judge panel.

PSER 4.20 Eligible Coach Status

PSER 4.21 An "eligible coach" is an eligible person who is paid to coach or instruct skaters in skating and related activities, but who has not otherwise participated in an activity that causes that person to become ineligible. See rule PSER 4.32.

PSER 4.22 Eligible coaches, as defined in rule PSER 4.21, may participate in the following U.S. Figure Skating activities:

A. Eligible coaches may not serve as accountants, judges, referees or technical controllers at U.S. Figure Skating tests and competitions while they continue to coach, except as allowed in rules ER 8.10 and DOR 5.03 (D) and (E). Eligible coaches may serve as judges at test sessions within the parameters of rule DOR 5.03.

B. Eligible coaches, while entitled to the privileges of eligibility to participate in U.S. Figure Skating activities, remain subject to ISU rules restricting their eligibility to serve as a referee, assistant referee, judge or technical controller in ISU events or international competitions sanctioned by the ISU or a member of the ISU, or to hold certain positions in the ISU.

C. A reinstated or readmitted person may become an eligible coach under the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, but his or her privileges of participation are limited in accordance with the applicable U.S. Figure Skating rules governing reinstated and readmitted persons (rules PSER 4.41 and PSER 4.42 respectively), as well as with the rules of the ISU governing participation in ISU activities and competitions.

PSER 4.70 Eligibility Classification Table

Change box of "U.S. Figure Skating Official" to Yes*

* Forfeits right to serve as an accountant, judge, referee or technical controller at competitions except as allowed in DOR 5.03 (D) and. Permitted to serve as a test judge and judge tests as a one-judge minority of a three-judge panel in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and the Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials. Coaches cannot serve as a single-judge panel.

- 4506** None of the judges of a test nor the judge-in-charge may be a coach, parent, spouse, close relative or skating partner of the candidate or of the candidate's partner. A person will be considered a skating partner who, in the preceding 12 months, has entered any sanctioned competition as a partner of the candidate. A person will be considered a coach who, in the preceding 12 months, has given a lesson to the candidate.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

18. ADOPTED – Exhibit A – Board of Directors

Amend Article VIII, Section 1 (A) and Section 4 (A), Article X, Section 3, Article XI, Section 1 (D), and Article XVIII, Section 2 (C)(v) and (E)(i), (pages 18, 19, 24 and 28, Rulebook) to change “executive director” to “chief executive officer.”

**ARTICLE VIII
Board of Directors**

Section 1 Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors possesses all the powers and duties necessary or desirable to govern, establish strategic direction, and set policy for U.S. Figure Skating, and to oversee management of the business and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating, except such powers and duties as are reserved solely for the Governing Council or otherwise limited by these bylaws. Subject to such reservation and limitations, the Board of Directors’ responsibilities and functions will include, but not be limited to:

- A. Selection, compensation, evaluation, and termination of the ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer.

Section 4 Ex-officio and Additional Members.

- A. The following persons are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board of Directors:

(viii) The ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer, and

**ARTICLE X
Officers**

Section 3 ~~Executive director~~ Chief Executive Officer. The ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer is:

- A. Selected by the Board of Directors.
B. An ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
C. Responsible for and manages the day-to-day operations and activities of U.S. Figure Skating and such other responsibilities as may from time to time be assigned to the ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer by the Board of Directors or the president.

**ARTICLE XI
President**

Section 1 Duties. The president:

- D. Generally oversees and supervises the activities of the ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer and serves as the principal and regular point of contact for the ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer with the Board of Directors;

**ARTICLE XVIII
Composition of Permanent Committees and Designated Committees**

Section 2 Specific Committee Provisions. The following committees will be composed as indicated, and all members of such committees will hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.

- C. The *Finance Committee* consists of:

(v) The ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of U.S. Figure Skating will be ex-officio members of the Finance Committee.

- E. The *Strategic Planning Committee* consists of 12 members:

(i) The president (or their designee), the ~~executive director~~ chief executive officer (or their designee), and the chair of the Athlete Advisory Committee.

Proviso: Rules GR 1.01, PSER 6.06, PSER 6.11, PSER 6.12, PSER 6.14, PSER 7.02, PSER 9.01, CPR 3.01, FCR 3.01, ECR 6.01, GCR 3.06, 1123, 1124 and 2735 will be updated accordingly, along with any other references to the executive director within the rulebook.

Implementation date: May 7, 2023

19. ADOPTED – Exhibit B – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend **Article II of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws**, to include coaches in the Objectives that support the mission of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

Mission: We create and cultivate opportunities for participation and achievement in figure skating.

- A. We serve as the national governing body in the sport of figure skating on ice as recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and serve as the United States member of the International Skating Union (ISU);
- B. We take all steps necessary to regulate and govern figure skating on ice throughout the United States, including the raising of funds to support activities of U.S. Figure Skating by dues, the sale of publications, the conduct of competitions, ice show assessments, sanction fees and any other lawful means, provided that none of the income of U.S. Figure Skating inures to the private profit of any of its members;
- C. We strive to provide a safe environment for our members that is free of misconduct and harassment.
- D. We define and maintain uniform standards of skating proficiency;
- E. We prescribe rules for the holding of and eligibility for tests, competitions, exhibitions, ice shows and all other figure skating activities. We qualify and appoint judges, referees and other officials for all tests, competitions and other figure skating events;
- F. We provide programs for the development, education, and certification of coaches to provide the best instruction possible to our athletes.³
- ~~G~~F. We encourage, guide and assist in the organization of local ice skating clubs, and the attaining of full participation in figure skating by individuals, groups, clubs, schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States;
- ~~H~~G. We organize and sponsor competitions and exhibitions for the purpose of stimulating interest in figure skating on the part of all persons. We assist financially or otherwise, in accordance with the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, the participants traveling to and from and attending such competitions and exhibitions, who would otherwise be unable to participate therein;
- ~~I~~H. We encourage those persons who have demonstrated an ongoing interest in figure skating to continue their participation in figure skating, and where possible, to obtain a college or university education;
- ~~J~~H. We provide an equal opportunity to eligible athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in eligible athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable. We provide fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any eligible athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate;
- ~~K~~J. We select members of the Board of Directors and athlete representatives without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable;
- ~~L~~K. We submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving: (i) U.S. Figure Skating's recognition as a National Governing Body, or (ii) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in amateur athletic competition in figure skating, upon demand of the USOPC or any aggrieved amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official, conducted in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association or as modified pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act;
- ~~M~~E. We support, by contributions from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, other charitable and educational organizations which are themselves exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended; and
- ~~N~~M. We ensure that the foregoing objectives are within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and that the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, both direct and indirect, exclusively further these objectives.

Implementation date: Upon publication of the 2023-24 Rulebook (U.S. Figure Skating already does deliver some education and will be further developing it throughout the 2023-24 season).

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

³ Subject to timing adjustments as determined necessary and appropriate by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors, U.S. Figure Skating will begin delivering new coaching programs in January 2024 with the delivery of continuing education/certification and seminars. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

20. ADOPTED – Exhibit C – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend the following bylaws and accompanying rules to create a coach membership and adjust the coaching requirements to that all coaches at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events are coach members.

ARTICLE V Membership⁴

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

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, known as “member clubs”;
- B. Individual persons registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual persons who are not home club members of any member club, known as “individual members”;
- D. Coach members who are registered with U.S. Figure Skating either as a member of a member club or as an individual member and meet all coach requirements of these bylaws and the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- ~~E~~D. Honorary members;
- ~~F~~E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;
- ~~G~~F. Learn to Skate USA® members;
- ~~H~~G. Supportive members;
- ~~I~~H. Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team members; and
- ~~J~~I. Introductory members.

Section 2 Member Clubs. Member clubs consist of:

- A. Full member clubs;
- B. Provisional member clubs; and
- C. Such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council.

Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a provisional or full member club by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to interim membership until the next annual meeting of the Governing Council in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Interim and provisional member clubs have only such privileges as are specified therein.

Section 3 Individual Members.

- A. A person not a home club member of any member club.
- B. A person may become an individual member upon written application and compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Individual membership will automatically terminate when an individual member joins a member club as a home club member.

Section 4 Honorary Members.

- A. A person elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating, but may be accorded the privilege of speaking when present at official meetings of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to Governing Council; provided, however, that if such person is also a member in any other membership category, such person will have and may exercise voting rights and privileges available to them by virtue of such other membership, including as a delegate to the Governing Council.
- C. May serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

Section 5 Collegiate Clubs and School-Affiliated Members.

- A. Consist of individual schools, colleges and universities which agree to abide by the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Any college or university may become a collegiate club member, and any school may become a school-affiliated member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Section 6 Learn to Skate USA® Members.

- A. Persons participating in Learn to Skate USA® programs.
- B. Are not eligible for participation in the official test structure.
- C. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 7 Supportive Members.

- A. Organizations and individuals who voluntarily support the sport of figure skating through the payment of annual dues to U.S. Figure Skating.

⁴ Notwithstanding the presentation of the amendments to Sections 1 and 10 of this Article V pertaining to coach members in the 2023-2024 Rulebook and the corresponding provisions of MR XX.00, such amendments and provisions will be implemented as of July 1, 2024, when U.S. Figure Skating coach membership opens for registration. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

- B. Sports organizations consisting of not-for-profit corporations, federations, unions, associations, clubs or other groups organized in the United States which sponsor or conduct programs in the sport of figure skating on ice may apply to the Membership Committee to become organizational supportive members as may associations of vendors and other like organizations subject to the Board of Directors' approval.
- C. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 8 Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team Members.

- A. Consist of registered members who are subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. May become a synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Section 9 Introductory Members.

- A. Individuals who have never been a full member of U.S. Figure Skating as defined in Section 1 (B) or an individual member as defined in Section 1 (C) of this Article V;
- B. May join only as members of a member club and will be accorded all benefits and privileges of such membership;
- C. Will receive a special discounted membership rate for one year only;
- D. No person may be an introductory member for more than one year even if their membership lapses.

Section 10 Coach Members.

- A. A U.S. Figure Skating member, either as a member of a member club or as an individual member, with full rights and privileges who meets all coach compliance requirements of these bylaws and the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, and is registered as a coach member.
- B. Have the right to serve on the Coaches Council, to vote for members to serve on the Coaches Council, and to serve as coach members of committees.

Add the following accompanying rules for Coach Members:

MR XX.00⁵ The registration fee of coach members will include the costs of a background check, continuing education and certification requirements, and professional benefits and services established by the coach development and education program.

- A. The cost of the coach registration will be approved annually by the Board of Directors and will reflect the costs of providing such services.
- B. Coach members must be a first family member, whether registered by a member club or as an individual member. If more than one related coach resides at the same address, all coaches must purchase a first family membership.
- C. Coach members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 10, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and set forth in these rules.
- D. Coach members who are registered and have met all the coach requirements have the right to serve as coach members in U.S. Figure Skating leadership positions and on committees as well as vote for the members of the Coaches Council.

Implementation date: See footnotes

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

⁵ See footnote to Article V of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws pertaining to Sections 1 and 10 of that Article for information about when the amendments to this MR XX.00 will be implemented. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

21. ADOPTED – Exhibit D – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend the following bylaw and rules to replace the Coaches Committee with a Coaches Council, which reports directly to the Board of Directors, instead of through the Athlete Services Group Coordinator.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 1 *Permanent Committees.* U.S. Figure Skating has the following permanent committees:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 14. International Officials |
| 2. Athletes Advisory | 15. Membership |
| 3. Audit | 16. Memorial Fund |
| 4. Coaches <u>Coaches Council</u> ⁶ | 17. Officials Training |
| 5. Compensation | 18. Pairs Development and Technical |
| 6. Competitions | 19. Programs and New Program Development |
| 7. Dance Development and Technical | 20. Rules |
| 8. Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management | 21. SkateSafe® |
| 9. Domestic Selections | 22. Singles Development and Technical |
| 10. Ethics | 23. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Finance | 24. Strategic Planning |
| 12. Grievance | 25. Synchronized Development and Technical |
| 13. International | 26. Tests |

Section 2 *Committee Groups.* The following committees are organized into five committee groups:

Group 1: Athlete Services: ~~Coaches~~, Dance Development and Technical, Memorial Fund, Pairs Development and Technical, Singles Development and Technical, Sports Sciences and Medicine, and Synchronized Development and Technical.

Group 2: Membership Development: Adult Skating, Membership, and Programs and New Program Development.

Group 3: Technical and Officials: Competitions, Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management, Domestic Selections, Officials Training and Tests.

Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Ethics, Grievance, Rules, and SkateSafe®.

Group 5: International: International and International Officials.

Coordinators of Groups 1-4 are nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Governing Council for election. Upon election, these group coordinators will serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Board of Directors. The activities of the committees in each committee group will be coordinated and overseen by their respective group coordinator.

The ISU representative will serve as coordinator of Group 5, while remaining an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 *Reporting by Other Committees.* The Athletes Advisory Committee, Audit Committee, Coaches Council, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the Nominating Committee, are not a part of the committee groups and report directly to the Board of Directors.

Section 4 *Special and Ad Hoc Committees.* The president, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, may from time to time designate and appoint or abolish special and ad hoc committees and chairs thereof and special offices and officers, each with such duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, or by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The chairs of special and ad hoc committees and any officers appointed pursuant to this section may, upon the invitation of the president, attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, may be accorded the privilege of speaking.

Section 5 *Designated Committees.* For purposes of determining athlete representation on committees of U.S. Figure Skating, the following committees are “designated committees”: Athletes Advisory Committee, Audit Committee, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, International Committee, International Officials Committee, and Nominating Committee.

Amend the following accompanying rules for the organization and responsibility of the Coaches Council:

CR 1.00 Authority

CR 1.01 The Coaches Council is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

⁶ The amendments to Section 1, paragraph 4, Section 2, and Section 3 of this Article XVI are effective at the close of the 2023 annual Governing Council meeting. However, implementing provisions pertaining to the existence and formation of the Coaches Council are set forth in the footnote to CR 2.00. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the of the 2025-2026 Rulebook.

CR 2.00 Organization⁷

CR 2.01 The Coaches Council consists of 27 coach members that reflect the broad experiences of the coaching community within U.S. Figure Skating. Experiences to be considered include coaching at various levels (Learn to Skate USA®, developmental, qualifying, high-performance development, national and international), as well as all disciplines (singles, pairs, ice dance, and synchronized skating) and skating programs such as theatrical skating, adult skating, solo dance, adaptive, etc.).

A. Members will serve staggered three-year terms.

B. Members may serve a maximum of two consecutive full terms.

C. At least 33.3 percent of the members must also meet the definition of athlete in Article XXII, Section 1, paragraphs A, B or C.

D. Members may not simultaneously serve on the Athletes Advisory Committee.

E. All members must be coach members of U.S. Figure Skating.

F. Members will be elected annually for open positions by coach members of U.S. Figure Skating.

G. The chair will be elected by the members of the Coaches Council.

H. The Coaches Council will include a leadership team of five vice chairs.

I. The process and conduct of the annual elections of members of the Coaches Council and the chair will be determined by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters in conjunction with the chair of the Coaches Council and presented to the Coaches Council for approval annually. The approved election procedures will be communicated electronically with coach members.

CR 3.00 Responsibility

CR 3.01 The Coaches Council will:

A. Act as a repository of the knowledge and ideas of coach members of U.S. Figure Skating.

B. Facilitate and support the appointment of coach members on other committees.

C. Serve as an advisory group and partner with the appropriate U.S. Figure Skating staff departments delivering coach certification, development and education on the strategy for such programs and, as needed, in the delivery of such programs.

D. Provide input into athlete development strategies.

E. Qualifications and additional responsibilities and expectations will be published regularly in the coach leadership handbook.

CR 3.02 Members of the Coaches Council will serve as coach delegates at the annual Governing Council meeting.

Coaches Committee (Group 1)

CCR 1.00 Authority

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

CCR 2.00 Organization

CCR 2.01 Members of the Coaches Committee will include at least one coach per discipline (singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating) with international coaching experience and one coach per discipline with current national level or higher experience.

7 The following are the implementing provisions relative to the existence and formation of the Coaches Council:

- The Board of Directors will appoint an interim Coaches Council and the chair of the Coaches Council no later than August 1, 2023, following the provisions of CR 2.01 as closely as possible. Once this is done, the Coaches Committee will no longer exist, having been replaced by the Coaches Council.
- The interim Coaches Council reports directly to the Board of Directors.
- The interim Coaches Council will exist, and its members will serve as the interim Coaches Council, through the close of the 2025 annual Governing Council meeting.
- The first election of the 27-member Coaches Council will be held between January 2025 and March 2025. All current, compliant coach members of U.S. Figure Skating will be eligible to run for and be elected to the Coaches Council. The term of service of the initial Coaches Council will begin immediately following the close of the 2025 annual Governing Council meeting. To establish the staggering of terms of service, the initial Coaches Council will be divided into three groups of 9 members with 1, 2 and 3-year terms, as follows:
 - Group A – term ends at the close of the 2026 annual Governing Council meeting.
 - Group B – term ends at the close of the 2027 annual Governing Council meeting.
 - Group C – term ends at the close of the 2028 annual Governing Council meeting.

As a result of this staggering of terms of service, each year beginning in 2026 there will be 9 coach members elected to the Coaches Council.

Members of the interim Coaches Council are eligible to run for and to be elected to the Coaches Council and their term of service on the interim Coaches Council will not count for purpose of term limits on the Coaches Council.

This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2025-2026 Rulebook.

~~CCR 3.00 – Responsibility~~

~~CCR 3.01 – It will be the responsibility of the Coaches Committee to:~~

- ~~A. Work in cooperation with the Professional Skaters Association in order to communicate, in a timely manner, the vital information and rule changes of U.S. Figure Skating and the ISU to the coaching community and assist in their efforts as the coaches' organization to provide seminars, workshops, national conferences, video aids, manuals and certification for all levels of coaching.~~
- ~~B. Provide input into the strategy for athlete development programming.~~
- ~~C. Promote and develop quality coaching programs through education.~~
- ~~D. Involve coaches in U.S. Figure Skating through committees, Board of Directors and other policy-making areas.~~
- ~~E. Recognize coaching accomplishments in partnership with the PSA through annual awards and other methods, at the junior level and lower.~~

Implementation date: See footnotes.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

22. ADOPTED – Exhibit E – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend the bylaw below by replacing the PSA representative as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors with the chair of the Coaches Council.

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 4 *Ex-officio and Additional Members.*

- A. The following persons are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board of Directors:
 - (i) Immediate past president,
 - (ii) The appointed ISU representative/International Group coordinator,
 - (iii) Those officeholders of the ISU representing the sport of figure skating,
 - (iv) The Administrative/Legal Group coordinator,
 - (v) The Athlete Services Group coordinator,
 - (vi) The Membership Development Group coordinator,
 - (vii) The Technical and Officials Group coordinator,
 - (viii) The chair of the Coaches Council.⁸
 - ~~(viii)~~ (ix) The executive director, and
 - ~~(ix)~~ (x) U.S. Figure Skating's alternate athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council, unless that person is already one of the athletes who is a voting member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.
- B. ~~Two additional individuals, one each named from the Professional Skaters Association and An individual named from the U.S. Ice Rink Association from among its membership, is a non-voting members of the Board of Directors.⁹~~
- C. Ex-officio and additional members of the Board of Directors may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, may be accorded the privilege of speaking. Unless expressly invited, ex-officio and additional members of the Board of Directors may not participate in executive sessions of the Board of Directors.

Implementation date: See footnotes.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

23. ADOPTED – Exhibit F – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend the following bylaws to a) include the Coaches Council in the list of committees that has special provisions for appointing the chair and members b) include coach members as 15 percent of most committees. (Note: Any committee rules will be updated accordingly.)

ARTICLE XVIII

Composition of Permanent Committees and Designated Committees

Section 1 *General Provisions.*

- A. Each permanent committee will consist of no fewer than nine voting members, with the exception of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, the Grievance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, which will be of such size as specified in Section 2 of this Article XVIII.

⁸ The amendment to this subparagraph (viii) is effective upon close of the 2023 annual Governing Council meeting. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

⁹ The amendment to this paragraph B is effective upon close of the 2023 annual Governing Council meeting. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

- B. Insofar as practical, and subject to committee composition requirements specified elsewhere in these bylaws, members of committees will be appointed based on the skill set and experience needed, reflect geographical representation, and be reflective of diversity and inclusivity.
- C. Chairs of permanent committees, except the Athletes Advisory Committee, the Coaches Council¹⁰, the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, as well as except for the chair of the Nominating Committee, will be appointed annually by the president upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Each chair will hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office. With the exception of the chair of the Finance Committee, the chair of a permanent committee may be removed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- D. With the exception of athlete members, the members of permanent committees, other than the Audit Committee, the Coaches Council, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee, will be appointed annually by their chairs to hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Members may be removed from a committee by the chair of the applicable committee with the concurrence of the president.
- E. Athlete members of permanent committees will be elected or appointed annually as outlined below to hold office for one year (with the exception of the Grievance Committee, which has three-year terms of service) or until their successors are appointed and assume office. Athlete members may be removed from a committee by the chair of the applicable committee with the concurrence of the president and the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.
 - (i) Members of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be elected annually following the procedures in rule AACR 1.11.
 - (ii) Athlete members of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, International Committee and International Officials Committee will be elected annually by the members of the Athletes Advisory Committee.
 - (iii) Athlete members of the Strategic Planning Committee will be appointed annually according to Section 2 (E) of this Article XVIII.
 - (iv) Athlete members of all other permanent committees will be appointed by their chairs and approved annually by the chair and discipline vice chairs of the Athletes Advisory Committee.
- F. Members of the Coaches Council and the chair of the Coaches Council will be elected annually following the procedures in rule CR 2.01.
- G.F. The chairs and all members of permanent committees must be:
 - (i) At least 18 years of age,
 - (ii) A registered member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and
 - (iii) Otherwise qualified to serve in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- H.G. Athlete Representation.
 - (i) Athlete representatives will equal at least 33.3 percent of all designated committees, as defined in Article XVI, Section 5, of these bylaws. Except for the Athletes Advisory Committee (all members of which must be 10 Year Athlete Representatives as defined in Article XXII of these bylaws), at least half of such athlete representatives will be 10 Year Athlete Representatives and the remaining athlete representatives will be either 10 Year Athlete Representatives or 10 Year+ Athlete Representatives, as defined in Article XXII of these bylaws.
 - (ii) Actively Engaged Athletes Representatives, as defined in Article XXII of these bylaws, will equal at least 33.3 percent of all other committees, subcommittees, task forces and all other types of legislative bodies, whether permanent, special, ad hoc or otherwise.
 - (iii) Athlete members must be elected or approved by the Athletes Advisory Committee as provided for in applicable U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rules.
- I. Coach Member Representation.¹¹
 - (i) Coach members will equal at least 15 percent of the total membership of the following committees: Adult Skating, Competitions, Dance Development and Technical, Domestic Selections, Domestic Officials Management and Recruitment, Ethics, International Officials, Membership, Memorial Fund, Officials Training, Pairs Development and Technical, Programs and New Program Development, Rules, SkateSafe®, Singles Development and Technical, Sports Sciences and Medicine, Synchronized Development and Technical, and Tests.
 - (ii) Specific committee provisions for coach members are indicated in Section 2 of this Article XVIII.

¹⁰ The amendments to Section 1, paragraphs C, D and F of this Article XVIII are effective at the close of the 2023 annual Governing Council meeting. However, implementing provisions pertaining to the existence and formation of the Coaches Council are set forth in the footnote to CR 2.00. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the of the 2025-2026 Rulebook.

¹¹ Paragraph I, Section 1 of this Article XVIII is effective as of the close of the 2024 annual Governing Council meeting. Since this effective date is in advance of the July 1, 2024 launch of U.S. Figure Skating coach memberships, coaches who are appointed to committees must be current, compliant coaches within the applicable ruled of U.S. Figure Skating at the time of and for the duration of their service on a committee. The provisions of this footnote also apply to paragraphs C and E, Section 2 of this Article XVIII. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2024-2025 Rulebook.

HJ. Ex-officio Members. Unless a bylaw or official rule provides otherwise, ex-officio members are non-voting members and are not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting.

Section 2 Specific Committee Provisions. The following committees will be composed as indicated, and all members of such committees will hold office for one year from the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Governing Council for that year or until their respective successors are appointed and assume office.

- A. The *Audit Committee* consists of at least three and not more than five members, a majority of whom are not members of the Board of Directors. The president appoints the members with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must:
 - (i) Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment and
 - (ii) Meet any other requirements for independence, expertise or qualifications set forth in the Audit Committee Rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Audit Committee.
 - (iii) The members of the Audit Committee designate the chair of the committee.
- B. The *Compensation Committee* consists of at least three and not more than five members, all of whom are members of the Board of Directors. The president appoints the members, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Each member must:
 - (i) Be free of any material relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment; and
 - (ii) Meet any qualifications set forth in the Compensation Committee Rules or policies and procedures established by and for the Compensation Committee.
 - (iii) The president will appoint the chair of the Compensation Committee.
- C. The *Finance Committee* consists of:
 - (i) The treasurer, who serves as chair of the committee;
 - (ii) The immediate past treasurer;
 - (iii) Five ~~Four~~ members appointed by the chair for their financial business experience; and
 - (iv) One coach member appointed for their financial business experience; and
 - ~~(iv)~~ (v) Four athlete members with financial business experience elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee.
 - ~~(v)~~ (vi) The executive director, the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the controller of U.S. Figure Skating will be ex-officio members of the Finance Committee.
- D. The *Grievance Committee* constitutes the member pool from which at least two-thirds of the members of any Hearing Panel will be drawn.
 - (i) The committee consists of 15 members appointed for three-year terms as follows:
 - (a) Three U.S. Figure Skating members from each section, one of whom is a coach member, appointed by the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator with concurrence of the president,
 - (b) Five athletes elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee, and
 - (c) A chair appointed by the president upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.
 - (ii) Each year one-third of the committee will be appointed in order to create staggered terms of service for committee members.
- E. The *Strategic Planning Committee* consists of 12 members:
 - (i) The president (or their designee), the executive director (or their designee), and the chair of the Athlete Advisory Committee.
 - (ii) Two athlete members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee (in addition to the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee).
 - (iii) Three members appointed by and from the Board of Directors.
 - (iv) The chair of the Coaches Council (or their designee)
 - ~~(iv)~~ (v) ~~Four~~ Three additional members, including one athlete and one coach member, appointed by the Board of Directors for their experience in issues relevant to the current environment.
 - (vi) The members of the Strategic Planning Committee designate the chair of the committee.

Implementation date: See footnotes.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

24. ADOPTED AS AMENDED – Exhibit G – Board of Directors, Athletes Advisory, Strategic Planning and Coaches Committees

Amend the following bylaw in order to allow for coach delegates to be included as a voting group at Governing Council. Coach delegates will be members of the Coaches Council elected by the coach members to represent them. Coach delegates will receive 15 percent of the vote.

**ARTICLE VII
Delegates to the Governing Council¹²**

Section 4 *Athlete Delegates.*

- A. Are equally divided among women, men, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating.
- B. Have, collectively, the number of votes equaling not less than 33.3 percent of the total permanent member club, coach, and individual member votes registered at the prior year's Governing Council in order to provide the athlete delegates with not less than 33.3 percent of the voting power in the Governing Council. These votes will be equally divided among the athlete delegates, with any fractions rounded up to a whole number.
 - (i) If, at any time during a meeting of the Governing Council, the votes assigned to the athlete delegates fall below 33.3 percent of the total number of votes of the delegates registered in person or by proxy, the total number of athlete delegate votes will be increased by the number necessary to achieve 33.3 percent of the voting power in the Governing Council. The additional votes will be assigned to, and retained by, the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, or in such chair's absence, his or her athlete delegate designee, for the duration of the meeting.
- C. The athlete delegates to the Governing Council are the Athletes Advisory Committee members elected by the athletes in compliance with AACR 1.10.

Section 5 *Coach Delegates.*

- A. Have, collectively, the number of votes equaling one coach delegate vote per 50 coach members registered at the conclusion of the prior membership year. These votes will be divided equally among the coach delegates, with any fractions rounded to the nearest whole number.
- B. The coach delegates to the Governing Council are the Coaches Council members elected by the coach members in compliance with CR 1.10.

Section 78 *Voting Rights.* On all matters submitted to a vote of the Governing Council, the athlete delegates as a group, the coach delegates as a group, and each full member club are entitled to the same number of votes as the number of delegates to which they are entitled pursuant to Sections 4, 5 and 2 respectively of this Article VII. Each individual member delegate is entitled to one vote. Observers have no vote at meetings of the Governing Council. No member or class of members except delegates is entitled to vote on matters concerning the purposes, government and management of the affairs of U.S. Figure Skating except as provided for in these bylaws or as prescribed by law.

Implementation date: See footnotes.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

25. ADOPTED – Exhibit H – High School Program Subcommittee

Amend **Article V, Sections 1, 5 and 8, and conforming rules MR 30.00-30.12 and MR 40.00-40.04 (pages 16-17 and 45-46, Rulebook)** to remove the school-affiliated membership category and add a team membership for high school skating teams.

**ARTICLE V
Membership**

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

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, known as "member clubs";
- B. Individual persons registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual persons who are not home club members of any member club, known as "individual members"
- D. Honorary members;
- E. Collegiate club ~~and school-affiliated members~~;
- F. Learn to Skate USA members;
- G. Supportive members;
- H. Synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice/high school skating team members; and
- I. Introductory members.

¹² The amendments to Section 4, paragraph B, to Section 5, and to Section 7 of this Article VII will be effective and implemented for purposes of the 2025 annual Governing Council meeting. The members of the interim Coaches Council, as referred to in the footnote to Article XVI of these Bylaws and the footnote to CR1.00, will serve as delegates at the 2025 annual Governing Council meeting, and the members of the Coaches Council elected in the spring of 2025 will serve as delegates at the 2026 annual Governing Council meeting. For the 2025 Governing Council, the coach delegate votes will be based upon coach membership as of April 1, 2024. This footnote will be deleted with publication of the 2025-2026 Rulebook.

Section 5 Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated Members.~~

- A. Consist of ~~individual schools~~; colleges and universities which agree to abide by the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Any college or university may become a collegiate club member, ~~and any school may become a school-affiliated member~~ at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

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

- A. Consist of registered members who are subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. May become a synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice/high school skating team member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Rules for Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated Members~~

MR 30.00 Applying to Become a Collegiate Club ~~or School-Affiliated Member~~

MR 30.01 Applications by ~~schools~~; colleges and universities for ~~school-affiliated or~~ collegiate club membership may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters at any time of the year.

MR 30.02 Dues of Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated organizations.~~ Such dues are \$30 annually, due and payable by Oct. 1. For collegiate ~~and school-affiliated~~ membership the applicant must:

- A. Be an ~~individual school~~, college or university as defined in Article V, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or on the Members Only site;
- C. Submit with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for collegiate ~~and school-affiliated organizations.~~

MR 30.10 Privileges of Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated Members~~

MR 30.11 Collegiate club ~~and school-affiliated members~~ are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules.

MR 30.12 Any collegiate club ~~or school-affiliated member~~ that has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice/High School Skating Team Members

MR 40.00 Applying to Become a Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice/High School Skating Team Member

MR 40.01 Applications by synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice/high school skating teams for membership may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters at any time of the year

MR 40.04 Dues of High School Skating Teams. For high school skating team membership the applicant must:

- A. Be a high school skating team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. Register online through the Members Only site; and
- C. Pay annual dues of \$35.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

26. ADOPTED – Exhibit I – Membership Committee

Amend **Article V, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (pages 16-17 rulebook)**, add **Article V, Section 10**, and add **new rules** to create a new organization type for Aspire programs and a new membership type for Aspire members.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1 Classification. U.S. Figure Skating has ~~nine~~ 10 types of membership:

- A. Clubs which foster figure skating, known as “member clubs”;
- B. Individual persons registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;
- C. Individual persons who are not home club members of any member club, known as “individual members”;
- D. Honorary members;
- E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;
- F. Learn to Skate USA® members;
- G. Supportive members;

- H. Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team members; and
- I. Introductory members; and
- J. Aspire members.

Section 11 Aspire Members.

- A. Persons registered for and participating in Aspire programs, including members of Aspire-level teams who join through a registered Aspire program run by either a U.S. Figure Skating member club or a rink.
- B. Aspire members are eligible to take the following tests, and no higher tests: pre-preliminary skating skills, adult pre-bronze skating skills, pre-preliminary singles, adult pre-bronze singles, and preliminary pattern dances (partnered and solo, lead and follow).
- C. Must have never been a full member of U.S. Figure Skating through a full member or collegiate club, or an individual, subsequent individual or individual collegiate member directly with U.S. Figure Skating as defined in Section 1 of this Article V.
- D. Aspire members are not eligible to serve as delegates to the Governing Council and will have no voting rights with respect to the governance of U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. If the Aspire program is affiliated with a member club, Aspire members will count toward the total number of registered members for the purpose of determining full member club delegates and for the purpose of determining annual dues of member clubs.

Rules for Aspire

MR 20.00 Aspire Registered Programs

An Aspire program is a program that has been registered with U.S. Figure Skating and remains in good standing.

MR 20.10 Dues of Aspire Programs and Members*

Membership dues for Aspire programs and, separately, Aspire members are determined by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors and will reflect the costs of providing services. This information will be published on the Members Only site under the Members tab no later than January 1 each season.

MR 20.20 Privileges of Aspire Members

MR 20.21 Aspire members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 11, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules.

MR 20.22 Any individual member who has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

*Annual dues for Aspire programs will be \$50 for the 2023-24 season, and annual dues for Aspire members will be \$40 for the 2023-24 season.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

27. ADOPTED – Exhibit J – Membership Committee

Revise the **membership bylaws (Article V, Article VII, Section 6, Article IX, Section 4, Article XXIII, and Article XXIV)** and conforming membership rules to ensure they match current practice, and to make the structure and language consistent throughout the rulebook.

Note: As part of this update, housekeeping changes have been made to ensure that full, provisional and interim clubs are listed correctly and consistently throughout the various membership rules. Many rules currently mention only full member clubs when the rules apply to provisional and interim clubs as well.

ARTICLE V **Membership**

Section 1. Classifications.

A. Organizations. U.S. Figure Skating has the following categories of membership for organizations:

(i) Clubs

(a) Member clubs: Clubs that foster figure skating

1. Full member clubs

2. Provisional member clubs

3. Interim member clubs

(b) Collegiate clubs: Individual colleges and universities that foster figure skating

(ii) Programs

(a) Aspire programs

(b) Learn to Skate USA® programs

(iii) Teams

B. *Individuals.* U.S. Figure Skating has the following categories of membership for individuals:

(i) *Home club members:* Individuals who are members of a member club or a collegiate club

(ii) *Individual members:* Individuals who are not home club members of any member club or collegiate club

(iii) *Coach members:* Individuals who are registered with U.S. Figure Skating either as a member of a member club or as an individual member and meet all coach requirements of these bylaws and the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

(iii) *Honorary members:* Individuals exempt from the payment of U.S. Figure Skating membership dues

(iv) *Aspire members:* Individuals participating in Aspire programs

(v) *Learn to Skate USA members:* Individuals participating in Learn to Skate USA programs

(vi) *Supportive members:* Individuals who voluntarily support the sport of figure skating through the payment of annual dues to U.S. Figure Skating

Section 2. *Election by Governing Council for Membership.* The following membership categories require a vote of the Governing Council as follows:

A. Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a provisional or full member club by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to interim membership until the next annual meeting of the Governing Council in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Interim and provisional member clubs have only such privileges as are specified therein.

B. To become an honorary member, an individual must be elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.

ARTICLE V

Membership

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

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B. Individual persons registered with U.S. Figure Skating who are members of a member club or a collegiate club;

C. Individual persons who are not home club members of any member club, known as “individual members”;

D. Honorary members;

E. Collegiate club and school-affiliated members;

F. Learn to Skate USA members;

G. Supportive members;

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

I. Introductory members.

Section 2 *Member Clubs.* Member clubs consist of:

A. Full member clubs;

B. Provisional member clubs; and

C. Such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council.

Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a provisional or full member club by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to interim membership until the next annual meeting of the Governing Council in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Interim and provisional member clubs have only such privileges as are specified therein.

Section 3 *Individual Members.*

A. A person not a home club member of any member club.

B. A person may become an individual member upon written application and compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating.

C. Individual membership will automatically terminate when an individual member joins a member club as a home club member.

Section 4 *Honorary Members.*

A. A person elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.

B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating, but may be accorded the privilege of speaking when present at official meetings of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to Governing Council; provided, however, that if such person is also a member in any other membership category, such person will have

and may exercise voting rights and privileges available to them by virtue of such other membership, including as a delegate to the Governing Council.

- C. May serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

Section 5 Collegiate Clubs and School-Affiliated Members:

- A. Consist of individual schools, colleges and universities which agree to abide by the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Any college or university may become a collegiate club member, and any school may become a school-affiliated member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Section 6 Learn to Skate USA Members:

- A. Persons participating in Learn to Skate USA programs.
- B. Are not eligible for participation in the official test structure.
- C. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 7 Supportive Members:

- A. Organizations and individuals who voluntarily support the sport of figure skating through the payment of annual dues to U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Sports organizations consisting of not-for-profit corporations, federations, unions, associations, clubs or other groups organized in the United States which sponsor or conduct programs in the sport of figure skating on ice may apply to the Membership Committee to become organizational supportive members as may associations of vendors and other like organizations subject to the Board of Directors' approval.
- C. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 8 Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team Members:

- A. Consist of registered members who are subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. May become a synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee.

Section 9 Introductory Members:

- A. Individuals who have never been a full member of U.S. Figure Skating as defined in Section 1 (B) or an individual member as defined in Section 1 (C) of this Article V;
- B. May join only as members of a member club and will be accorded all benefits and privileges of such membership;
- C. Will receive a special discounted membership rate for one year only;
- D. No person may be an introductory member for more than one year even if their membership lapses.

ARTICLE VII

Delegates to the Governing Council

Section 6 Observers.

- A. Collegiate clubs, and provisional member clubs, Aspire programs and Learn to Skate USA programs do not have the right, by virtue of such membership status, to appoint delegates to meetings of the Governing Council. They may designate observers to attend meetings of the Governing Council. Such observers, when present, may be accorded the privileges of the floor.
- B. Honorary members, individual members, members of member clubs, collegiate clubs, duly authorized representatives of school-affiliated members supportive members, and synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team members Any members of U.S. Figure Skating who are not delegates may attend meetings of the Governing Council as observers and, when present, will likewise be accorded the privileges of the floor.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 4 Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council.

- A. An announcement of the date and other relevant information regarding each annual meeting will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website no fewer than four months prior to the date of the meeting. Once posted, an email will be sent to all member clubs, collegiate clubs, coach members ~~school-affiliated members~~, honorary members, individual members, athlete delegates, committee chairs and to all members of the Board of Directors informing them that the information is available and of its location.

ARTICLE XXIII

Registration

Section 1 *Registration Requirement Generally.*

- A. A registered member is a person defined in Article V, Section 1 (B) of these bylaws who is registered in accordance with this article, who is a member of a member club, a collegiate club, an individual member or an honorary member.
- B. Every officer, ~~committee member~~ and member of the Board of Directors and committee member, and every delegate to the Governing Council, every referee, judge and accountant or other official in figure skating, every coach and every figure skater who wants to participate in sanctioned activities and figure skaters who are members of a member club, collegiate club, or an honorary or individual member are to must be registered as individuals as defined in Article V, Section 1 (B) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) annually with U.S. Figure Skating.

Section 2 *Registration Procedure.*

- A. Member clubs, and collegiate clubs, Aspire programs and Learn to Skate USA® programs are responsible for:
- (i) ~~The collection of registration fees from their members, and the~~
 - (ii) ~~The issuance of registration cards thereto, and~~
 - (iii) ~~The submission of lists of their registered members together with the amount of the fees therefore to U.S. Figure Skating.~~
- B. Registration of individual members is in accordance with, and the annual fee is to be included in, the dues collected pursuant to the Membership Rules.

Section 3 *Registration Membership Cards.* Registration Digital membership cards are valid from July 1 of a year (and the month immediately prior) through June 30 of the following year and available to download from the Members Only site. and renewable before July 31 of that following year.

Section 4 *Registration Monies.* All monies received from registration fees become part of the general funds of U.S. Figure Skating.

ARTICLE XXIV

Resignations

Any member club, ~~collegiate club school-affiliated member or synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team member~~ may resign from U.S. Figure Skating after payment of all dues and other fees then due, including those for the fiscal year in which the resignation is tendered, by providing written notice of resignation to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.

MR 3.00 **Qualifications for Provisional Club Membership**

MR 3.01 Provisional club membership will only be granted by the Governing Council at or in connection with its annual meeting as specified in Article V, Section 2 (A) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MR 3.02 The chair of the Membership Committee will report and will recommend interim member clubs for provisional status to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by March 1. Such report and recommendations will be included in the notice for the annual meeting of the Governing Council. The Governing Council will either accept or reject the interim clubs as provisional clubs.

MR 3.03 An applicant club failing to meet any of the requirements for provisional member club status may be kept on interim status for one additional year.

MR 4.00 **Qualifications for Full Club Membership**

MR 4.01 Approval of full club membership is contingent upon fulfilling requirements specified by the Membership Committee.

MR 4.02 Full club membership will only be granted by the Governing Council at or in connection with its annual meeting as specified in Article V, Section 2 (A) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MR 4.03 The chair of the Membership Committee will report and will recommend provisional member clubs for full status to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by March 1. Such report and recommendations will be included in the notice for the annual meeting of the Governing Council. The Governing Council will either accept or the provisional clubs as full member clubs.

MR 5.00 **Obligations of Full, Provisional and Interim Member Clubs**

MR 5.01 A member club, whether full, provisional or interim, will:

- B. Conduct its affairs in full accord with its constitution and bylaws and also U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, rules and policies.

MR 6.00 **Privileges of Full, Provisional, and Interim Member Clubs**

MR 6.02 ~~Membership privileges of member clubs~~ will include: Hosting test sessions, obtaining performance ~~sanctions, and nonqualifying~~ competition sanctions ~~(nonqualifying only for provisional clubs)~~ and voting rights at Governing Council.

MR 6.04 ~~If otherwise qualified, provisional and interim member clubs are entitled to all the privileges of a full In addition to the privileges in rule MR 6.01, full member clubs who are otherwise qualified have except the right to vote at Governing Council and to host any qualifying competitions (see rule 2000 (B)).~~

MR 6.03 Any member club that has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated Members~~

MR 310.00 Applying to Become a Collegiate Club ~~or School-Affiliated Member~~

MR 310.01 Any college or university may become a collegiate club member at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee. Applications by schools, colleges and universities for school-affiliated or collegiate club membership may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters at any time of the year. To qualify for membership as a collegiate club the applicant must:

- A. Be an individual college or university as defined in Article V, Section 1 (A)(i)(b), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or on the Members Only site;
- C. Submit with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for collegiate clubs.

MR 310.02 Dues of Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated organizations.~~

The annual dues of collegiate clubs are Such dues are \$30 annually, due and payable by Oct. 1. For collegiate and school-affiliated membership the applicant must:

- A. Be an individual school, college or university as defined in Article V, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or on the Members Only site;
- C. Submit with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for collegiate and school-affiliated organizations.

MR 310.10 Privileges of Collegiate Clubs ~~and School-Affiliated Members~~

MR 310.11 Collegiate clubs and school-affiliated members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules have the privilege of hosting test sessions, hosting intercollegiate competitions, obtaining performance sanctions and having home club members. Collegiate clubs do not have voting rights at Governing Council.

MR 310.12 Any collegiate club or school-affiliated member that has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Aspire

MR 20.00 Aspire Registered Programs

An Aspire program is a program that has been registered with U.S. Figure Skating and remains in good standing.

MR 20.10 Dues of Aspire Members

Membership dues for Aspire programs and, separately, Aspire members are determined by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors and will reflect the costs of providing services. This information will be published on the Members Only site under the Members tab no later than January 1 each season.

MR 20.20 Privileges of Aspire Members

MR 20.21 Aspire membership is available to persons registered for and participating in Aspire programs, including members of Aspire-level teams who join through a registered Aspire program run by either a U.S. Figure Skating member club or a rink.

MR 20.22 Aspire members are eligible to take the following tests, and no higher tests: pre-preliminary skating skills, adult pre-bronze skating skills, pre-preliminary singles, adult pre-bronze singles, and preliminary pattern dances (partnered and solo, lead and follow).

MR 20.23 Individuals must have never been a full member of U.S. Figure Skating through a full member or collegiate club, or an individual, subsequent individual or individual collegiate member directly with U.S. Figure Skating as defined in Article V, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MR 20.24 Aspire members are not eligible to serve as delegates to the Governing Council and will have no voting rights with respect to the governance of U.S. Figure Skating.

MR 20.25 If the Aspire program is affiliated with a member club, Aspire members will count toward the total number of registered members for the purpose of determining full member club delegates and for the purpose of determining annual dues of member clubs.

MR 20.26 Any Aspire member who has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Learn to Skate USA®

MR 730.00 Learn to Skate USA® Registered Programs

A Learn to Skate USA® program is a program that has been registered with U.S. Figure Skating and remains in good standing. See rule MR 730.10 (B) for information regarding participation in ice shows or exhibitions as well as rule MR 730.10 and rule 3110 for more information regarding Compete USA competition sanctions.

MR 730.10 U.S. Figure Skating Policy on Learn to Skate USA®

- A. The role of Learn to Skate USA® is the development of basic skills skating in the United States, and whose members are U.S. Figure Skating members pursuant to Article V, Section 6 1 (B)(v), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

B. U.S. Figure Skating agrees that the participation of U.S. Figure Skating members in skating activities endorsed by Learn to Skate USA® such as recitals, shows and exhibitions, and tests is hereby permitted without violating the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, provided that such activities (1) are conducted by Learn to Skate USA® registered rinks, clubs or skating schools in their normal course of business; (2) are not conducted by or for the benefit of a third party that exceeds the spirit of this special permission; (3) do not include the participation of U.S. Figure Skating member skaters who are or have been active U.S. Figure Skating Championships competitors at or above the junior level within the past two years unless participation has been permitted as described below; and (4) are not intended for television or Internet broadcast or rebroadcast. This paragraph represents a grant of special permission from U.S. Figure Skating, in the spirit of cooperation with Learn to Skate USA®, to allow its members to participate in skating activities endorsed by Learn to Skate USA® without the need for a separate U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, Learn to Skate USA® activities exceeding the scope of this paragraph are not covered in this grant of special permission; therefore, U.S. Figure Skating members participating in such activities will be in violation of the rules and policies of U.S. Figure Skating unless U.S. Figure Skating approval by way of sanction, Eligible Skater's Compensation Agreement (ESCA) or special permission is obtained.

C. Compete USA competitions are governed separately by the specific rules for Compete USA competitions.

MR 730.11 Learn to Skate USA® is entirely independent from, and not a prerequisite to, the official figure, free skate, pair or dance tests of U.S. Figure Skating.

MR 730.20 Dues of Learn to Skate USA® Members

The dues of Learn to Skate USA® members will be determined by the Board of Directors and published annually on the program's Web page at learntoskateusa.com. Upon payment of dues, Learn to Skate USA members will receive a membership card and other information as applicable.

MR 730.30 Privileges of Learn to Skate USA® Members

MR 30.31 Learn to Skate USA® members are eligible to participate in Learn to Skate USA® activities, including, but not limited to, Compete USA events.

MR 30.32. Learn to Skate USA® members are not eligible to participate in the U.S. Figure Skating test structure entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 6, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules.

MR 30.33 Any Learn to Skate USA® member who has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Teams Members

MR 40.00 Applying for Membership as a Team to Become a Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team Member

MR 40.01 Applications by synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice teams for membership may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters at any time of the year. Teams consist of registered members who are subject to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Any team may become a team member of U.S. Figure Skating at any time upon written application, compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating and approval of its application by the Membership Committee. To qualify for membership as a team the applicant must:

- A. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org;
- B. Submit, with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for the applicable team membership;
- C. Be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.

MR 40.10 Categories of Team Members

- A. High school teams
- B. Intercollegiate teams
- C. Synchronized skating teams
- D. Theatre On Ice teams

MR 40.20 Dues of Teams

- A. The annual dues for a high school team are \$30.
- B. The annual dues for an intercollegiate team are \$0.

MR 40.02 Dues of Synchronized Skating Teams. For synchronized skating team membership the applicant must:

- A. Be a synchronized skating team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. Register online through the Members Only site; and
- C. Pay The annual dues for a synchronized skating team are as follows:
 - 1. \$60 if affiliated with a club; or
 - 2. \$120 if not affiliated with a club.

MR 40.03 Dues of Theatre On Ice Teams. For Theatre On Ice team membership the applicants must:

- A. Be a Theatre On Ice team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;
- B. Register online through the Members Only site; and
- C. Pay The annual dues for a Theatre On Ice team are as follows:
 - 1. \$60 if affiliated with a club; or
 - 2. \$120 if not affiliated with a club.

MR 40.130 Privileges of Synchronized Skating/Theatre On Ice Team Members

MR 40.11 Synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules. Registered teams, if otherwise eligible, may participate in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities.

MR 40.312 Any synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice teams member that has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

MR 40.240 Members of Teams Not in Good Standing

Synchronized skating teams and Theatre On Ice Teams may submit to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters, at any time, a list of their team members who are not in good standing with their team. See rule MR 50.30 12:00 for more information.

Rules for Members of Member Clubs

MR 50.00 Applying to Become a Home Club Member

MR 50.01 Any individual desiring to become a home club member of U.S. Figure Skating must apply directly to the club they wish to join.

MR 50.10 Categories of Home Club Members

MR 50.11 U.S. Figure Skating offers the following membership categories for home club members of member clubs and collegiate clubs:

A. **First family:** The first family member to register for a full membership receives all privileges of a full U.S. Figure Skating membership, including a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

B. **Introductory:** The introductory membership is available only through a member club and only to individuals who have never been a home club member or an individual member as defined in Article V, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws. Introductory membership carries the same privileges as a first family membership. It is offered at a discounted rate for one-year only, and no individual may be an introductory member for more than one year, even if their membership lapses.

C. **Subsequent family:** The subsequent membership is available for related persons residing at the same address as a first family or introductory member. Subsequent family membership carries the same privileges as a full membership except the subscription to SKATING magazine.

D. **Collegiate:** The collegiate membership is a four-year full membership available at a discounted rate. Collegiate membership carries the same privileges as a first family member for the four-year duration.

MR 50.20 Dues of Members of Member Clubs Home Club Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs

MR 50.21 *Dues of Members and Collegiate Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs:* Each home club member will pay an annual fee as outlined below. Such registrants may register only as members of their designated home club provided, however, that such registration does not preclude such registrant from changing their designated home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

A. The annual dues of home club first family members dues are \$60 per person.

1. The first family member will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

B. The annual dues of home club introductory members are \$30 per person.

BC. Each The annual dues of home club subsequent members of the same family (related persons permanently residing at the same address) dues are \$24 per person.

1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.

2. Subsequent family members will receive a registration card only.

CD. The dues of collegiate members of member clubs will be The dues of home club collegiate members are \$70 per person and will be for a four-year period ending June 30 of the fourth year.

1. Collegiate members will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

MR 11.02 *Introductory Members:* Introductory members will pay a fee as outlined below. Such members may join only as members of a member club; however, members can change their home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

A. First family introductory member dues are \$30 per person.

1. The first family member will receive a membership card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

B. Each subsequent introductory member of the same family (related persons permanently residing at the same address) dues are \$24.

1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.

2. Subsequent family members will receive a membership card only.

MR 50.30 Privileges of Home Club Members

MR 50.31 In addition to any privileges specified in rule MR 50.11, privileges of home club members include, but are not limited to:

A. Participating in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, including, but not limited to, test sessions, sanctioned performance activities and sanctioned competitions.

B. Being appointed as a delegate to the Governing Council according to Article VII, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure

Skating bylaws, if otherwise qualified according to Article VII, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

C. Serving, if elected or appointed, in any office or position, including for their home club, and exercising all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

D. Serving, if otherwise qualified, as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

MR 50.32 Any home club member who has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

MR ~~42.00~~ 50.40 Members Not in Good Standing

Member clubs may submit to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters, at any time, a list of their home club members or U.S. Figure Skating individual members not in good standing with said club. U.S. Figure Skating may also flag a member as not in good standing for outstanding financial obligation, i.e. qualifying competition entry fees. Such members will be flagged in the U.S. Figure Skating database and will be restricted from all U.S. Figure Skating activities including, but not limited to, testing, competing, coaching, partnering tests, officiating at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events or serving as an officer, director or committee member for U.S. Figure Skating or one of its member clubs, collegiate clubs or school-affiliated clubs until such financial matter has been resolved. Outstanding financial obligation is the only valid reason for submitting a member on this list.

Rules for Individual Members

MR ~~260.00~~ Applying to Become an Individual Member

MR 260.01 Any individual may become an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating at any time upon written application and compliance with the requirements of U.S. Figure Skating. Any person meeting the qualifications for individual membership and desiring admission thereto will file an application on the appropriate forms which are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online. **MR ~~20.02~~ (A)** To qualify for individual membership the applicant must:

1A. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org;

2B. Submit, with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for individual members;

3C. Be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.

MR 60.10 Categories of Individual Members

MR 60.11 U.S. Figure Skating offers the following membership categories for individual members:

A. **First family:** The first family member to register for a full membership receives all privileges of a full U.S. Figure Skating membership, including a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

B. **Subsequent family members:** The subsequent membership is available for related persons residing at the same address as a first family member. Subsequent family membership carries the same privileges as a full membership except the subscription to SKATING magazine.

C. **Collegiate:** The collegiate membership is a four-year full membership available at a discounted rate. Collegiate membership carries the same privileges as a first family member for the four-year duration.

MR ~~260.202~~ Dues of Individual Members and Individual Collegiate Members

A. To qualify for individual membership the applicant must:

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

2. Submit, with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for individual members;

3. Be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.

BA. The annual dues of individual first family members are \$144.

1. Individual members paying \$144 dues will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

CB. The annual dues for each individual subsequent individual members of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) are \$65.

1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.

2. Individual members paying \$65 in dues will receive a registration card only.

DC. The dues of individual collegiate members will be are \$170 and will be per person for a four-year period ending June 30 of the fourth year.

1. Individual collegiate members will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

MR ~~260.430~~ Privileges of Individual Members

Individual members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules:

MR 60.31 In addition to any privileges specified in rule MR 60.11, privileges of individual members include, but are not limited to:

A. Participating in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, including, but not limited to, test sessions, performance activities and competitions.

B. Being appointed as a delegate to the Governing Council according to Article VII, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, if otherwise qualified according to Article VII, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

C. Serving, if elected or appointed, in any office or position, including for their home club, and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

D. Serving, if otherwise qualified, as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

MR 60.32 Any individual member who has not paid dues, registration fees or other financial obligations due to U.S. Figure Skating will lose all privileges of membership until such dues are paid.

Rules for Coach Members

MR 70.00 Applying to Become a Coach Member

MR 70.01 Any individual desiring to become a coach member must obtain a U.S. Figure Skating membership as a member of a member club or as an individual member.

MR 70.02 Coach members must be a first family member, whether registered by a member club or as an individual member. If more than one related coach resides at the same address, all coaches must purchase a first family membership.

MR 70.10 Dues of Coach Members

MR 70.11 The registration fee of coach members will include the costs of a background check, continuing education and certification requirements, and professional benefits and services established by the coach development and education program.

MR 70.12 The cost of the coach registration will be approved annually by the Board of Directors and will reflect the costs of providing such services.

MR 70.20 Privileges of Coach Members

MR 70.21 In addition to any privileges specified in rules MR 50.11 and 60.11, privileges of coach members include, but are not limited to:

- A. Participating in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, including, but not limited to, test sessions, performance activities and competitions.
- B. Serving on the Coaches Council, voting for members to serve on the Coaches Council, and serving as coach members of committees.
- C. Being appointed as a delegate to the Governing Council according to Article VII, Section 2 or Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, if otherwise qualified according to Article VII, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.
- D. Serving, if elected or appointed, in any office or position, including for their home club, and exercising all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held. For exceptions see rule MR 5.01 (K)(2).
- E. Serving, if otherwise qualified, as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

Rules for Honorary Members

MR 580.00 Dues of Honorary Members

MR 580.01 Honorary members of U.S. Figure Skating are exempt from the payment of all U.S. Figure Skating membership dues.

MR 580.10 Privileges of Honorary Members

Honorary members are entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules:

- A. Honorary members have all the privileges of home club members with the exception that honorary members who are not listed as a member of a home club have no voting rights at Governing Council.
- B. Honorary members who wish to be listed as a member of a home club must pay any applicable club dues to said club, and the club will request a membership transfer for the honorary member. Honorary members who are listed as a member of a home club may be appointed as a delegate to the Governing Council according to Article VII, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.
- C. Honorary members may serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.

Rules for Supportive Members

MR 620.00 Dues and Benefits of Supportive Members

Dues and benefits of supportive members will be determined by the Board of Directors.

MR 620.10 Privileges of Supportive Members

- A. Supportive members are entitled to the benefits defined each season.
- B. Supportive members:
 1. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating;
 2. Are not eligible to participate in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, including, but not limited to, test sessions, performance activities and competitions, entitled to the privileges specified in Article V, Section 7, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and as set forth in these rules.
 3. Are not eligible to serve in any office or position.
 4. Are not eligible to serve as officials.
 5. Are not eligible to serve as coaches.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023, except for the coach membership, which will be implemented July 1, 2024.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

28. ADOPTED – Exhibit K – Board of Directors

Amend **Article XVI, Section 2 (page 26, Rulebook)** to move the Memorial Fund Committee to the Administrative/Legal Group.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 2 Committee Groups. The following committees are organized into five committee groups:

- Group 1: Athlete Services: Coaches, Dance Development and Technical, ~~Memorial Fund~~, Pairs Development and Technical, Singles Development and Technical, Sports Sciences and Medicine, and Synchronized Development and Technical.
- Group 2: Membership Development: Adult Skating, Membership, and Programs and New Program Development.
- Group 3: Technical and Officials: Competitions, Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management, Domestic Selections, Officials Training and Tests.
- Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Ethics, Grievance, Memorial Fund, Rules, and SkateSafe®.
- Group 5: International: International and International Officials.

Proviso 1: The location of the Memorial Fund Committee within the Committee Rules section of the rulebook will be updated accordingly.

Proviso 2: The name of the Memorial Fund Committee will be updated according to Exhibit L.

Implementation date: May 7, 2023

29. ADOPTED – Exhibit L – Memorial Fund Committee

Amend **Article XVI and Article XIX of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and the Memorial Fund Committee Rules (pages 26, 29 and 76, Rulebook)** to change the name of the Memorial Fund Committee to the Giving Programs Committee and expand the scope of the current Memorial Fund Committee to recognize the addition of many new funds and scholarship programs that have been developed. In addition, remove unnecessary language that is inconsistent with other the rules for other committees.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 1 Permanent Committees. U.S. Figure Skating has the following permanent committees:

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| 1. Adult Skating | 14. International Officials |
| 2. Athletes Advisory | 15. Membership |
| 3. Audit | 16. Memorial Fund <u>Giving Programs</u> |
| 4. Coaches | 17. Officials Training |
| 5. Compensation | 18. Pairs Development and Technical |
| 6. Competitions | 19. Programs and New Program Development |
| 7. Dance Development and Technical | 20. Rules |
| 8. Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management | 21. SkateSafe® |
| 9. Domestic Selections | 22. Singles Development and Technical |
| 10. Ethics | 23. Sports Sciences and Medicine |
| 11. Finance | 24. Strategic Planning |
| 12. Grievance | 25. Synchronized Development and Technical |
| 13. International | 26. Tests |

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- Group 1: Athlete Services: Coaches, Dance Development and Technical, ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs*, Pairs Development and Technical, Singles Development and Technical, Sports Sciences and Medicine, and Synchronized Development and Technical.
- Group 2: Membership Development: Adult Skating, Membership, and Programs and New Program Development.
- Group 3: Technical and Officials: Competitions, Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management, Domestic Selections, Officials Training and Tests.
- Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Ethics, Grievance, Rules, and SkateSafe®.
- Group 5: International: International and International Officials.

***Proviso:** This committee will be moved to the Administrative/Legal Group according to Exhibit K.

ARTICLE XIX

U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund

Section 1 Establishment of Fund. There is hereby established within U.S. Figure Skating a special fund which may be referred to as the "U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund."

- A. Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation dated Jan. 14, 2000, ~~the U.S.~~ The United States Figure Skating Foundation has the responsibility for management and investment of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund, which is held as a special and separate fund within ~~the U.S.~~ The United States Figure Skating Foundation.
- B. The fund is to be promoted by the activities of the ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee described in the ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee Rules.

Section 2 Purpose of Fund. The primary purpose of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund is to memorialize in a manner that would be of assistance to future aspiring figure skaters the 1961 United States World Figure Skating Team, coaches and officials who lost their lives in the tragic crash of their airplane near Brussels, Belgium, on Feb. 15, 1961, while en route to the World Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Section 3 Receipt of Property.

- A. U.S. Figure Skating will receive, accept, take, hold, deal with, disburse and dispose of all property given, transferred, conveyed, devised or bequeathed to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund only in the manner hereinafter authorized and only for the objects, purposes and uses specified in Article II of these bylaws.
- B. Contributions to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund may be received:
 - (i) In the memory of a specific person;
 - (ii) As an unrestricted gift; or
 - (iii) As a restricted gift, subject to IRS rules and regulations, for the use and benefit of such worthy skaters as U.S. Figure Skating member club or clubs specified by the donor may from time to time select through action of their governing boards. However, restricted gifts may be subject to a 10 percent contribution to the general funds of U.S. Figure Skating to cover administrative costs and to promote the general purposes of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund.

Section 4 Memorial Fund Scholarships. The ~~the Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee may award scholarships to assist deserving figure skaters who are in need of financial assistance in order to continue their achievement in competitive figure skating and/or to obtain a college or university education:

- A. By paying to or for the benefit of such skaters the cost of all or any part of the expenses incurred for coaching, ice time, travel to qualifying competitions, skates, competition skating attire and the like, and/or tuition, board and lodging while attending the colleges or universities of their choice.
- B. Race, color, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable, will not be considered in the selection of recipients for such awards.

Section 5 Applications Procedures.

- A. The U.S. Figure Skating ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee, in partnership with the Development Department, will establish procedures, rules and regulations governing the receipt and review of applications for academic and skating scholarships and the designation of those applicants who are to receive such scholarships in order to ensure that the scholarships are properly granted and used.
- B. The ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee may establish such criteria and eligibility standards and adopt such application forms and reports to aid them in determining those applicants who are promising and deserving recipients of awards of scholarships, in allocating the same from the funds available for such purposes and ensuring that such awards are properly made and used consistent with this article.

Section 6 Internal Procedures and Accounting.

- A. U.S. Figure Skating will adopt and employ such internal administrative procedures and accounting methods as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the goals and objectives of Section 4 and Section 5 of this Article XIX.
- B. Such procedures and methods include:
 - (i) The creation and use of banking and investment accounts for the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund separate from those of U.S. Figure Skating, and
 - (ii) Other means sufficient to prevent the commingling of the funds and property of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund with the general funds and property of U.S. Figure Skating.

Memorial Fund Giving Programs Committee (Group 1)

MFCR GPCR 1.00 Authority

MFCR GPCR 1.01 The ~~Memorial Fund~~ Giving Programs Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MFCR GPCR 2.00 Organization

MFCR GPCR 2.01 ~~Memorial Fund~~ The Giving Programs Committee will consist of the chair and such other members as are appointed in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MFCR 2.00—Purposes

MFCR 2.01—The Memorial Fund was created shortly after the airplane accident in Belgium that took the lives of all of the members of the 1961 U.S. World Figure Skating Team, accompanying officials, coaches and friends while en route to the 1961 World Championships.

MFCR 2.02—The underlying thought in the establishment of the fund was to create a living and continuing memorial to the 1961 World Team that would be of assistance to future aspiring skaters.

MFCR 2.03—The mission of the Memorial Fund is to provide qualified U.S. Figure Skating skaters in need of financial aid with monetary assistance to pursue their goals both inside and outside the competitive arena. The fund is committed to awarding skating and academic scholarships to those athletes who have demonstrated excellent competitive results and/or academic achievements and who have future potential in national and international competition. In order to fulfill this mission, the Memorial Fund seeks support from members, corporations, foundations and the general public.

MFCR 2.04—The Memorial Fund accepts restricted contributions for the use and benefit, consistent with its tax exempt purposes as set forth in the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, of worthy skaters who are selected by the governing authority of a member club that has been designated by the donor. Ten percent of restricted contributions is applied to the general funds of the Memorial Fund to assist in meeting administrative costs and to promote the general purposes of the fund.

MFCR 2.05—The Memorial Fund Committee will implement procedures and practices to insure that all donated funds (including restricted contributions) will be used to carry out the tax exempt purposes of the fund.

MFCR 2.06—As originally organized, in March 1961, the Memorial Fund was a free standing Massachusetts Trust with its own tax deductible status. The trustees of the fund were the officers of U.S. Figure Skating. In 1979 the Memorial Fund assets were transferred to U.S. Figure Skating, with its assets and investments remaining separate for administrative and accounting purposes as provided in Article XIX, Sections 1 and 6, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MFCR GPCR 3.00 Responsibility

GPCR 3.01 The Giving Programs Committee will:

- A. Encourage gifts to U.S. Figure Skating's giving funds, including the Memorial Fund, the Mabel Fairbanks Skating Yours Fund, the Synchronized Skating Athlete Support Fund, and any future funds approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. Determine eligibility criteria for various scholarships and awards funded and distributed by U.S. Figure Skating and/or The United States Figure Skating Foundation.
- C. Provide input into the annual budget and scholarship amounts for awards funded and distributed by U.S. Figure Skating and/or The United States Figure Skating Foundation.
- D. In partnership with headquarters, strategize fundraising initiatives associated with the funds.

MFCR 3.01—The Memorial Fund Committee has members and representatives in many of the member clubs, who serve as a source for the raising of money for the fund. Such efforts are accomplished by encouraging gifts in memory of skaters, friends and families and in commemoration of special occasions, by urging clubs to donate part or all of the net proceeds from ice shows and exhibitions which they sponsor, as well as any other means of raising money for the fund.

MFCR 3.02—Eligibility for a grant from the Memorial Fund will be determined by the Memorial Fund Committee. The chair of the Memorial Fund will annually send application forms for Memorial Fund scholarships to all eligible skaters and to all member clubs. Returned applications will be evaluated according to specific criteria developed by the Memorial Fund Committee. The selection of candidates for skating and academic scholarships is made based on financial need, competitive skating achievements and general impression. The applicant's grade point average is also a factor for academic scholarships. The chair of the Memorial Fund, with input from the sectional representatives and an athlete representative from each section, designates the amount of each scholarship and oversees that it is used in accordance with the purpose of the Memorial Fund as set forth in the bylaws of U.S. Figure Skating.

MFCR 3.03—The Memorial Fund Committee develops operating budgets and policies and is responsible for their implementation and interpretation in accordance with Article XIX of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

MFCR 4.00—Tax Deductible Status

MFCR 4.01—Contributions and bequests to the Memorial Fund are fully deductible for federal income, gift and estate tax purposes as charitable contributions by reason of a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service (Oct. 31, 1978, Ref. AUS:EO:78-3538) to the effect that U.S. Figure Skating, of which the Memorial Fund is a part, qualifies for such status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. The Internal Revenue Service also has ruled (April 17, 1981, Ref. EO:7213-309:BWS DAL: EO: 81-1342) that U.S. Figure Skating (and therefore the Memorial Fund) qualifies under Section 509(a)(1) of the code and hence is not a private foundation within the meaning of that term as defined therein.

Implementation date: May 7, 2023

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

101. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend the duration of the juvenile, junior and senior solo free dance tests (rule 8391 (A), (D) and (E), page 269, Rulebook) to align with the Solo Dance Series.

8391 Standard Solo Free Dance Tests (pages 269-271)

A. Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test

Duration: ~~1:40~~ 1:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

D. Junior Solo Free Dance Test

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

E. Senior Solo Free Dance Test

Duration: ~~2:50~~ 3:10 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

102. APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 7430 (page 225, Rulebook), Elements for the Novice Pairs Short Program, to allow more options for required elements in the short program and remove the single throw jump.

7431 Elements for the Novice Pairs Short Program 2022-23

NOVICE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2022-23)* 2:50 maximum time Must contain the following seven elements in any order	
LIFT	One overhead lift • Must be <u>any hand-to-hip (Group 3), hand-to-hand lift take off (Group 4) or lasso lift take off (Group 5)</u> • One-handed variations and changes of hold or of the woman's position during the lift are permitted • The lift may not include a carry feature or be a carry lift • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
THROW JUMP	One throw jump (single , double or triple) • Must be single, double or triple toe loop or flip/Lutz
SOLO JUMP	One solo jump (double) • <u>Any double jump is permitted</u> Must be double jump loop or double Axel
DEATH SPIRAL	One backward inside death spiral • Only the prescribed <u>Any</u> death spiral is permitted • When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position • Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee

~~*Note: Requirements for future seasons can be found on the Members Only site.~~

Note: No changes are being made to the twist lift, spin or step sequence.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

103.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 7432 (page 226, Rulebook), Elements for the Novice Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test, to allow a three-jump combination/sequence.

7432 Elements for the Novice Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

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 jump combination or sequence • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence <u>Consisting of two or three jumps</u> • All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps • Single, double or triple jumps	One jump combination or jump sequence • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence <u>Consisting of two or three jumps</u> • All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps • Single, double or triple jumps

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

104.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 7441 (page 227, Rulebook), Elements for the Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test, to add a single twist lift and increase the time by 15 seconds.

7441 Elements for the Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST		
3:00<u>15</u> +/- 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 • Lifts can be selected from Groups 1-4. • Lifts must be from different groups, and one lift must be from Group 1 or Group 2. • Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the woman'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. Lifts must be from different groups, and one lift must be from Group 1 or 2. • Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the woman'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)
<u>TWIST LIFT</u>	<u>Maximum of one</u> • <u>Single</u> • <u>Must have a flip or Lutz take-off</u> • <u>Maximum of Level 2</u>	<u>One twist lift</u> • <u>Single</u> • <u>Must have flip or Lutz take off</u>
THROW JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One throw jump (single or double)
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One solo jump (single or double)
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one (single or double jumps only) • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence	One jump combination or jump sequence • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • Single or double jumps

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 3:00<u>15</u> +/- 10 seconds		
PAIR SPIN	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
SOLO SPIN / SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one solo spin or spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of five revolutions • Change of foot, position, and flying entry are optional • If spin combination, must have all three basic positions to receive full value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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 woman is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the woman 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
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible 	One choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible
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. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 7238)

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

105.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend the **preliminary spin requirements** found in **rule 6471 (pg. 200, Rulebook)**.

6471 Requirements for the Preliminary Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

Spins

- Maximum of two spins
- All spins must be of a different character. Spins in one position must be in different positions.
- Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions.
- One spin MUST be a spin in one position.
- One spin MAY change positions.
- Spins may change feet. and/or positions
- Spins may start with a flying entry.
- ~~The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

106.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend the **pre-preliminary spin requirements** found in **rule 6481 (pg. 201, Rulebook)**.

6481 Requirements for the Pre-Preliminary Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test:

Spins

- Maximum of two spins
- All spins must be of a different character. Spins in one position must be in different positions.
- Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions
- One spin MUST be a spin in one position.
- One spin MAY change positions.
- Spins may change feet. and/or positions
- Spins may start with a flying entry
- ~~The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

107.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend the **no test spin requirements** found in **rule 6491 (page 202, Rulebook)**.

6491 Requirements for the No Test Boys and Girls Free Skate

Spins

- Maximum of two spins
- All spins must be of a different character
- Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions
- One spin MUST be a spin in one position.
- One spin MAY change positions.
- Spins may change feet. and/or positions
- Spins may start with a flying entry
- ~~The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

108.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rules 1071 (C)(1)(f)(i) and 1071 (C)(1)(f)(ii) (pg. 101, Rulebook)** so that the fall deduction for preliminary and pre-juvenile will be 0.25 rather than 0.5 for every fall.

1071 C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

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

f. Falls in singles (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):

- i. -0.25 for every fall in no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze singles events
- ii. -0.5 for every fall in preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher singles events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

109.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rules 6461, 6471, 6481 and 6491 (pages 199-202, Rulebook)** to replace the choreographic step sequence with a choreographic sequence for pre-juvenile and lower levels.

In the charts for all rules noted above

~~Step sequence~~

~~One choreographic step sequence~~

- ~~Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed~~
- ~~using almost the full ice surface~~
- ~~Jumps may be included in the step sequence~~
- ~~Step sequences that are too short and barely visible~~
- ~~cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater~~
- ~~Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements~~

Choreographic sequence

One choreographic sequence

- Must be clearly visible

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2023

110. APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 6452 (pg 198, Rulebook)** to change the choreographic step sequence to a leveled step sequence, maximum of Level 1 for juvenile/open juvenile.

6452 Elements for the Juvenile/Open Juvenile Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

Maximum of one choreographic step sequence

- ~~Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface~~
- ~~A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE~~
- ~~A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value~~
- ~~Jumps may be included in the step sequence~~
- ~~Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater~~
- ~~Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such~~

Maximum of one step sequence

- Only minimum variety (five turns) will be evaluated for a maximum of Level 1
- Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2023

111. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9400, senior synchronized skating age requirements, (page 306, Rulebook)** to increase the minimum age to 16 for the 2023-24 season.

9400 Synchronized Skating Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

Test qualifications are as of the closing date for entries. Age requirements are as of the preceding July 1.

Test Qualifications and Age Requirements for the 2023-24 Season		
Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Senior	Gold skating skills (standard or Skate United track)	16 skaters who are 15 <u>16</u> years of age or older

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

112. APPROVED – Synchronized Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 9400, senior synchronized skating age requirements, (page 306, Rulebook)** to increase the minimum age to 17 for the 2024-25 season and beyond.

9400 Synchronized Skating Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

Test qualifications are as of the closing date for entries. Age requirements are as of the preceding July 1.

Test Qualifications and Age Requirements for the 2024-25 Season and Beyond		
Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Senior	Gold skating skills (standard or Skate United track)	16 skaters who are 15 <u>17</u> years of age or older

Implementation date: July 1, 2024

113. APPROVED – Dance, Pairs and Singles Development & Technical Committees

Amend the **Technical Requirements - Singles, Technical Requirements - Pairs, and Technical Requirements - Ice Dance, and Singles Bonus and Pairs Bonus** rules as follows:

Summary of Changes:

- Remove rules already updated and maintained within documents posted on the Members Only site, primarily focusing on short program/rhythm dance and well-balanced free skate/free dance element lists (age and program lengths to remain in rulebook)
- Where possible, combine existing rules to reduce redundancy or improve comprehension, while maintaining the spirit of the rule(s).

Technical Requirements – Singles

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

D. Singles Bonus – Junior and Novice

Singles skaters can earn bonus points for jumps that are achieved in a junior or novice short program or free skate. Unless otherwise specified in this rule, jumps may be performed as a solo jump, or in combination or sequence. To be eligible for bonus points in junior and novice, jumps must be fully rotated or landed on the quarter (q), and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps that are downgraded (<<), are under-rotated (<), have a wrong edge (e) or with an edge attention (!) are not eligible for any bonus points in junior and novice. Elements eligible for bonus points, and the corresponding point values, will be determined by the Singles Development and Technical Committee and published in the domestic calling clarifications on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.

1. Junior Singles Short Program and Free Skate:-

- a. +1.0 bonus for each triple Axel achieved;
- b. +1.0 bonus for each quadruple jump achieved;
- c. Women only: +1.0 bonus for one two-jump or three-jump combination achieved in which two triple jumps are executed in succession.

2. Novice Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

- a. +1.0 bonus for each triple Axel achieved;
- b. +1.0 bonus for each two-jump or three-jump combination/sequence achieved in which two triple jumps are executed in succession;
- c. +1.0 bonus for one three-jump combination with a double Axel or triple jump followed by a single jump followed by a triple jump;
- d. +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.

E. Singles Bonus – Intermediate and Juvenile

Singles skaters can earn bonus points for jumps that are achieved in an intermediate short program or free skate or juvenile free skate. Unless otherwise specified in this rule, jumps may be performed as a solo jump, or in combination or sequence. To be eligible for bonus points in intermediate and juvenile, jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps with an edge attention (!) are eligible for a bonus in intermediate and juvenile. Jumps that are downgraded (<<) or have a wrong edge (e) are not eligible for any bonus points.

1. Intermediate Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

- a. +1.0 bonus for each triple jump achieved (maximum two triples, must be different);
- b. +1.0 bonus for one triple jump achieved that immediately follows a double jump (including double Axel) in a jump combination/sequence (sequence for free skate only);
- c. +1.0 bonus for one three-jump combination with a double Axel or triple jump followed by a single jump followed by a triple jump (free skate only);

2. Juvenile Singles Free Skate:

- a. +1.0 bonus for each double Axel achieved;
- b. +1.0 bonus for one triple jump achieved;

Note: The pairs bonus rules will be re-lettered to E.

6000 Singles Rules

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior and senior events. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. For novice events, Revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on the Members Only site and, when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

A. The short program and the well-balanced free skate requirements will be reviewed by the Singles Development and Technical Committee and published on usfigureskating.org no later than July 1 each season.

B. The chair of the Singles Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the vice chair of development, the vice chair of technical, and the technical panel representative on the Singles Development and Technical Committee, will determine the short program and well-balanced free skate elements for levels other than junior and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published on usfigureskating.org.

No changes are being made to rules 6001-6050.

6051 Permissible Time Allowance – ~~Short Programs Intermediate and Novice Short Programs, Pre-Preliminary and No Test Free Skates and All Adult Events~~

~~The duration of open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, and novice short programs, and pre-preliminary, no test and adult free skate must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included. Skaters are allowed to finish junior and senior short programs within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time will be considered in the marking as omitted. See rules 6913 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that exceed the time limit using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.~~

~~A. Senior Short Program: 2:40 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~B. Junior Short Program: 2:40 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~C. Novice Short Program: 2:30 max~~

~~D. Intermediate Short Program: 2:10 max~~

~~E. Juvenile Short Program: 2:10 max~~

~~F. Open Juvenile Short Program: 2:10 max~~

6052 Permissible Time Allowance – ~~Junior and Senior Short Programs and All Free Skates (Except Pre-Preliminary, No Test and Adult)~~

~~Skaters are allowed to finish junior and senior short programs, and all free skates (except for pre-preliminary, no test and adult events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Skaters are allowed to finish all free skates (except for pre-preliminary, no test, and all adult events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will receive no value. Should the program be 30 seconds or more short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. See rules 6914 and 1071 (C) for deductions using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed.~~

~~A. Senior Free Skate: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~B. Junior Free Skate: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~C. Novice Free Skate: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~D. Intermediate Free Skate: 3:00 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~E. Juvenile Free Skate: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~F. Open Juvenile Free Skate: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~G. Pre-Juvenile Free Skate: 2:00 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~H. Preliminary Free Skate: 2:00 +/- 10 seconds~~

~~I. Pre-Preliminary Free Skate: 1:40 max~~

~~J. No Test Free Skate: 1:40 max~~

~~A. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.~~

~~B. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded.~~

~~See rules 6914 and (C) for deductions using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed.~~

6060 Composition of Singles Events

6061 Senior, junior, novice and intermediate free skate events shall consist of a short program and a free skate. If a qualifying round is necessary at qualifying competitions, only the free skate shall be skated in the qualifying round. The championship round shall consist of a short program and a free skate. The short program must precede the free skate except in qualifying rounds.

6062 Juvenile and open juvenile singles events shall consist of free skate only; however, at nonqualifying competitions, a juvenile or open juvenile short program may be offered.

6063 For the adult championships, all singles events shall consist of free skate only.

6070 Segment Descriptions

6080 Short Program Description

The short program for singles is a program of specified free skate elements performed for a specified period of time to music of the skater's choice. The sequence of the elements is optional. It is judged on two aspects — the merit of the technical elements and the program components of the program.

A. The short program for senior and junior singles shall consist of seven technical elements with connecting steps.

B. The short program for novice, and intermediate, juvenile and open juvenile singles shall consist of six technical elements with connecting steps.

6090 Free Skate Description

6091 The free skate consists of a well-balanced program of free skate elements such as jumps, spins, steps and other linking movements executed with a minimum of two-footed skating in harmony with music of the skater's choice.

6092 Within the applicable well-balanced program requirements of the skater's level, the skater has complete freedom to select the free skate elements, the sum of which will comprise the program. All elements are to be linked together by connecting steps of a different nature and by other comparable free skating movements while fully utilizing the entire ice surface (forward and backward crossovers are not considered to be connecting steps). Special attention must be given to choreography, expression, interpretation of the music, intricate footwork and transitions between elements.

6093 The free skate elements will consist of the following number of elements (note: current and future season requirements can be found on usfigureskating.org):

- A. Senior free skate consists of a maximum of twelve elements (max 7 jump elements, max 3 spins, max 2 sequences)
- B. Junior free skate consists of a maximum of eleven elements (max 7 jump elements, max 3 spins, max 1 sequence)
- C. Novice free skate consists of a maximum of eleven elements (max 7 jump elements, max 3 spins, max 1 sequence)
- D. Intermediate free skate consists of a maximum of nine elements (max 6 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)
- E. Juvenile and open juvenile free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)
- F. Pre-juvenile free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)
- G. Preliminary free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)
- H. Pre-preliminary free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)
- I. No test free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)

6100 Singles Definitions, General Criteria and Basic Requirements

No changes are being made to this section.

6200 Singles Test Requirements

See rules 6412-6561 later in this section for the free skate test elements.

6210 Classification of Singles Tests

No changes are being made to this section.

6400 Singles Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

For test qualifications for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook. Test qualifications for nonqualifying events must be met by closing date of entries.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Minimum Test Qualifications</u>	<u>Age Requirements</u>
Senior	Gold skating skills test and gold singles test	None
Junior	Pre-gold skating skills test or higher and pre-gold singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the senior level.	None
Novice	Silver skating skills test or higher and silver singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.	None
Intermediate	Pre-silver skating skills test or higher and the pre-silver singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.	<u>Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition:</u> Under age 18
Juvenile/Open Juvenile	Bronze skating skills test or higher, and bronze singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.	<u>Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition:</u> Juvenile: 12 year of ages or younger for girls; 13 years of age or younger for boys Open Juvenile: 13 years of age or older for girls. 14 years of age or older for boys
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-bronze skating skills test or higher and pre-bronze singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.	None
Preliminary	Preliminary skating skills test or higher and preliminary singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.	None

<u>Level</u>	<u>Minimum Test Qualifications</u>	<u>Age Requirements</u>
Pre-Preliminary	Pre-preliminary skating skills test or higher and the pre-preliminary singles test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.	None
No Test	May not have passed any singles tests, but may have passed skating skills tests without restriction.	None

6400—~~Singles Competition Requirements and Standard and Adult Free Skate Test Elements~~

6410—~~Senior Singles~~

For test qualifications and age requirement for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook

A. Test qualifications: Senior moves in the field test and the senior free skate test

B. Age requirements: None

6411—~~Elements for the Senior Men's and Women's Short Program~~

	SENIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	SENIOR WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order
AXEL-TYPE JUMP	One double or triple Axel	One double or triple Axel
SOLO JUMP	One triple or one quadruple jump	One triple jump
JUMP COMBINATION	One jump combination consisting of a double jump and a triple jump (in either order), two triple jumps, a quadruple jump and a double jump (in either order) or a quadruple jump and a triple jump (in either order) • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump	One jump combination consisting of a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
FLYING SPIN	One flying spin • Any type of flying spin is permitted, but the landing position must be different than the spin in one position • Minimum of eight revolutions in landing position, which may be different from the flying position. The required revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position.	One flying spin • Any type of flying spin is permitted, but the landing position must be different than the spin in one position • Minimum of eight revolutions in landing position, which may be different from the flying position. The required revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position.
SPIN IN ONE POSITION	One camel spin or sit spin • With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot in the chosen basic position • Cannot be commenced with a jump	One layback/sideways leaning spin, sit spin or camel spin without change of foot • Minimum of eight revolutions in position • If performing a layback/sideways leaning spin, any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least eight revolutions without rising to an upright position. After the required revolutions, it is possible to execute the Biellmann position. • Cannot be commenced with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence • Must fully utilize the ice surface	One step sequence • Must fully utilize the ice surface

	SENIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	SENIOR WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See rule 2054 for U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships requirements: • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 6100): • Jumps that do not satisfy the requirements will have no value: • If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted): • If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution: • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions: 	

6412 Elements for the Senior Men's and Women's Free Skate and Free Skate Test

SENIOR MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	Maximum of seven jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump: • Jumps can contain any number of revolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Of the two repetitions, only one can be a quadruple jump. • 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: • There may be up to three jump combinations or two jump combinations and one jump sequence: • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may contain three jumps: 	Seven jump elements, which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single, double or triple Axel* • Four different double, triple or quad jumps, one of which must be a double Lutz, triple jump or quad jump* • Two two-jump or three-jump combinations, each including two jumps with at least two rotations <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>
SPINS	Maximum of three spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions • One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions • One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions • All spins must be of a different character • In all spins, the change of foot is optional • All spins may begin with a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	Three spins: Same as competition program requirements
STEP SEQUENCE	Maximum of one step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface 	Same as competition program requirements
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible • Can be performed before or after the step sequence 	Same as competition program requirements

SENIOR MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
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 6100). • If an extra jump(s) 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. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6420 Junior Singles

For test qualifications and age requirement for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook

A. Test qualifications: Junior moves in the field test or higher and the junior free skate test or higher.

B. Age requirements: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the senior level.

6421 Elements for the Junior Men's and Women's Short Program 2022-23

2022-23 SEASON	JUNIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM- 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	JUNIOR WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM- 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order
AXEL-TYPE JUMP	One double or triple Axel	One double Axel
SOLO JUMP	One double or triple loop	One double or triple loop
JUMP COMBINATION	One jump combination consisting of a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump 	One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump and a triple jump (in either order), or two triple jumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
FLYING SPIN	One flying camel spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the prescribed type of flying spin is permitted • Minimum of eight revolutions in landing position, which may be different from the flying position. The required revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position. 	One flying camel spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the prescribed type of flying spin is permitted • Minimum of eight revolutions in landing position, which may be different from the flying position. The required revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position.
SPIN IN ONE POSITION	One sit spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot in the chosen basic position • Cannot be commenced with a jump 	One layback/sideways leaning spin or sit spin without change of foot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of eight revolutions in position • If performing a layback/sideways leaning spin, any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least eight revolutions without rising to an upright position. After the required revolutions, it is possible to execute the Biellmann position. • Cannot be commenced with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump 	One spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of six revolutions on each foot • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface 	One step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface

2022-23 SEASON	JUNIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	JUNIOR WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See rule 2054 for U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships requirements. • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 6100). • Jumps that do not satisfy requirements will have no value. • If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted). • If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	

*Requirements for future seasons can be found on the Members Only site.

6422 Elements for the Junior Men's and Women's Free Skate and Free Skate Test

JUNIOR MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of seven jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump. • Jumps can contain any number of revolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • There may be up to three jump combinations or two jump combinations and one jump sequence. • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may contain three jumps. 	<p>Seven jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single, double or triple Axel* • Four different double, triple or quad jumps, one of which must be a double flip, double Lutz, triple jump or quad jump* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including two jumps with at least two rotations • One additional jump element must include at least one listed jump, which may be any single, double, triple or quad jump and may be the same as a jump(s) 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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of three spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions • One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions • One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions • All spins must be of a different character • In all spins, the change of foot is optional • All spins may begin with a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	<p>Three spins: Same as competition program requirements</p>
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one choreographic sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>

JUNIOR MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
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 6100). • If an extra jump(s) 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. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6430 Novice Singles

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Novice moves in the field test or higher and the novice free skate test or higher.

B. Age requirements: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.

6431 Elements for the Novice Men's and Women's Short Program

	NOVICE MEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:30 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order	NOVICE WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:30 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order
AXEL-TYPE JUMP	One single Axel or double Axel	One single Axel or double Axel
SOLO JUMP	One double or triple jump	One double or triple jump
JUMP COMBINATION	One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump	One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
SPIN IN ONE POSITION	One camel spin • With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot • Cannot be commenced with a jump	One layback/sideways leaning spin, sit spin or camel spin without change of foot • Minimum of six revolutions in position • If performing a layback/sideways leaning spin, any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least six revolutions without rising to an upright position. After the required revolutions, it is possible to execute the Biellmann position. • Cannot be commenced with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence • Must fully utilize the ice surface	One step sequence • Must fully utilize the ice surface
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 6100). • If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted). • If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	

6432 Elements for the Novice Men's and Women's Free Skate and Free Skate Test

NOVICE MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of seven jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump. • Jumps can contain any number of revolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • There may be up to three jump combinations or two jump combinations and one jump sequence. • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may contain three jumps. 	<p>Seven jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single, double or triple Axel* • Three different double, 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 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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of three spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions. Change of foot is optional. • One must be a flying spin with a minimum of six revolutions and no change of position or change of foot • All spins must be of a different character • All spins may have a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	<p>Three spins: Same as competition program requirements</p>
STEP-SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
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 6100). • If an extra jump(s) 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. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6440 Intermediate Singles

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook:

A. Test qualifications: Intermediate moves in the field test or higher and the intermediate free skate test or higher.

B. Age requirements: Under age 18

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.

6441 Elements for the Intermediate Men's and Women's Short Program

	INTERMEDIATE MEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:10 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order	INTERMEDIATE WOMEN SHORT PROGRAM 2:10 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order
AXEL-TYPE JUMP	One single Axel or double Axel	One single Axel or double Axel
SOLO JUMP	One double or triple jump	One double or triple jump
JUMP COMBINATION	One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order), two double jumps, a single jump and a triple jump (in either order), a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump	One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order), two double jumps, a single jump and a triple jump (in either order), a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
SPIN IN ONE POSITION	One camel spin with no change of position • One change of foot required • Minimum of four revolutions in position on each foot • May not commence with a jump	One camel spin with no change of position • One change of foot required • Minimum of four revolutions in position on each foot • May not commence with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • May not be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump	One spin combination • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • May not be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence • Only simple variety (seven turns) and rotation in each direction covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction will be evaluated for a maximum of Level 2 • Must fully utilize the ice surface	One step sequence • Only simple variety (seven turns) and rotation in each direction covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction will be evaluated for a maximum of Level 2 • Must fully utilize the ice surface
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 6100). • If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted). • If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	

6442 Elements for the Intermediate Men's and Women's Free Skate and Free Skate Test

INTERMEDIATE MEN & WOMEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 3:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of six 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. • No more than two different jumps with 2½ or three revolutions may be repeated. • If any double or triple jumps, including double Axel, are repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence. • If at least one of these executions is in a jump combination or a jump sequence, both executions (of the same double or triple jump) are evaluated in a regular way. If both executions (of the same double or triple jump) are as solo jumps, the second of these solo jumps will receive 70 percent of its original base value. • No double or triple jump can be included more than twice. • There may be up to three jump combinations or two jump combinations and one jump sequence. • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may contain three jumps. 	<p>Six jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single Axel or double Axel* • One double or triple jump* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including at least one double jump or one triple jump • Three additional jump elements each must include at least one listed jump, which may 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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position, optional change of foot, and a minimum of eight revolutions • One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of five revolutions and optional change of foot • All spins must be of a different character • One spin must have a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	<p>Two spins: Same as competition program requirements</p>
STEP-SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only simple variety (seven turns) and rotation in each direction covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction will be evaluated for a maximum of Level 2 • Must fully utilize the ice surface 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
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 6100) • If an extra jump(s) 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 • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100) • Extra elements may be added without penalty • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6450 Juvenile Singles and Open Juvenile Singles

Note: Open juvenile singles is a nonqualifying event.

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Juvenile moves in the field test or higher, and juvenile free skate test or higher.

B. Age requirements:

1. Juvenile: 12 years of age or younger for girls; 13 years of age or younger for boys

2. Open Juvenile: 13 years of age or older for girls; 14 years of age or older for boys

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.

6451 Elements for the Juvenile/Open Juvenile Boys and Girls Short Program

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE BOYS & GIRLS SHORT PROGRAM OPTIONAL FOR NONQUALIFYING COMPETITIONS – NOT A SEGMENT AT QUALIFYING- COMPETITIONS (Juvenile events at National Qualifying Series events, sectional singles challenges and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships will still consist of a free skate only.) 2:10 maximum time Must contain the following six elements in any order	
AXEL-TYPE JUMP	One single Axel or double Axel
SOLO JUMP	One single or double jump
JUMP COMBINATION	One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order) or two double jumps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
SPIN IN ONE-POSITION	One spin with only one position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change of foot • Minimum of five revolutions in position • May commence with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump
STEP SEQUENCE	One choreographic step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface • A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value
REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No triple jumps permitted • Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 6100) • If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted) • If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions.

6452 Elements for the Juvenile/Open Juvenile Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 2:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of five jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump. • All single and double jumps, including the double Axel, and one triple jump are permitted. • No additional triple or quadruple jumps are permitted. • No more than three different double jumps may be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or a jump sequence. • If at least one of these executions is in a jump combination or a jump sequence, both executions (of the same double jump) are evaluated in a regular way. If both executions (of the same double jump) are as solo jumps, the second of these solo jumps will receive 70 percent of its original base value. • No double jump can be included more than twice. The allowed triple jump can only be included once. • There may be up to two jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence. • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may contain three jumps with a maximum of two double jumps and one single jump. If double Axel or triple jump is part of three-jump combination/sequence, then two other double jumps may be included. 	<p>Five jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One single Axel or double Axel* • Three different single or double jumps* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including two single jumps, one single jump and one double jump (in either order) or two double jumps <p>One triple jump is permitted. It may be performed as a solo jump or in one of the jump combinations or sequences, and it fulfills the requirement of a single or double jump.</p> <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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position, optional change of foot, and a minimum of eight revolutions • One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of five revolutions and no change of foot • All spins must be of a different character • Both spins may have a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted. • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	<p>Two spins: Same as competition program requirements</p>
STEP SEQUENCE	<p>Maximum of one choreographic step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface • A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE • A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
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 6100). • If an extra jump(s) 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. • See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6460 Pre-Juvenile Singles

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Pre-juvenile moves in the field test or higher and the pre-juvenile free skate test or higher.
- B. Age requirements: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

6461 Elements for the Pre-Juvenile Girls and Boys Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PRE-JUVENILE BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 2:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below:
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of five jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump • All single and double jumps are permitted except double Axel • No double Axels, triple or quadruple jumps are permitted • An Axel plus up to three different double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination • The number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • There may be up to two jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps with a maximum of two double jumps and one single jump 	<p>Five jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One waltz jump or single Axel* • Three different jumps selected from single loop, single flip, single Lutz, single Axel, or any double jump, except double Axel* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including two single jumps, one single jump and one double jump (in either order) or two double jumps (double Axel is not permitted) <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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position, optional change of foot, and a minimum of six revolutions • One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of four revolutions and no change of foot • All spins must be of a different character • Both spins may have a flying entry • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required 	<p>Two spins:</p> <p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
STEP-SEQUENCE	<p>One choreographic step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface • Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater • Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
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 6100). • For events judged using the IJS, see Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238).

6470 Preliminary Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: preliminary moves in the field test or higher and the preliminary free skate test or higher.

B. Age requirements: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

6471 Elements for the Preliminary Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PRELIMINARY BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 2:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below.
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of five jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump • All single jumps, including the single Axel, are permitted. Only two different double jumps, chosen from double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop, may be attempted. • Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps are not permitted. • An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination. • The number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded. • There may be up to two jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps with a maximum of two double jumps and one single jump 	<p>Five jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One waltz jump or single Axel* • Three different single or allowable double jumps* • One two-jump or three-jump combination including two single jumps, one single jump and one allowable double jump (in either order) or two allowable double jumps <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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All spins must be of a different character • Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions • Spins may change feet and/or positions • Spins may start with a flying entry • The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed 	<p>Two spins: Same as competition program requirements</p> <p>Note: 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).</p>
STEP SEQUENCE	<p>One choreographic step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fully utilize the ice surface • Jumps may be included in the step sequence • Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater • Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements 	<p>Same as competition program requirements</p>
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 6100). • For events judged using the IJS, see Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • Extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238)

6480—Pre-Preliminary Singles

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: pre-preliminary moves in the field test or higher and the pre-preliminary free skate test or higher.
- B. Age requirements: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

6481—Elements for the Pre-Preliminary Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PRE-PRELIMINARY BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & FREE SKATE TEST 1:40 maximum		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order:	Test: Must meet the minimum requirements below: Note: The skater may choose to complete the elements in a program (with or without music), or as isolated elements.
JUMPS	<p>Maximum of five jump elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps, including single Axel, are permitted, but double, triple and quadruple jumps are not permitted • The Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump, or in a jump sequence or jump combination • The number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • There may be up to two jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence • Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps 	<p>Five jump elements, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One waltz jump or single Axel* • Four different jumps, two of which must be single jumps. The remaining two jumps may be half jumps (half Lutz and half flip), single jumps or one of each.* <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>
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All spins must be of a different character • Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions • Spins may change feet and/or positions • Spins may start with a flying entry • Skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed 	<p>Two spins: Same as competition program requirements</p> <p>Note:</p> <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).
STEP SEQUENCE	<p>One choreographic step sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must utilize one-half the ice surface • Jumps may be included in the step sequence • Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater • Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements 	Same as competition program requirements
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 6100). • For events judged using the IJS, see Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions. 	<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 6100). • If performed as a program, extra elements may be added without penalty. • Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 6238)

6490 No Test Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: may not have passed any free skate tests, but may have passed moves in the field tests without restriction:

B. Age requirements: None

6491 Elements for the No Test Boys and Girls Free Skate

NO TEST BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 1:40 maximum Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of five jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All single jumps are permitted except for the single Axel• No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps are permitted• The number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded• There may be up to two jump combinations or one jump combination and one jump sequence• Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps
SPINS	Maximum of two spins <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All spins must be of a different character• Each spin must have a minimum of three revolutions• Spins may change feet and/or positions• Spins may start with a flying entry• The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed
STEP-SEQUENCE	One choreographic step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must utilize one-half the ice surface• Jumps may be included in the step sequence• Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater.• Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements
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 6100).• For events judged using the IJS, see Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions:

No changes are being made to rules 6500-6700.

6900 Marking of Singles – 6.0 and IJS

No changes are being made to this section.

Technical Requirements – Pairs

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

F. Pairs Bonus

Pairs skaters can earn bonus points for jumps, throw jumps and twist lifts that are achieved in a short program or free skate. Elements eligible for bonus points, and the corresponding point values, will be determined by the Pairs Development and Technical Committee and published in the domestic calling clarifications on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.

1. **Jump Bonus:** To be eligible for bonus points, jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps that are downgraded (<=) are not eligible for any bonus points. Jumps that have a wrong edge (e) or an edge attention (!) assigned are eligible for a bonus in pairs:
 - a. Junior Pairs Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each triple jump achieved by both partners:
 - b. Novice Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each double Axel achieved by both partners:
 - c. Novice Pairs Free Skate: +2.0 bonus for each triple jump achieved by both partners:
 - d. Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Juvenile Pairs Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each double Axel achieved by both partners:
2. **Throw Bonus:** To be eligible for bonus points, throw jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short program or free skate requirements and repeat rules. Throw jumps that are downgraded (<=) are not eligible for any bonus points:
 - a. Novice Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each throw double Axel or throw triple jump achieved:

3. ~~Twist Bonus: To be eligible for bonus points, twist lifts must be fully rotated and must be compliant with short program or free skate requirements. Twist lifts that are downgraded (<<) are not eligible for any bonus points.~~

a ~~Junior Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each triple twist achieved.~~

7000 Pairs Rules

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior and senior events. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. ~~For novice events, R~~revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on the Members Only site, and when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

A. The short program and well-balanced free skate requirements will be reviewed by the Pairs Development and Technical Committee and published on usfigureskating.org no later than July 1 each season.

B. The chair of the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the vice chair of development, the vice chair of technical, and the technical panel representative on the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, will determine the short program and well-balanced free skate elements for levels other than junior and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published on usfigureskating.org.

No changes are being proposed to rules 7001-7040.

7050 Duration of Skating – Pairs

Timing starts from the moment either partner begins to move or skate. Timing stops when both skaters come to a complete stop at the end of the program.

7051 Permissible Time Allowance – ~~Novice Short Programs and All Adult Events~~

The duration of ~~novice short programs and adult free skates~~ must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included. Teams are allowed to finish junior and senior short programs within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time will be considered in the marking as omitted. See rules 7913 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that exceed the time limit using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.

A. Senior short program: 2:40 +/- 10 seconds

B. Junior short program: 2:40 +/- 10 seconds

C. Novice short program: 2:50 max

7052 Permissible Time Allowance – ~~Junior and Senior Short Programs and Juvenile through Senior Free Skates~~

Teams are allowed to finish ~~junior and senior short programs, and all free skates (except for adult events)~~ within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. See rules 7914 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.

A. Senior Free Skate: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds

B. Junior Free Skate: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds

C. Novice Free Skate: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds

D. Intermediate Free Skate: 3:00 +/- 10 seconds

E. Juvenile Free Skate: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds

A. ~~Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.~~

B. ~~Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded.~~

~~See rules 7914 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.~~

No changes are being proposed to rules 7060-7080.

7090 Pair Free Skate Description

7091 The pair free skate consists of a well-balanced program composed and skated to music of the pair's choice for a specified period of time. A good program contains moves of single skating executed simultaneously, either symmetrically (mirror skating) or in parallel (shadow skating), and especially typical pair skating moves such as pair spins, spirals, lifts, partner assisted jumps, etc., linked harmoniously by steps and other movements.

7092 All elements are to be linked together by connecting steps of a different nature and by other comparable free skating movements, together with a variety of positions and holds, while fully utilizing the entire ice surface.

A. Special attention must be given to choreography, unison, expression, interpretation of the music and intricate footwork with a variety of partner positions utilizing dance holds.

B. Both partners need not always perform the same movements; they may separate from time to time, but they must give an impression of unison and harmony of composition, of program and of execution of the skating. Movements performed entirely on two feet must be kept to a minimum.

C. Harmonious steps and connecting movements, in time to the music, should be maintained throughout the program.

7093 The free skate elements will consist of the following number of elements (note: current and future season requirements

can be found on usfigureskating.org):

- A. Senior Free Skate consists of a maximum of eleven elements (max 3 overhead lifts, max 1 twist lift, max 2 throw jumps, max 1 solo jump, max 1 jump combination or sequence, max 1 pair spin combination, max 1 death spiral, max 1 choreographic sequence)
- B. Junior Free Skate consists of a maximum of ten elements (max 2 overhead lifts, max 1 twist lift, max 2 throw jumps, max 1 solo jump, max 1 jump combination or sequence, max 1 pair spin combination, max 1 death spiral, max 1 choreographic sequence)
- C. Novice Free Skate consists of a maximum of ten elements (max 2 overhead lifts, max 1 twist lift, max 2 throw jumps, max 1 solo jump, max 1 jump combination or sequence, max 1 pair spin combination, max 1 death spiral, max 1 choreographic sequence)
- D. Intermediate Free Skate consists of a maximum of nine elements (max 2 lifts, max 1 throw jump, max 1 solo jump, max 1 jump sequence or jump combination, 1 max solo spin or solo spin combination, max 1 pair spin, max 1 death spiral or pivot figure, max 1 choreographic sequence)
- E. Juvenile Free Skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 1 lift, max 1 throw jump, max 1 solo jump, max 1 jump sequence or jump combination, max 1 solo spin or solo spin combination, max 1 pair spin, max 1 pivot figure, max 1 choreographic sequence)

7100 Pairs Definitions, General Criteria and Basic Requirements

No changes are being made to this section.

7200 Pair Test Requirements

See rules 7412-7551 later in this section for the free skate test elements.

7210 Classification of Pair Tests

No changes are being made to this section.

7220 General Requirements for Pair Tests

No changes are being made to this section.

7300 Test Expectations, Pass Totals and Judging Panels for Standard Pair Tests

No changes are being made to this section.

7400 Pair Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

For test qualifications for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook. Test qualifications for nonqualifying events must be met by closing date of entries.

Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Senior	Both partners must have passed the gold skating skills test and the gold pair test.	None
Junior	Both partners must have passed the pre-gold skating skills test or higher and the pre-gold pair test or higher. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the senior level.	None
Novice	Both partners must have passed the silver skating skills test or higher and the silver pair test or higher. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the junior level.	None
Intermediate	Both partners must have passed the pre-silver skating skills test or higher and the pre-silver pair test or higher. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the novice level.	None
Juvenile	Both partners must have passed the bronze skating skills test or higher and the bronze pair test or higher. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level.	Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition: Under 16 years of age.

7400 Pairs Competition Requirements and Pair Test Elements**7410 Senior Pairs**

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the senior moves in the field test and the senior pair test.

B. Age requirements: None

7411 Elements for the Senior Pairs Short Program 2022-23

SENIOR PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2022-23)* 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	
LIFT	One overhead lift Must be any lasso lift take off (Group 5) Full extension of the lifting arm(s) is required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
TWIST LIFT	One twist lift (double or triple) Take-off must be a flip or a Lutz
THROW JUMP	One throw jump (double or triple) Any double or triple throw jump is permitted
SOLO JUMP	One solo jump (double or triple) Any double or triple jump is permitted
SPIN	One solo spin combination Only one change of foot Minimum of five revolutions on each foot by both partners At least two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each position by both partners May be commenced with a jump
DEATH SPIRAL	One backward inside death spiral Only the prescribed death spiral is permitted When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface
REMARKS	Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). If an unprescribed additional element (performed) substitutes a required element (not performed), the respective box will be blocked, and this performed element will be considered as not according to the requirements (no value). Unlisted or additional elements such as jumps, spins, steps or repetitions, even of elements which have failed, are not marked and consequently do not block a "box" (spot) of another type of element.

*Note: Requirements for future seasons can be found on the Members Only site.

7412 Elements for the Senior Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

SENIOR PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
LIFTS	Maximum of three All lifts must have different abbreviations Full extension of lifting arms is required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) All lifts may include a carry feature, but only first attempt counts for level Carry lifts (one-half revolution exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts If two Group 5 lifts are executed, the take-offs must be of a different nature (abbreviation). If the take-off is not different, the second executed lift with the same abbreviation will not be marked, but will block a lift box	Three different lifts: Not all from the same group Two must be chosen from Groups 3-5 If two Group 5 lifts are executed, the take-offs must be of a different nature (abbreviation) Full extension of the lifting arm(s) required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) All lifts may include a carry feature Carry lifts (one-half revolution exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts

SENIOR PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
TWIST LIFT	Maximum of one No limit to number of revolutions Take-off may be toe loop, flip, Lutz or Axel	One twist lift: Double or more revolutions
THROW JUMPS	Maximum of two Must be different	Two different throw jumps Double or more revolutions
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one No limit to the number of revolutions	One solo jump Double or more revolutions
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one Jump combination or jump sequence may consist of two or three jumps All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps No limit to the number of revolutions	One jump combination or jump sequence Jump combination or jump sequence may consist of two or three jumps, at least two of which must have two or more revolutions Jump sequence may be any jump with two or more revolutions immediately followed by a double or triple Axel All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps
PAIR SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be three revolutions before and after the change of foot by both partners Must have at least one change of position by each partner Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner Minimum of eight revolutions total	One pair spin combination; Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be three revolutions before and after the change of foot by both partners Must have at least one change of position by each partner Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner Minimum of eight revolutions total
DEATH SPIRAL	Maximum of one Must be different from the death spiral required in the short program When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee Variations of arm holds and pivot positions are allowed	One death spiral Minimum of one full revolution by the man in pivot position
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one Must be clearly visible	One choreographic sequence Must be clearly visible
REMARKS	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.	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 7238)

7420 Junior Pairs

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the junior moves in the field test or higher and the junior pair test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the senior pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the junior level, provided that the partners have not competed at the senior pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.

B. Age requirements: None

7421 Elements for the Junior Pairs Short Program 2022-23

JUNIOR PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2022-23)* 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following seven elements in any order	
LIFT	One overhead lift Must be any lasso lift take-off (Group 5) Full extension of the lifting arm(s) is required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
TWIST LIFT	One twist lift (double or triple) Take off must be a flip or a Lutz
THROW JUMP	One throw jump Must be double or triple toe loop or flip/Lutz
SOLO JUMP	One solo jump Must be double loop or double Axel
SPIN	One solo spin combination Only one change of foot Minimum of five revolutions on each foot by both partners At least two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each position by both partners May be commenced with a jump
DEATH SPIRAL	One backward inside death spiral Only the prescribed death spiral is permitted When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface
REMARKS	Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). If an unprescribed additional element (performed) substitutes a required element (not performed), the respective box will be blocked, and this performed element will be considered as not according to the requirements (no value). Unlisted or additional elements such as jumps, spins, steps or repetitions, even of elements which have failed, are not marked and consequently do not block a "box"(spot) of another type of element.

***Note:** Requirements for future seasons can be found on the Members Only site.

7422 Elements for the Junior Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

JUNIOR 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
LIFTS	Maximum of two Not from the same group Full extension of lifting arm(s) required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) Both lifts may include a carry feature, but the feature will not count for a level Carry lifts (one-half revolution exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts	Two different lifts Not from the same group One must be chosen from Groups 3-5 Full extension of the lifting arm(s) required Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) Both lifts may include a carry feature Carry lifts (one-half revolution exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts
TWIST LIFT	Maximum of one No limit to number of revolutions Take-off may be toe loop, flip, Lutz or Axel	One twist lift: Double or more revolutions

JUNIOR PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
THROW JUMPS	Maximum of two Must be different	Two different throw jumps Double or more revolutions
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one No limit to the number of revolutions	One solo jump Double or more revolutions
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one Jump combination or jump sequence may consist of two or three jumps All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps No limit to the number of revolutions	One jump combination or jump sequence Jump combination or jump sequence may consist of two or three jumps, at least two of which must have two or more revolutions All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps
PAIR SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be three revolutions before and after the change of foot by both partners Must have at least one change of position by each partner Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner Minimum of eight revolutions total	One pair spin combination; Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be three revolutions before and after the change of foot by both partners Must have at least one change of position by each partner Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner Minimum of eight revolutions total
DEATH SPIRAL	Maximum of one When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee Variations of arm holds and pivot positions are allowed	One death spiral Minimum of one full revolution by the man in pivot position
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one Must be clearly visible	One choreographic sequence Must be clearly visible
REMARKS	Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 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.	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 7238)

7430 Novice Pairs

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the novice moves in the field test or higher and the novice pair test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the junior pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice level, provided that the partners have not competed at the junior pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.

B. Age requirements: None

7431 Elements for the Novice Pairs Short Program 2022-23

NOVICE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2022-23)* 2:50 maximum time Must contain the following seven elements in any order	
LIFT	One overhead lift • Must be any hand-to-hand lift take off (Group 4) or lasso lift take off (Group 5) • One-handed variations and changes of hold or of the woman's position during the lift are permitted • The lift may not include a carry feature or be a carry lift • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
TWIST LIFT	One twist lift (single or double) • Take off must be a flip or a Lutz
THROW JUMP	One throw jump (single, double or triple) • Must be single, double or triple toe loop or flip/Lutz
SOLO JUMP	One solo jump (double) • Must be double loop or double Axel
SPIN	One solo spin combination • Only one change of foot (made at the same time by both partners) • Minimum of two basic positions with at least two revolutions in each position • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot • May be commenced with a jump • Must have all three basic positions to receive full value
DEATH SPIRAL	One backward inside death spiral • Only the prescribed death spiral is permitted • When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position • Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence • Must be visible and identifiable and should be performed using almost the full ice surface
REMARKS	• Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 7100). • If an unprescribed additional element (performed) substitutes a required element (not performed), the respective box will be blocked, and this performed element will be considered as not according to the requirements (no value). • Unlisted or additional elements such as jumps, spins, steps or repetitions, even of elements which have failed, are not marked and consequently do not block a "box"(spot) of another type of element.

***Note:** Requirements for future seasons can be found on the Members Only site.

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
LIFTS	Maximum of two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be from different groups, and one must be from Group 3 or Group 4 • Variations of the woman's position, no-handed, one-handed, combination lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are permitted • Carry lifts and lifts with a carry feature are not permitted • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum) 	Two different lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be from different groups, and one must be chosen from Group 3 or Group 4 • Variations of the woman's position, no-handed, one-handed, combination lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are permitted • Carry lifts and lifts with a carry feature are not permitted • Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
TWIST LIFT	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double • Must have a flip or Lutz take-off 	One twist lift: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double • Take-off must be a flip or Lutz
THROW JUMPS	Maximum of two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single, double or triple • Must be different 	Two different throw jumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single, double or triple
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single, double or triple 	One solo jump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single, double or triple
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps • Single, double or triple jumps 	One jump combination or jump sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps • Single, double or triple jumps
PAIR SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair spin combination with at least one change of foot by each partner • Minimum of two different basic positions by each partner with at least two revolutions in each position • Must have all three basic positions to receive full value • Minimum of eight revolutions total 	One pair spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both partners must change feet and position at least once • Minimum of eight revolutions total
DEATH SPIRAL	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular hand-to-hand hold required • When death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute a minimum of one revolution with man in full pivot position • Woman's head must reach the level of her skating knee 	One death spiral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of one full revolution by the man in pivot position
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible 	One choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible
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 7238)

7440 Intermediate Pairs

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test or higher and the intermediate pair test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the novice pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the intermediate level, provided that the partners have not competed at the novice pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.

B. Age requirements: Under 18 years of age

7441 Elements for the Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 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. • Lifts must be from different groups, and one lift must be from Group 1 or Group 2. • Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the woman'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. Lifts must be from different groups, and one lift must be from Group 1 or 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands in a Group 1 lift and the release of the woman'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)
THROW JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One throw jump (single or double)
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One solo jump (single or double)
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one (single or double jumps only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence 	One jump combination or jump sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • Single or double jumps
PAIR SPIN	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
SOLO SPIN/SPIN COMBINATION	Maximum of one solo spin or spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of five revolutions • Change of foot, position, and flying entry are optional • If spin combination, must have all three basic positions to receive full value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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 woman is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the woman 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
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible 	One choreographic sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be clearly visible

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 3:00 +/- 10 seconds		
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 7238)

7450—Juvenile Pairs

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook:

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test or higher and the juvenile pair test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the intermediate pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the juvenile level, provided that the partners have not competed at the intermediate pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.

B. Age requirements: Under 16 years of age

7451—Elements for the Juvenile Pairs Free Skate and Pair Test

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 2:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
LIFTS	Maximum of one The lift may be chosen from Group 1 or 2 Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands is not a violation of this rule. Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)	One lift from Group 1 or 2, with or without full extension of the man's arms Variations of the woman'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 woman's hands is not a violation of this rule. Minimum of one revolution by the man (no maximum)
THROW JUMP	Maximum of one Chosen from any throw single jump, throw double Salchow or throw double loop	One throw jump Chosen from any throw single jump, throw double Salchow or throw double loop
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	One solo jump Single or double
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one (single or double jumps only) • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence	One jump combination or jump sequence • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence Single or double jumps
SOLO SPIN	Maximum of one Can be solo spin or solo spin combination May begin with a flying entry Change of foot and change of position are optional Minimum of five revolutions by both partners	One solo spin or solo spin combination May begin with a flying entry Change of foot and change of position are optional (minimum two revolutions in each position) Minimum of five revolutions by both partners
PAIR SPIN	Maximum of one Pair spin with optional change of position and no change of foot Minimum of three revolutions total	One pair spin Pair spin with optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position) and no change of foot Minimum of three revolutions total

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 2:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PIVOT FIGURE	Maximum of one Regular hand-to-hand hold required In the final position while the woman is performing the actual pivot figure, both the man and the woman must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the man clearly in pivot position	One pivot figure Minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic sequence Must be clearly visible	One choreographic sequence Must be clearly visible
REMARKS	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.	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 7238)

No changes are being made to rules 7500-7561.

7900 Marking of Pairs – 6.0 and IJS

No changes are being made to this section.

Technical Requirements – Ice Dance

8000 Ice Dance Rules

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior and senior events. U.S. Figure Skating also reserves the right to incorporate revisions made to the ISU advanced novice dance event into the U.S. novice dance event. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. For novice events, Revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on the Members Only site and, when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

A. The chair of the Dance Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the national vice chair of technical panel officials on the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee, will prepare the list of well-balanced program elements for qualifying IJS levels 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 15 days of publication of the corresponding ISU Communication.

A. The rhythm dance and free dance requirements will be reviewed by the Ice Dance Development and Technical Committee and published on usfigureskating.org no later than July 1 each season.

B. Using the list in rule 8096, the chair of the Ice Dance Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the vice chair of development, the vice chair of technical, and the technical panel representative on the Ice Dance Development and Technical Committee will determine the free dance elements for levels other than novice, junior and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published on usfigureskating.org.

8001 Use of IJS

Competitions and categories that are required to use the international judging system (IJS) are listed in rule 1041.

No changes are being made to rules 8010-8033.

8040 Duration of Skating – Ice Dance

Timing starts from the moment either partner begins to move or skate. Timing stops when both skaters come to a complete stop at the end of the program.

8041 Permissible Time Allowance – Rhythm Dance and Free Dance

Skaters are allowed to finish a rhythm dance and free dance (except for adult events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. See rules 8913 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.

A. Senior Rhythm Dance: 2:50 +/- 10 seconds

B. Senior Free Dance: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds

C. Junior Rhythm Dance: 2:50 +/- 10 seconds

D. Junior Free Dance: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds

E. Novice Free Dance: 3:00 +/- 10 seconds

F. Intermediate Free Dance: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds

G. Juvenile Free Dance: 2:15 +/- 10 seconds

H. Pre-Juvenile Free Dance: 2:00 +/- 10 seconds

A. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.

B. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded.

See rules 8913 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.

8042 Permissible Time Allowance – All Adult Events

The duration of the adult free dance must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included.

A. Any element started after the permissible time will be considered in the marking as omitted.

B. No extra marks are obtained by extending the program to the maximum time permitted if it is unnecessary to do so.

See rules 8913 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that exceed the time limit using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively.

No changes are being made to rules 8050-8080.

8081 Selection and Posting of Pattern Dances

A. For novice, intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and adult partnered dance events, the chair of the Dance Development and Technical Committee will announce the pattern dances for the upcoming competitive season no later than the spring Board of Directors meeting. For adult solo dance events, the chair of the Adult Skating Committee will announce the pattern dances for the upcoming competitive season no later than the spring Board of Directors meeting.

B. Unless previously stated in the announcement for a nonqualifying competition, the referee shall make the selection of pattern dances utilizing a closed draw. This information shall be announced and posted at the first official practice session of the competition.

C. The order in which the two pattern dances of a nonqualifying event will be skated shall be specified in the announcement.

~~8082 Pattern Dances Drawn for 2022-23~~

Note: Pattern dances drawn for the season will continue to be posted on the website.

Event	U.S. Ice Dance Final	
Novice	Westminster Waltz	Argentine Tango
Intermediate	Tango	Fourteenstep
Juvenile	Foxtrot	Cha-Cha

Event Level	Nonqualifying Competitions	
	Initial Round	Final Round
Pre-Juvenile	Dutch Waltz Cha-Cha	Rhythm Blues Fiesta Tango

Event	ADULT PARTNERED PATTERN DANCE EVENTS	
	Adult Sectional Championships and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	
Championship Adult	Blues	Argentine Tango
Adult Gold	Kilian	Argentine Tango
Adult Pre-Gold	American Waltz	Blues
Masters Open	Blues	Argentine Tango
Adult Silver	Fourteenstep	Tango
Adult Pre-Silver	Willow Waltz	Fourteenstep
Adult Bronze	Fiesta Tango	Willow Waltz
Adult Pre-Bronze	Rhythm Blues	Cha-Cha

Adult-Centennial	American Waltz	Blues
Event	ADULT PARTNERED PATTERN DANCE EVENTS	
	Nonqualifying Competitions	
Adult-Preliminary	Canasta-Tango	Rhythm Blues
Event	ADULT SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS	
	Adult Sectional Championships and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	
Adult-Gold	Blues	Quickstep
Adult-Pre-Gold	Tango	Killian
Adult-Silver	European Waltz	Rocker Foxtrot
Adult-Pre-Silver	Hickory Hoedown	Foxtrot
Adult-Bronze	Cha-Cha	Hickory Hoedown
Event	ADULT SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS	
	Nonqualifying Competitions	
Adult-Pre-Bronze	Dutch Waltz	Cha-Cha

8090 Rhythm Dance Description

No changes are being made to this rule as part of this proposal.

8091 Elements for Rhythm Dance

The required elements for the rhythm dance will be selected each season from the following list of ice dance elements and will be published annually on usfigureskating.org. See Rule 8000 (A).

- A. Dance Lift(s)
- B. Dance Spins(s)
- C. Turn Sequence(s)
- D. Step Sequence(s)
- E. Pattern Dance Element(s)
- F. Choreographic Element(s)

8095 Free Dance Description

No changes are being made to this rule as part of this proposal..

8096 Elements for the Free Dance

All levels of free dance may consist of a maximum number of elements. The elements will be selected each season from the following list of ice dance elements and will be published annually on usfigureskating.org. See Rule 8000 (A).

- A. Dance Lift(s)
- B. Dance Spin(s)
- C. Step Sequence(s)
- D. Turn Sequence(s)
- E. Choreographic Element(s)

8100 Dance Glossary

No changes are being made to rules 8101-8113.

8200 Pattern Dance Test Requirements

No changes are being made to rules 8210-8258.

8300 Free Dance Test Requirements

See rules 8412-8452 later in this section for the standard partnered free dance test elements:

No changes are being made to rules 8310-8339.

8340 Test Expectations, Pass Totals and Judging Panels for Standard Partnered Free Dance Tests

No changes are being made to rules 8341-8354 beyond updating cross references.

8360 Classification of Solo Free Dance Tests

No changes are being made to rules 8361-8375.

8380 Marking of Solo Free Dance Tests

No changes are being made to rules 8381-8389.

8390 Test Expectations, Required Elements, Pass Totals and Judging Panels for Solo Free Dance Tests

Note: Required elements for the standard solo free dance tests will be moved to a chart posted online.

8391 Standard Solo Free Dance Tests

A. Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning dancers to learn the fundamentals of free dance. General requirements outlined for the preliminary pattern dance test apply equally to the juvenile solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display fairly good edges and some evidence of good form. For Skate United candidates, see rule 8385. A juvenile solo free dance must include the following required elements:

Edge Element: One short edge element (not to exceed seven seconds).

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin. Solo dance combination spin not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns and mohawks. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included.

Twizzle: One twizzle (not a series). Minimum one revolution.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8389).

Duration: 1:40 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance test judges; or one silver or higher rank dance test judge.

B. Intermediate Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the bronze pattern dance test apply equally to the intermediate solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display moderately good edges and moderately good form. For Skate United candidates, see rule 8385. An intermediate solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

Edge Element: One short edge element (not to exceed seven seconds).

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin. Solo dance combination spin not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks and brackets. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. Minimum one revolution on each foot. No more than three steps between twizzles.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8389).

Duration: 1:50 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance test judges; or one silver or higher rank dance test judge.

C. Novice Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the pre-silver pattern dance test apply equally to the novice solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. While technically a basic program demonstrating fundamental dance moves, it should have good edges and flow, good timing, some expression and display good form. A refined presentation is not expected but can be rewarded and reflected in the judges' program mark. For Skate United candidates, see rule 8385. A novice solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two short edge elements (not to exceed seven seconds each). Edge elements should have different positions.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks, brackets and counters. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included.

One-Foot Turns Sequence: One one-foot turns sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. A minimum of two revolutions is required in each twizzle. No more than three steps between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and direction of rotation.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8389).

Duration: 2:20 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance test judges.

D. Junior Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the silver pattern dance test apply equally to the junior solo free dance test. The candidate must give a performance that is generally good. Strong, true edges, good rhythm, smooth turns, correct carriage and effortless flow are expected. Musical interpretation should be moderately good. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. It must be moderately difficult, contain a good variety of movements, and be well composed and well placed on the ice surface. For Skate United candidates, see rule 8385. A junior solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two options:

1. One combination edge element (not to exceed 12 seconds), or
2. Two different short edge element (not to exceed seven seconds each).

Short edge elements must have different positions, but positions within the combination edge element may be repeated.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: serpentine, circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers and choctaws. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.

One-Foot Turns Sequence: One one-foot turns sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. 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.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8389).

Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank dance test judges.

E. Senior Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the gold pattern dance test apply equally to the senior solo free dance test. The candidate must give a performance that is excellent in all respects. Absolute perfection is not expected; however, only a very limited amount of error will be acceptable. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. It must be difficult, varied and display originality. Choreography, expression and utilization of space must be excellent. For Skate United candidates, see rule 8385. A senior solo free dance test must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two options:

1. One combination edge element plus one short edge element, or
2. Three different short edge elements

Combination edge elements are not to exceed 12 seconds, and short edge elements are not to exceed seven seconds. Edge elements must have different positions, but positions within the combination edge element may be repeated.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: serpentine, circular, midline or diagonal. The step

sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers, choctaws and twizzles. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.

One-Foot Turns Sequence: One one-foot turns sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. 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.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8389).

Duration: 2:50 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three gold dance test judges.

8392 Adult Solo Free Dance Tests

No changes are being made to rule 8392.

8400 Ice Dance ~~Competition Requirements and Partnered Free Dance Test Elements~~ Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Minimum Test Qualifications</u>	<u>Age Requirements</u>
Senior	Both partners must have passed the gold skating skills test, the standard partnered gold dance test and the gold partnered free dance test.	None
Junior	Both partners must have passed the pre-gold skating skills test or higher, at least two standard partnered pre-gold dances or higher and the pre-gold partnered free dance test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the senior level.	None
Novice	Both partners must have passed the silver skating skills test or higher, at least one dance of the standard partnered silver dances or higher and the silver partnered free dance test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.	None
Intermediate	Both partners must have passed the pre-silver skating skills test or higher, the standard partnered bronze dance test or higher and the pre-silver partnered free dance test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.	<u>Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition:</u> Under 18 years of age.
Juvenile	Both partners must have passed the bronze skating skills test or higher, the standard partnered preliminary dance test or higher and the bronze partnered free dance test or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.	<u>Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition:</u> Under 16 years of age.

Pre-Juvenile	Both partners must have passed the preliminary skating skills test or higher and two standard partnered preliminary dances or higher. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.	Age as of the July 1 that immediately precedes the relevant competition: Under 14 year of age.
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8410—Senior Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook:

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the senior skating skills test, the standard partnered gold dance test and the senior partnered free dance test.

B. Age requirements: None

8411—Elements for the Senior Rhythm Dance 2022-23

SENIOR RHYTHM DANCE (2022-23) 2:50 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
MUSIC and RHYTHMS	Latin dance styles: At least two different dance styles/rhythms chosen from salsa, bachata, merengue, mambo, cha cha, rumba, samba • The pattern dance type step sequence and step sequence must be skated to a different Latin style/rhythm • To comply with the ethical values of sports, any music chosen for ice dance competitions must not include aggressive and/or offending lyrics
PATTERN DANCE ELEMENT	One pattern dance type step sequence (Style D) • Rhythm: Skated to a different rhythm/style from that chosen for the step sequence Style B • Duration: Any exact number of musical phrases • Pattern: Starting with a stop on the short axis on either side of the rink and concluding on the short axis on the opposite side of the rink. One loop in any direction (which may cross the long axis) is permitted within the pattern • Stops: One required at the start of the PSt (this will count as one of the permitted stops) • Holds: Must remain in contact at all times, even during changes of holds (except when performing twizzles as connecting choreography) • Technical Requirements: Must perform two different difficult turns per partner from the following: rocker, counter, choctaw, forward outside mohawk • Not Permitted: • Stops (only allowed at the beginning to indicate the start of the PSt). If a stop of longer than 5 seconds is used to start the PSt, no other stops are permitted throughout the program. • Separations (except during twizzles if performed as connecting choreography) • Retrogressions • Hand-in-hand hold = NOT permitted with established fully extended arms
CHOREOGRAPHIC ELEMENT	Choreographic Rhythm Sequence • Rhythm: skated to any of designated Latin Rhythm(s)/Style(s) and performed in the "style" of the chosen Rhythm • Hold(s): in contact including Hand in Hand with Fully extended arms with the exception of permitted Separation(s) • Pattern: -starts on the short axis; proceed 10 meters on either side of the short axis; proceed from barrier to barrier. (The requirement from barrier to barrier is fulfilled when at least one of the partners is not more than 2 meters from each barrier.) • Permitted: Retrogression, loops, separation(s) not more than two arms lengths and duration not more than one measure of music, stop(s) for up to 5 seconds (this will not count as one of the permitted stops and there is no limitation on number of stops as long as each one is no more than 5 seconds)
DANCE LIFT	Maximum one short lift (up to seven seconds)
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence in hold or not touching or combination of both (Style B) chosen from midline or diagonal • Must be skated to a different rhythm/style from the one chosen for the pattern dance type step sequence. • Retrogression, loops and hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms are not permitted. • One stop is permitted (up to 5 seconds and counts as one of the permitted stops). • Separations of no more than two arms lengths are permitted.
TWIZZLES	One set of sequential twizzles • At least two twizzles for each partner and must not be in contact between twizzles • Up to one step in between twizzles (each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered a step)

SENIOR RHYTHM DANCE (2022-23) 2:50 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See rule 8090 for additional rhythm dance rules • See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses • See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements • See the Members Only site for key points for the pattern dance elements, the scale of values and calling specifications

8412 Elements for Senior Free Dance and Senior Free Dance Test 2022-23

SENIOR FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST (2022-23) 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
DANCE LIFTS	Not more than: - Three different types of short lifts OR - One short lift and one combination lift (the type of the short lift must be different from the type(s) of short lifts forming the combination lift) Combination lift may be held for up to 12 seconds Short lifts may be held for up to seven seconds each	Same as competition requirements
DANCE SPINS	One dance spin but not more A spin skated by the couple together in any hold To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners	Same as competition requirements
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence in hold (Style B) (straight line or curved) Specifications of Style B:- One pattern retrogression is permitted, but no more. If performed, it must not exceed two measures of music. Separations of more than two arms lengths and/or exceeding five seconds in duration are not permitted. Loops are not permitted. Stops are not permitted. Hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established. Must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern.	Same as competition requirements The step sequence(s) should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers, choetaws and twizzles executed by both partners.
ONE FOOT TURNS SEQUENCE	One one foot turns sequence (not touching) • Difficult turns performed on one foot by each partner and must be started with the first turn at the same time • Additional difficult turns do not have to be performed at the same time	Same as competition requirements
TWIZZLES	One set of synchronized twizzles At least two twizzles for each partner, with a minimum of two steps and up to four steps in between first and second twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered a step.) Partners must be in contact at some point between first and second twizzles.	Same as competition requirements Minimum two revolutions in each twizzle by both partners.
CHOREOGRAPHIC ELEMENT	Three different choreographic elements chosen from: Choreographic lift Choreographic spinning movement Choreographic assisted jump movement Choreographic twizzling movement Choreographic sliding movement Choreographic character step sequence	Not required

SENIOR FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST (2022-23) 4:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See the Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions	Extra elements may be added without penalty See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary

8420—Junior Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the junior skating skills test or higher, at least two standard partnered pre-gold dances and the junior partnered free dance test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the senior free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the junior dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the senior dance level in a qualifying competition.

B. Age requirements: None

8421—Elements for the Junior Rhythm dance 2022-23

JUNIOR RHYTHM DANCE (2022-23) 2:50 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
MUSIC and RHYTHMS	Tango plus at least one of the following dance styles = paso doble, flamenco, Spanish waltz, fandango, bolero, jota, sevillanas, milonga • The pattern dance element - Argentine Tango - skated to tango rhythm, with the range of tempo: 24 measures of 4 beats per minute (96 beats per minute) plus or minus 2 beats per minute • To comply with the ethical values of sports, any music chosen for ice dance competitions must not include aggressive and/or offending lyrics
PATTERN DANCE ELEMENT	Two sections of the Argentine Tango 1AT: Steps #1-18 2AT: Steps #19-31 • Skated in any order or one after the other or separately. Step #1 of 1AT must be skated at the judges left side. Step #19 of 2AT skated at the judges right side. • Variation of hold is permitted. • Crossing the long axis is permitted for Steps #13-15. • The first step of the dance begins on beat 1 of a musical phrase.
DANCE LIFT	Maximum of one short lift (up to seven seconds)
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence in hold or not touching or combination of both (Style B) chosen from midline or diagonal • Must be skated to a different rhythm/style from the one chosen for the pattern dance element. • Retrogression, loops and hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms are not permitted. • One stop is permitted (up to 5 seconds and counts as one of the permitted stops). • Separations of no more than two arms lengths are permitted.
TWIZZLES	One set of sequential twizzles • At least two twizzles for each partner and must not be in contact between twizzles • Up to one step in between twizzles (each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered a step)
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	• See rule 8090 for additional rhythm dance rules • See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses • See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements • See the Members Only site for key points for the pattern dance elements, the scale of values and calling specifications

8422 Elements for Junior Free Dance and Junior Free Dance Test 2022-23

JUNIOR FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST (2022-23) 3:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
DANCE LIFTS	Not more than: - Two different types of short lifts OR - One combination lift Combination lift may be held for up to 12 seconds Short lifts may be held for up to seven seconds each	Same as competition requirements
DANCE SPINS	One dance spin but not more A spin skated by the couple together in any hold To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners	Same as competition requirements
STEP SEQUENCE	One step sequence in hold (Style B) (straight line or curved) Specifications of Style B: One pattern retrogression is permitted, but no more. If performed, it must not exceed two measures of music. Separations of more than two arms lengths and/or exceeding five seconds in duration are not permitted. Loops are not permitted. Stops are not permitted. Hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established. Must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern.	Same as competition requirements The step sequence(s) should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers and choctaws executed by both partners.
ONE FOOT TURNS SEQUENCE	One one foot turns sequence (not touching) • Difficult turns performed on one foot by each partner and must be started with the first turn at the same time • Additional difficult turns do not have to be performed at the same time	Same as competition requirements
TWIZZLES	One set of synchronized twizzles At least two twizzles for each partner, with a minimum of two steps and up to four steps in between first and second twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered a step.) Partners must be in contact at some point between first and second twizzles.	Same as competition requirements Minimum two revolutions in each twizzle by both partners.
CHOREOGRAPHIC ELEMENT	Two different choreographic elements chosen from: Choreographic lift Choreographic spinning movement Choreographic assisted jump movement Choreographic twizzling movement Choreographic sliding movement Choreographic character step sequence	Not required
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/ movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions	Extra elements may be added without penalty See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary

8430—Novice Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook:

- A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the novice skating skills test or higher, at least one dance of the standard partnered silver dance test and the novice partnered free dance test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the junior free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the junior dance level in a qualifying competition.

B. Age requirements: None

8431—Selection of Novice Pattern Dances

For each competition season, the chair of the Dance Development and Technical Committee will announce the pattern dances for the upcoming competitive season no later than 15 days after publication of the ISU Communication announcing the pattern dances for international dance competitions:

8432—Elements for Novice Free Dance and Novice Free Dance Test

NOVICE FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST 3:00 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
DANCE LIFTS	Not more than two different types of short lifts Combination lifts not permitted Short lifts may be held for up to seven seconds each	Same as competition requirements
DANCE SPINS	One dance spin but not more A spin skated by the couple together in any hold To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners	Same as competition requirements
STEP SEQUENCES	Maximum of two step sequences One must be circular, midline, diagonal or serpentine in hold One must be a choreographic character step sequence The step sequence in hold must be skated in dance holds or variations thereof, except hand-in-hand hold in sustained position with fully extended arms and will be called using Style B specifications: One pattern retrogression is permitted, but no more. If performed, it must not exceed two measures of music. Separations of more than two arms lengths and/or exceeding five seconds in duration are not permitted. Loops are not permitted. Stops are not permitted. Hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established. Must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern. Step sequences may be performed in any order	Same as competition requirements Should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three turns, mohawks, brackets and counters executed by both partners.
TWIZZLES	Maximum of one set of sequential twizzles • At least two twizzles for each partner and must not be in contact between twizzles. • Up to one step between twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered as a step.)	Same as competition requirements Minimum two revolutions in each twizzle by both partners.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions	Extra elements may be added without penalty See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary

8440—Intermediate Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook:

- A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the intermediate skating skills test or higher, the standard partnered bronze dance test or higher, and the intermediate partnered free dance test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the novice free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the intermediate dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the novice dance level in a qualifying

competition.

B. Age requirements: Under 18 years of age.

8441 ~~Selection of Intermediate Pattern Dances~~

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

~~A. 2022-23 Group D – Tango, Fourteenstep~~

1. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

2. The dances will be skated in the order listed.

3. Draw for the skating order of the couples will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 8074.

4. The number of sequences of each dance will be as specified in rule 8075.

B. 2023-24 Group A – Rocker Foxtrot, European Waltz

C. 2024-25 Group B – American Waltz, Foxtrot

D. 2025-26 Group C – European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot

8442 ~~Elements for Intermediate Free Dance and Intermediate Free Dance Test~~

INTERMEDIATE FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST 2:30 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
DANCE LIFTS	Maximum of two different short lifts (up to seven seconds each) Combination lifts are not permitted	Two different types of short lifts (up to seven seconds each); but no more Selected from stationary, straight line, curve or rotational lift Combination lifts are not permitted.
DANCE SPINS	One dance spin but not more A spin skated by the couple together in any hold To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners	One dance spin or combination spin If spin, minimum three revolutions on one foot by each partner If combination, minimum three revolutions on one foot by each partner for each part, and maximum one-half rotation on two feet while changing feet simultaneously by both
STEP SEQUENCES	Maximum of one step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal in hold 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 step sequences are NOT permitted Will utilize the calling specifications of Style B: One pattern retrogression is permitted, but no more. If performed, it must not exceed two measures of music. Separations of more than two arms lengths and/or exceeding five seconds in duration are not permitted. Loops are not permitted. Stops are not permitted. Hand-in-hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established. Must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern.	One step sequence (in hold) from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. Must utilize the full ice surface Should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three turns, mohawks and brackets executed by both partners.
TWIZZLES	Maximum of one set of sequential twizzles • At least two twizzles for each partner and must not be in contact between twizzles. • Up to one step between twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered as a step.)	One synchronized twizzle. Minimum one revolution by both partners.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions	Extra elements may be added without penalty See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary

8450 Juvenile Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

- A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the juvenile skating skills test or higher, the standard partnered preliminary dance test or higher and the juvenile partnered free dance test. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the intermediate free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the juvenile dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the intermediate dance level in a qualifying competition.

- B. Age requirements: Under 16 years of age

8451 Selection of Juvenile Pattern Dances

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

A. 2022-23 Group D—Foxtrot, Cha-Cha

1. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.
2. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
3. Draw for the skating order of the couples will be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 8074;
4. The number of sequences in each dance will be specified in rule 8075.

- B. 2023-24 Group A—Willow Waltz, Fiesta Tango

- C. 2024-25 Group B—Hickory Hoedown, Ten-Fox

- D. 2025-26 Group C—Fourteenstep, Willow Waltz

8452 Elements for Juvenile Free Dance and Juvenile Free Dance Test

JUVENILE FREE DANCE & FREE DANCE TEST 2:15 +/- 10 seconds		
PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	Test: Must contain the following elements in any order
DANCE LIFTS	Maximum of two different types of short lifts (up to seven seconds each) Combination lifts are not permitted	One or two different types of short lifts (up to seven seconds each), but no more. Selected from stationary, straight line, curve or rotational lift Combination lifts are not permitted.
DANCE SPINS	Maximum of one dance spin but not more A spin skated by the couple together in any hold To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners	One dance spin or combination spin If spin, minimum three revolutions on one foot by each partner If combination, minimum three revolutions on one foot by each partner for each part, and maximum one-half rotation on two feet while changing feet simultaneously by both
STEP SEQUENCES	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal in hold 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 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	One step sequence (in hold) from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. Must utilize the full ice surface Should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three turns and mohawks executed by both partners
TWIZZLES	Maximum of one synchronized twizzle (at least one full rotation) If a set of synchronized twizzles is performed instead of the required synchronized twizzle, only the first twizzle of the set will be called (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.	One synchronized twizzle Minimum one revolution by both partners.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions	Extra elements may be added without penalty See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary

8460 Pre-Juvenile Dance

For test qualifications and age requirement deadlines for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook.

A. Test qualifications: Both partners must have passed the preliminary skating skills test or higher and two standard partnered preliminary dances or higher. **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the juvenile free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the pre-juvenile dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the juvenile dance level in a qualifying competition.

B. Age requirements: Under 14 years of age

8461 Selection of Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dances

For each competition season, the initial and final round dances will be from the following groups of two pattern dances:

A. For 2022-23 Group A will be skated

Group A: Initial Round—Dutch Waltz, Cha Cha

—————Final Round—Rhythm Blues, Fiesta Tango

B. For 2023-24 Group B will be skated

Group B: Initial Round—Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango

—————Final Round—Cha Cha, Swing Dance

C. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

D. The dances will be skated in the order listed.

E. The skating order shall remain the same for each dance of the final round.

8462 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Free Dance

PRE-JUVENILE FREE DANCE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order	
DANCE LIFTS	Maximum of one short lift (up to seven seconds) Chosen from straight line lift, curve lift or stationary lift Rotational lifts and combination lifts are not permitted
DANCE SPINS	Maximum of one dance spin Must have a minimum of three revolutions on one foot by both partners May change position; may not change feet
STEP SEQUENCES	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal in hold 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 step sequences are not permitted Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted Dance spins and pirouettes are stops Jumps of up to one revolution are permitted as long as they are not performed simultaneously If a lift is performed in a step sequence, it will be identified and called “no value”, and the judges will ignore the element If a dance spin is performed in a step sequence, it will be called and identified “no value”, and the judges will consider it a stop (not permitted element) If judged under IJS: 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, maximum of two rotations) A set of synchronized twizzles is not permitted
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Required elements may be skated anywhere in the program except in the required step sequences A dance spin and a dance lift performed as a combination are not permitted See rule 8095 for additional free dance rules See rule 8108 for a list of illegal elements/movements/poses See the Dance Glossary for descriptions of specific elements See Members Only site for the scale of values, calling specifications and judging instructions

No changes are being made to rules 8500-8741.

8900 Marking of Ice Dance – 6.0 and IJS

No changes are being made to rules 8910-8922.

Note: Appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business will be made to this item.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

201.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 1041 (page 98, Rulebook)** to add events to those using the IJS at the U.S. Adult Championships and adult sectional championships.

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 championship singles events;
 - a. The mini system is not required.
 - 3. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for all championship events and the following nonqualifying events: the masters, adult gold, adult silver, adult bronze and centennial levels of singles and pairs, the masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of partnered ice dance (including masters open dance), and all levels of emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events (see rule 6700).
 - 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, and for all solo dance events;
 - 3. At all synchronized sectional championships for 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 must be used for all singles 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 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.
 - 4. The IJS, as modified and delineated in the Theatre On Ice Guidelines, will be used at the National Theatre On Ice competition.
 - 5. The IJS, as modified and delineated in the Showcase Guidelines, will be used at the National Showcase competition.
 - 6. 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~~ and adult bronze levels of nonqualifying singles events, and all levels of emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events (see rule 6700);
 - b. The 6.0 system may be used for the adult pre-bronze and below singles events, and for all pairs and ice dance.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

202.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7511, Elements for the Championship Masters Pairs Free Skate, (page 229, Rulebook)** to allow the jump combination or jump sequence to have three jumps.

7511 Elements for the Championship Masters Pairs Free Skate

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one jump combination or jump sequence • Single, double or triple jumps are permitted • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • <u>Jump combination or sequence may consist of two or three jumps.</u>

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

203.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7521, Elements for the Masters Pairs Free Skate, (page 230, Rulebook)** to allow the jump combination or jump sequence to have three jumps.

7521 Elements for the Masters Pairs Free Skate

MASTERS PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	Maximum of one jump combination or jump sequence • Single, double or triple jumps are permitted • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • <u>Jump combination or sequence may consist of two or three jumps.</u>

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

204.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **Rule 7531, Elements for the Adult Gold Pairs Free Skate and Pairs Test, (page 231, Rulebook)** to allow the jump combination or jump sequence to have three jumps.

7531 Elements for the Adult Gold Pairs Free Skate and Pairs Test

ADULT GOLD PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE & PAIR TEST 3:40 maximum time		
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 jump combination or jump sequence • Single, double or triple jumps are permitted • Maximum of two jumps in jump combination or jump sequence • <u>Jump combination or sequence may consist of two or three jumps.</u>	One jump combination or jump sequence • Utilizing single or multi-rotation jumps

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

205.DID NOT APPROVE – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **Rule 2405 (B) (page 126 of 2022-2023 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook)** to exclude centennial partnered pattern dance and centennial pairs from event limitations other than the four-event limit.

2405 Competitors:**B. May enter, if an adult competitor:**

1. Only one championship event per discipline regardless of eligibility by test requirements; and
2. A maximum of four events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
 - a. If entering more than one event, each event entered must be in a different kind of event (i.e. free skate, pairs, partnered pattern dance, partnered free dance, solo pattern dance, solo free dance, emotional performance, lyrical pop/character/comedy). Rule 2405.A applies. Exceptions are that a competitor who qualifies for a championship free skate or pairs event through the adult sectional championships may also

enter the corresponding kind of nonqualifying event and competitors who qualify for championship adult dance may enter one nonqualifying partnered pattern dance event and one nonqualifying partnered free dance event.

- b. However, if qualifying for a championship event puts the competitor over the four-event limit, the competitor will have to withdraw from one event of the competitor's choosing. The subsequent event entry fee for that one event, and only that one event, will be refunded. Administrative fees are not refundable.
3. Centennial partnered pattern dance and centennial pairs are exempt from event limitations other than the four-event limit in rule 2405 (B)(2). Dance and pairs athletes may enter a centennial event with a same or different partner in the same kind of event, as long as both partners meet the event's pre-requisites.

Implementation date: Not applicable since the item was not approved.

206.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 8700, 8720 and 8740 to remove the partnered free dance prerequisites for solo free dance events, references to women and men, and references to the Solo Dance Competition Series.

8700 Adult Gold Solo Free Dance Event

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries, skaters must have passed at least one of the following:
 1. The complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-gold pattern dance test;
 2. The standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) senior solo free dance test;
 3. ~~The senior partnered free dance test;~~
 4. ~~The adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) gold partnered free dance test.~~
- B. ~~Men and women will compete against one another in these events. Events will not be separated by gender.~~
- C. ~~Judging and marking will be as specified in the Solo Dance Competition Series Complete Handbook, posted on the Members Only site.~~

8720 Adult Silver Solo Free Dance Event

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries
 1. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:
 - a. The complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-silver pattern dance test;
 - b. The standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) novice solo free dance test;
 - c. ~~The novice partnered free dance test;~~
 - d. ~~The adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) silver partnered free dance test.~~
 2. Skaters must not have passed:
 - a. Higher than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-gold pattern dance test;
 - b. Higher than the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) junior solo free dance test;
 - c. ~~Higher than the junior partnered free dance test;~~
- B. ~~Men and women will compete against one another in these events. Events will not be separated by gender.~~
- C. ~~Judging and marking will be as specified in the Solo Dance Competition Series Complete Handbook, posted on the Members Only site.~~

8740 Adult Bronze Solo Free Dance Event

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries,
 1. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:
 - a. The complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-bronze pattern dance test;
 - b. The standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) juvenile solo free dance test;
 - c. ~~The juvenile partnered free dance test;~~
 - d. ~~The adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) bronze partnered free dance test.~~
 2. Skaters must not have passed:
 - a. Higher than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered pre-silver pattern dance test;
 - b. Higher than the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) intermediate solo free dance test;
 - c. ~~Higher than the intermediate partnered free dance test;~~
 - d. ~~Higher than the adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) silver partnered free dance test.~~
- B. ~~Men and women will compete against one another in these events. Events will not be separated by gender.~~

C. Judging and marking will be as specified in the Solo Dance Competition Series Complete Handbook, posted on the Members Only site.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

207.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Add pre-silver and pre-gold levels of adult solo free dance competition.

8710 Adult Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance Event

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries

1. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

a. The complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered silver pattern dance test;

b. The standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) junior solo free dance test;

2. Skaters must not have passed:

a. Higher than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered gold pattern dance test;

b. Higher than the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) junior solo free dance test;

B. Events will not be separated by gender.

8711 Elements for Adult Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance Event

<u>ADULT PRE-GOLD SOLO FREE DANCE</u> <u>2:20 +/- 10 seconds</u> <u>Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.</u>	
<u>MUSIC</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music must have an audible rhythmic beat with the exception of 10 seconds at the beginning of the program.• Music is strongly suggested to be in the same rhythms as the U.S. Figure Skating test structure.
<u>EDGE ELEMENTS</u>	<p>1. One combination edge element (not to exceed 12 seconds), or</p> <p>2. Two different short edge element (not to exceed seven seconds each).</p> <p>Short edge elements must have different positions, but positions within the combination edge element may be repeated.</p>
<u>SPIN</u>	<p>One solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin, but no more</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of three revolutions on one/each foot• May change feet• Flying spins are not permitted
<u>STEP SEQUENCES</u>	<p>One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface, should include a variety of steps and turns, and must include three-turns, mohawks, brackets and counters.• Not permitted elements: Stops, pattern retrogressions, loops, jumps of more than one-half rotation, dance spins and pirouettes.
<u>TWIZZLE SERIES</u>	<p>One twizzle series. Minimum two revolutions on each twizzle. No more than three steps between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation.</p>
<u>CHOREOGRAPHIC CHARACTER STEP SEQUENCE</u>	<p>One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier.• Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.
<u>REMARKS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See rule 8375 for definitions and descriptions of elements. Extra elements may be added without penalty.

8730 Adult Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance Event

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries.

1. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- a. The complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered bronze pattern dance test;
- b. The standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) intermediate solo free dance test;

2. Skaters must not have passed:

- a. Higher than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered silver pattern dance test;
- b. Higher than the standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) intermediate solo free dance test;

B. Events will not be separated by gender.

8731 Elements for Adult Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance Event

<u>ADULT PRE-SILVER SOLO FREE DANCE</u> <u>1:50 +/- 10 seconds</u> <u>Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.</u>	
<u>MUSIC</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Music must have an audible rhythmic beat with the exception of 10 seconds at the beginning of the program.</u> • <u>Music is strongly suggested to be in the same rhythms as the U.S. Figure Skating test structure.</u>
<u>EDGE ELEMENTS</u>	<u>One short edge element, but no more. The edge must be held in position for a minimum of three seconds, but cannot exceed seven seconds.</u>
<u>SPIN</u>	<u>One solo dance spin, but no more</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Minimum of three revolutions on one foot</u> • <u>Spin combinations and flying spins are not permitted</u>
<u>STEP SEQUENCES</u>	<u>One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface, should include a variety of steps and turns, and must include three-turns, mohawks and brackets.</u> • <u>Not permitted elements:</u> <u>Stops, pattern retrogressions, loops, jumps of more than one-half rotation, dance spins and pirouettes.</u>
<u>TWIZZLE</u>	<u>One twizzle series. Minimum one revolution on each foot. No more than three steps between twizzles.</u>
<u>CHOREOGRAPHIC CHARACTER STEP SEQUENCE</u>	<u>One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier.</u> • <u>Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.</u>
<u>REMARKS</u>	• <u>See rule 8375 for definitions and descriptions of elements. Extra elements may be added without penalty.</u>

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

208.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 8631 (B), 8641 (B), 8651 (B), 8661 (B), 8671 (B), 8681 (B) (pages 287-288, Rulebook), as well as the rules for the championship adult solo pattern dance event that was added through 2022-23 Adult Skating Committee Ballot 1 earlier this season to remove references to women and men.

B. Men and women will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps. Events will not be separated by gender. Skaters may choose to perform either the follow steps or the lead steps.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

209.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 1071 (C)(1)(f)(i) and 1071 (C)(1)(f)(ii) (pg. 101, Rulebook)** so that the fall deduction for adult bronze and silver will be -0.25 rather than 0.5 for every fall.

1071 C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:
 - f. Falls in singles (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):
 - i. -0.25 for every fall in no test, pre-preliminary, *preliminary*, *pre-juvenile* and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles events
 - ii. -0.5 for every fall in juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze gold and higher singles events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

210.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rules MR 1.01-1.04 (page 41, Rulebook)** to remove duplication in the rules regarding principal skating headquarters (MR 1.01 and MR 1.03) and remove rules that are out of line with current practice (MR 1.04).

Club Management Rules for Full, Interim and Provisional Member Clubs

MR 1.00 Principal Skating Headquarters and Additional Rinks

MR 1.01 The “principal skating headquarters” of a club is the address of the rink in which the club conducts the majority of its skating activities. This address will be recorded in the U.S. Figure Skating database under the club’s name. A club may name only one principal skating headquarters. Clubs in violation of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee. ~~This listing is in place to protect the ice of one club from being usurped by another (see rule MR 7.01).~~ [Note: This is already addressed in rule MR 7.01.]

MR 1.02 To maintain a club’s principal skating headquarters, the club president must certify said facility annually via the Members Only site. The principal skating headquarters will be where said club secures ice and/or runs sanctioned activities in compliance with rule MR 1.01. Clubs in violation of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee, including omission of said principal skating headquarters from the U.S. Figure Skating online directory.

MR 1.03 Other rink locations, listed as “additional rink addresses” in the U.S. Figure Skating directory and database, may be listed by the club. These locations are defined as any other surface where the club secures ice. These listings are in place ~~to protect the activities of one club from being usurped by another (see rule MR 7.01)~~ and for additional insurance coverage.

MR 1.04 Any member club desiring to change its registered principal skating headquarters must submit a new facility usage form to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. Permission from any member club already using the proposed location as its principal skating headquarters must be obtained. Such permission may not be unreasonably withheld. ~~The chair of the Membership Committee will report all such changes of principal skating headquarters to the Governing Council at its next regular meeting.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

211.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rules 2.11-2.13 and MR 7.01 (pages 41-43, Rulebook)** to remove references to sectional vice chairs of the Membership Committee.

Club Management Rules for Full, Interim and Provisional Member Clubs

MR 2.00 Applying to Become a Member Club and Qualifications for Interim Club Membership

MR 2.10 The applicant club must have not less than 25 home club members, 10 of whom are adult members over the age of 18 years. Clubs unable to meet this requirement that wish to remain active may be approved at the discretion ~~of both the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee and the chair of the Membership Committee.~~

MR 2.11 ~~The appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee will thoroughly investigate all~~ All membership applications from clubs will be thoroughly investigated. Said investigation will include any club using the same principal skating headquarters. ~~The sectional vice chair will report a recommendation to the chair of the Membership Committee for appropriate action.~~ An applicant club may be granted interim membership by the chair of the Membership Committee ~~if so recommended by the sectional vice chair of the committee.~~

MR 2.12 Interim club membership will not be granted by the Membership Committee if the applicant club will use the principal skating headquarters of an existing full member club and such club objects to the granting of membership in U.S. Figure Skating. If such member club does object, valid reasons must be given in support of that objection. The objection will be fully investigated by the Membership Committee.

MR 2.13 If an applicant club doesn't meet the requirements in this rule section MR 2.00, such interim club membership will be subject to cancellation by appropriate action of the Governing Council, Membership Committee and/or the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

MR 7.00 Club Ethics

MR 7.01 A member club may file a written complaint with the chair of the Membership Committee if the club has reason to believe that unfair practices, prejudicial to the club, are being employed by another club.

- A. It is an unfair practice for a member club or a club applying for interim and/or provisional membership to bid for or attempt to usurp ice time currently being used by or negotiated for by a full member club or another club that has applied for provisional membership at its principal skating headquarters and other locations listed in U.S. Figure Skating database.
- B. It is an unfair practice for a member club (full, interim or provisional) to conduct tests or sanctioned events such as ice shows, exhibitions, Learn to Skate USA programs, or competitions at the principal skating headquarters of another member club (full, interim or provisional), without first having obtained the permission of the other member club. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld. If a facility usage form is not on file with U.S. Figure Skating headquarters for the current season, permission is not required. Please consult the facility usage guidelines on the Club Management section of the U.S. Figure Skating website. All disputes will be referred to and resolved by the chair of the Membership Committee and the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

212.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rule MR 2.09 (page 41, Rulebook)** to remove restrictions related to who can serve as an officer of a club's board of directors.

Club Management Rules for Full, Interim and Provisional Member Clubs

MR 2.00 Applying to Become a Member Club and Qualifications for Interim Club Membership

MR 2.09 In no event may an officer of a club's board of directors be an ineligible person (as defined in rule PSER 4.31) or a restricted person (as defined in rule PSER 4.51); however, one restricted person, one ineligible person and eligible coaches may serve as directors of a member club as long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of a club's board of directors. In addition, eligible coaches may serve as officers of a member club's board of directors so long as, collectively, they do not constitute a majority of the total officer positions on that board.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

213.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend the **applicable membership rules** to increase membership dues and fees as shown below.

Summary of Proposed Membership Dues Increases to Take Effect July 1, 2023

<u>Type</u>	<u>Current fees</u>	<u>Proposed fees</u>
First Family	\$60.00	\$70.00
Subsequent	\$24.00	\$35.00
Introductory	\$30.00	\$40.00
Subsequent Intro	\$24.00	\$35.00
4 yr. Collegiate	\$70.00	\$100.00
Ind. Collegiate*	\$170.00	\$170.00
Individual*	\$144.00	\$150.00
Subsequent individual*	\$65.00	\$75.00

*Direct registration. Not affiliated with a club.

Summary of Proposed Organization Fee Increase to Take Effect July 1, 2023

<u>Type</u>	<u>Current fees</u>	<u>Proposed fees</u>
Club dues	\$50-500	No Increase
Collegiate club	\$30.00	\$35.00
School-affiliated club**	\$30.00	\$35.00
SYS team club-affiliated	\$60.00	\$65.00
TOI team club-affiliated	\$60.00	\$65.00
SYS team individual*	\$120.00	\$125.00
TOI team individual*	\$120.00	\$125.00

*Direct registration. Not affiliated with a club.

**If Exhibit H is adopted, these fees will apply to high school teams.

Implementation date: Proposed fees will go into effect for the 2023-24 season and fiscal year, which begin on July 1, 2023.

214.APPROVED AS AMENDED– Membership Committee

Amend **rules MR 5.02, MR 11.01, MR 11.02, MR 20.02, MR 30.02, MR 40.02, MR 40.03 and MR 70.20 (pages 43-47, Rulebook)** to take specific dues and fees out of the rulebook and replace the information with the following language:

Membership dues are determined by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors and will reflect the costs of providing services. This information will be published on the Members Only site under the Members tab no later than January 1 each season.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

TECHNICAL AND OFFICIALS GROUP (GROUP 3)

301.REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1232 (pages 107-108, Rulebook)** to include series run by U.S. Figure Skating in the competitions that require official calculation software and official judging system hardware.

1232 The official calculation software and official judging system hardware (if used) for U.S. Figure Skating must be used at qualifying competitions and any series competitions run by U.S. Figure Skating and includes:

- A. IJS Calculation – The ISUCalcFS or Figure Skating Manager program, provided by the ISU and modified with U.S. Figure Skating customizations for use in the U.S.
- B. 6.0 Calculation – The HAL2 program, updated and maintained by U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Judging System “IVR” Hardware – Complete systems, hardware components and “IVR” software supported by a U.S. Figure Skating approved judging system vendor, company or individual.
 1. Either an IVR mini-system or an IVR large system may be used.
 2. The IVR micro-system is not authorized for use at these competitions.
- D. Any other calculation and/or judging system software or hardware is not approved nor supported by U.S. Figure Skating with the following exceptions:
 1. Any third-party judging system which existed and was actively used prior to July 1, 2013, may continue to be used at nonqualifying competitions only, but will not receive support from U.S. Figure Skating. These systems are to be used at the competition’s own risk.
 2. Any third-party judging system developed after July 1, 2013, if approved by the Competitions Committee, may be used at nonqualifying competitions only, but will not receive support from U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: Not applicable since the item was not approved.

302.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2133 (page 122, Rulebook)** to allow one nonqualifying technical panel official for ice dance and pairs to be included on the panel at National Qualifying Series events.

2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S) Events	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Ice Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events	Data Operators
National Qualifying Series Ice Dance	N/A	N/A	National (D) Sectional (D) <u>Nonqualifying (D)(1)</u>	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
National Qualifying Series Pairs	N/A	National (P) Sectional (P) <u>Nonqualifying (P)(1)</u>	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)

(1) For the National Qualifying Series, one nonqualifying technical controller or one nonqualifying technical specialist may be included on the technical panel for ice dance and pairs events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

303.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend U.S. Figure Skating rules to reflect a “**merger**” of the **singles/pairs/dance data operator** and **synchronized skating data operator** appointments into one position covering all disciplines:

DOCR 2.06 The Technical Panel Management Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair; ~~six~~ four discipline vice chairs – one each for ice dance singles, pairs, ~~singles dance~~, and synchronized skating; ~~singles/pairs/dance data operators and synchronized skating~~ one vice chair for data operators; the national vice chair of the Technical Panel Training Subcommittee on the Officials Training Committee; and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

OTCR 2.04 The Technical Panel Training Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair; ~~four discipline~~ one vice chairs – one each for ice dance, pairs, singles and synchronized skating; one vice chair each for singles/pairs/dance data and synchronized data operators; the national vice chair of the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee on the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee; additional members as necessary for their skill set; and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions

Competition	Data Operators
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National (S/P/D)
U.S. Ice Dance Final	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Pairs Final	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Sectional Singles Final	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
National Qualifying Series Ice Dance	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
National Qualifying Series Pairs	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
National Qualifying Series Singles	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)

Competition	Data Operators
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	National (SYS)
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	National (SYS) Qualifying (SYS)
Nonqualifying Competitions	Any level of appointed Data Operator (S/P/D) for singles, pairs and dance events Any level of appointed Data Operator (SYS) for SYS events

Implementation date: May 7, 2023

304.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2120 (B)(1)(h) (page 119, Rulebook)** to allow up to nine judges on a panel for the National Qualifying Series events.

2120 Qualifying Competitions – Officials – All Skating Disciplines

The following officials will be recommended to officiate at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions:

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.
 - 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. National Qualifying Series (all disciplines): Minimum of five and maximum of ~~seven~~ nine judges;

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

305.REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION ON MAY 3* – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2501 (page 130, Rulebook)** to add novice men's and women's event with a maximum of six skaters each and remove the option for novice skaters to compete in the junior event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2501 Singles competitors qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the novice events by:

1. Placing in the top two in novice at their respective sectional singles final

A: B. For the junior events by:

1. Placing in the top four in junior at their respective sectional singles final;
2. ~~Placing in the top two in novice at their respective sectional singles final;~~
3. ~~Earning a bye:~~
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates);
 - b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511. Competitors qualifying under this subparagraph (3) have the choice to compete at their sectional singles final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who would have placed in the top four at the sectional singles final if said skater had not competed. At such final the top four places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

**At the May 3 Board of Directors meeting, it was decided not to propose any changes to these rules at this time.*

Implementation date: Not applicable since the item was not approved.

306.REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION ON MAY 3* – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2502 (page 131, Rulebook)** to add a novice event for pairs with a maximum of four teams and reduce the number of junior teams that qualify to the U.S Championships.

2502 Pairs teams qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the novice events by:

1. Placing in the top four in novice at the U.S. Pairs Final

~~A.~~ B. For the junior events by:

1. Placing in the top ~~12~~ eight in junior at the U.S. Pairs Final;

2. Earning a bye:

a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates);

b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

Teams qualifying under this subparagraph (2) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Pairs Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who would have placed in the top ~~12~~ eight at the U.S. Pairs Final if said team had not competed. At such final the top ~~12~~ eight places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

**At the May 3 Board of Directors meeting, it was decided not to propose any changes to these rules at this time.*

Implementation date: Not applicable since the item was not approved.

307.REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR RECONSIDERATION ON MAY 3* – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2503 (page 131, Rulebook)** to add in a novice event for ice dance with a maximum of five couples and reduce the number of junior teams that qualify to the U.S Championships.

2503 Ice dance couples qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the novice events by:

1. Placing in the top five in novice at the U.S. Ice Dance Final

~~A.~~ B. For the junior events by:

1. Placing in the top ~~12~~ 10 in junior at the U.S. Ice Dance Final;

2. Earning a bye:

a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates);

b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

Couples qualifying under this subparagraph (2) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Ice Dance Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a couple who would have placed in the top ~~12~~ 10 at the U.S. Ice Dance Final if said couple had not competed. At such final the top ~~12~~ 10 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

**At the May 3 Board of Directors meeting, it was decided not to propose any changes to these rules at this time.*

Implementation date: Not applicable since the item was not approved.

308.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2721 (page 135, Rulebook)** to establish an initial starting order for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships short programs/rhythm dance that is based on a reverse standings skating order based on the ISU World Standings with the remaining skaters subject to a random draw.

2720 Draws for Initial Starting Orders – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

2721 At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, the starting order for the junior and championship (senior) women's, men's and pairs short program and junior and championship (senior) rhythm dance events will be ~~drawn in four subgroups~~ established as follows:

A. The skaters who qualify according to rules 2501 (B)(1-3), 2502 (B)(1-3) or 2503 (B)(1-3) will draw randomly from the first subgroup to skate within the last two warm-up groups;

B. Previous winners of the same event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships who were not in the first subgroup will draw from most recent to least recent from the second sub-group to skate within the last two warm up groups;

~~C.A. The skaters who hold an ISU World Standing in their discipline who were not in the first or second subgroups will draw from the third subgroup will skate in reverse standings order of their ISU World Standings, as of the date of the draw. These skaters will skate in the last warm-up group(s), for the remaining spots in the last two warm up groups, until the number of spots has been filled or there are no additional skaters in the ISU World Standings.~~

~~D.B. The starting order for the remaining competitors will be by a closed, random draw randomly from the fourth subgroup to skate in the remaining spots conducted by the chief referee and chief accountant.~~

For purposes of clarity, if approved as proposed the amended rule 2721 would read as follows:

2721 At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, the starting order for the junior and championship (senior) women's, men's and pairs short program and junior and championship (senior) rhythm dance events will be established as follows:

- A. The skaters who hold an ISU World Standing in their discipline will skate in reverse standings order of their ISU World Standings, as of the date of the draw. These skaters will skate in the last warm-up group(s).
- B. The starting order for the remaining competitors will be by a closed, random draw conducted by the chief referee and chief accountant.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

309.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2735 (B) (page 136, Rulebook)** to establish a reverse placement skating order for the free skate/dance segments at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2735 How to establish draw groups to determine starting order:

B. ~~FV~~ Rule

- ~~1. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, the starting order for all singles and pairs free skate and all free dance events will be a reverse placement skating order from the result of the short program/rhythm dance segment. the championship (senior) women's, men's and pairs free skate, and championship (senior) free dance events will be drawn as follows: For tied competitors, the skater/team with the higher technical elements score from the initial segment will skate later.~~
- 1. Women and men: The last two warm-up groups will consist of not fewer than 10 and not more than 12 competitors, with the exact number to be decided by the chief referee in consultation with the executive director prior to the draw publishing the starting order of the short program.
 - ~~a. Starting order for the final two groups will be drawn in four subgroups:~~
 - ~~i. The top three finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the final group and will draw from the first subgroup.~~
 - ~~ii. The fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place (or fourth- and fifth- place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the final group and will draw from the second subgroup.~~
 - ~~iii. The seventh-, eighth- and ninth-place (or sixth-, seventh- and eighth-place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the second-to-last group and will draw from the third subgroup.~~
 - ~~iv. The 10th-, 11th- and 12th-place (or ninth- and 10th-place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the second-to-last group and will draw from the fourth subgroup.~~
- 2. Pairs: The last warm-up group will consist of four couples.
 - ~~a. Starting order for the final group will be drawn in two subgroups:~~
 - ~~i. The top two finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the final group and will draw from the first subgroup.~~
 - ~~ii. The third- and fourth-place finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the final group and will draw from the second subgroup.~~
- 3. Ice dance: The last warm-up group will consist of five couples.
 - ~~a. Starting order for the final group will be drawn in two subgroups:~~
 - ~~i. The top three finishers in the rhythm dance will be the last to skate in the final group and will draw from the first subgroup.~~
 - ~~ii. The fourth- and fifth-place finishers in the rhythm dance will be the first to skate in the final group and will draw from the second subgroup.~~
- 2. The policy of U.S. Figure Skating is to keep some format of random draw and not go to a reverse placement skating order in the future.
- 3. The remaining competitors will be drawn as follows:

- a. ~~If the remaining competitors are more than the maximum permitted in a warm-up group, they will be divided into the smallest possible number of equal groups of not more than the maximum permitted.~~
- b. ~~If the number of remaining competitors is not equally divisible, the last group (the last-placed competitors) must contain one less competitor than the next group(s).~~
- 4. ~~Tied competitors must be in the same draw group:~~
 - a. ~~Starting with the lowest-placed competitor, tied competitors in different draw groups will be placed together in the same draw group. The draw group from which the competitor(s) was (were) removed is reduced accordingly.~~
 - b. ~~When one or more tied competitors are included in the same draw group, the maximum number permitted to warm-up at the same time may be exceeded by one competitor.~~
 - c. ~~If these tied competitors increase the maximum group size allowed by two or more, the draw group in question will be divided into two subgroups. One subgroup will consist of these tied competitors. The other subgroup will consist of the remaining competitors from the group.~~
 - d. ~~The movement of tied competitors in the event does not affect the other competitors. Their assigned draw group does not change.~~
 - e. ~~When competitors are tied, there will be a separate draw before the main draw to determine the draw order for the tied competitors.~~
- 5. ~~Start the draw with the best-placed competitor. The starting order in each group will be drawn in order of placement.~~

For purposes of clarity, if approved as proposed the amended Rule 2035(B) would read as follows:

2735 How to establish draw groups to determine starting order:

- B. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, the starting order for all singles and pairs free skate and all free dance events will be a reverse placement skating order from the result of the short program/ rhythm dance segment. For tied competitors, the skater/team with the higher technical elements score from the initial segment will skate later.
 - 1. Women and men: The last two warm-up groups will consist of not fewer than 10 and not more than 12 competitors, with the exact number to be decided by the chief referee in consultation with the executive director prior to publishing the skate order of the short program.
 - 2. Pairs: The last warm-up group will consist of four couples.
 - 3. Ice dance: The last warm-up group will consist of five couples.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

310.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend current **Rules 2942 and 2948 (page 142, Rulebook)**, to change the official practice ice segment for preliminary from six minutes to seven minutes as follows:

- 2942** Teams entered in the following events are provided a 67-minute official practice ice segment: preliminary free skate.
- 2948** For the free skate 67-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1⁴¹/₂ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than 3³⁴/₄ 4¹/₂ minutes into the session. A 15-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

311.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rule 3046 (page 149, Rulebook)** to remove the one-judge minority restriction for nonqualifying synchronized skating judges as eligible to judge synchronized skating at nonqualifying synchronized competitions.

3046 Judges Required for Synchronized Events at Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge synchronized events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Synchronized Events	Synchronized Judge Classifications		
	Nonqualifying (NQ)	Sectional (SEC)	National (NAT)
Nonqualifying Synchronized Competitions (all levels)	J(1)	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

J(1) = Qualified to judge events at nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

312.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend current **rule 1404 (page 112-113, Rulebook)**, to bring these rules more in line with the standards set by ISU Rule 965:

1404 Allowance of a Delayed Start or Restart – Synchronized Skating

- A. If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient or if for any reason there is an interruption or stop in the music, the team captain must stop skating and notify the event referee or the team must stop skating at the acoustic signal of the event referee, whichever is earlier. No restart may be made if ~~the team captain fails to inform the event referee within~~ any of these problems with music occurs 20 30 seconds after the start. If the interruption happens after the 30 20-second mark, the performance will continue from the point of interruption, or if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. If this element was identified and called by the technical panel before the interruption, the technical panel has to delete it from the list of performed elements, and the team is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program (at which point it will be called). Back-up music must be readily available at rink side. No deduction will be made by the event referee or judges.
- B. If an interruption ~~or stop in the music or is caused by an~~ any other adverse condition unrelated to the team or their equipment, such as lighting, ice condition, etc., ~~occurs occurring~~ occurs at any time during the program, the team must stop skating at the acoustic signal of the event referee. If the event referee does not stop the skating with an acoustic signal, the team captain should inform the event referee about any ~~music deficiencies~~ adverse conditions unrelated to the team or their equipment (even if happening after 30 seconds). The rest of the team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an acoustic signal of the event referee. No penalty will be applied for the team captain leaving the team to consult the event referee or the event referee then stopping the program. Immediately after the problem has been resolved, the team will continue from the point of interruption, or if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. If this element was identified and called by the technical panel before the interruption, the technical panel has to delete it from the list of performed elements, and the team is allowed to repeat this element when resuming the program (at which point it will be called). If, however, the interruption lasts longer than 10 minutes, there will be a second warm-up period according to rule 2911.
- C. If a skater is injured during the performance, or another adverse condition related to the skater (such as health problems or unexpected damage to the skater's clothing or equipment) impedes the skater's/team's skating, the affected skater must stop skating and either this skater (if possible) or the team captain must report to the event referee. The rest of the team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an when the skater becomes aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the event referee. The music will only be stopped if the referee instructs the music coordinator to do so.
 1. If the adverse conditions can be remedied without delay, and the rest of the team has continued to skate their program, and the affected skater(s) resumes skating their program without reporting to the event referee, the event referee will apply a deduction for the interruption ~~for IJS events~~ as per rule 9912 or 9923 depending on the duration of the interruption. This time period commences immediately after the skater stops performing the program or the team is directed to do so by the event referee, whichever occurs earlier.
 2. If the adverse conditions cannot be remedied without delay and the team captain (or affected skater) reports to the event referee within 40 seconds, the event referee will order the rest of the team to stop skating by an acoustic signal and allow an additional period of up to three minutes and/or will permit the team to solve the problem in order for the team to resume skating. The team will resume skating as close as possible to the time that the team captain or the affected skater reported to the event referee. This additional time period commences at the moment the team captain or the affected skater reports to the event referee. The event referee will apply a deduction ~~in IJS events~~ as per rule 9912 or 9923 for the whole interruption.
 - a. If either the whole team stops skating without being directed to do so by the event referee or the event referee directed the team to stop skating and the team captain does not report to the event referee within 40 seconds, or if the team does not resume skating their program within the additional period of three

- minutes, the team will be considered withdrawn.
- b. The judges and the technical panel will continue to evaluate the team's performance until the event referee directs the team to stop skating with an acoustic signal. The point from which the team must continue the program will be decided per paragraph c below, and communicated to the team by the event referee.
 - c. In IJS events, the event referee in consultation with the technical controller will determine whether the interruption occurred before or during an element. If the interruption occurred during any part of an element, the team will continue from the point of interruption, or if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element which was called by the technical panel before the interruption, at the point immediately following this element. The call made prior to the interruption will stay, begin on the transition following that element. If the interruption occurred during a transition, then the team will begin after that point and continue into the next element. The event referee will inform the judges and technical panel where to continue the evaluation of the program.
- D. If, in the opinion of the event referee or assistant ice-level referee, medical attention is required (mandatory for possible head injury or concern of concussion), the referee must stop the performance. No deduction will apply if the referee stops the performance for medical attention, as per rule 1404 (C) applies. The event referee, after consulting with medical personnel, if available, will decide if the skater is fit to continue the program with no further risk to themselves or their teammates. There will be a maximum of a three-minute allowance for evaluation before the event referee will be required to make their decision. If the event referee determines the competitor is not fit to continue, another competitor may be substituted per rule 1404 (F). If the event referee determines the competitor is fit to continue, rule 1404 (C)(2) will apply. When the problem is resolved, the team will continue from the point of interruption, or if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately following this element, which is called by the technical panel and the call remains.
- 1.—In case of a skater's injury, which requires the skater's evacuation by the medical personnel from the ice surface and/or new ice resurfacing is needed after the accident, this three minutes period is not in place.
- E. If any team between entering the ice and being called to the start is injured, or any other adverse condition related to the team or their equipment impeding their skating occurs, and time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy the adverse condition, the event referee will allow the team up to three additional minutes before the team is called to the start. The event referee will apply a deduction as per rule 1404 (C)(2).
 - F. Once a short program or free skate has started, no substitution of a skater will be permitted (if there is no visible reason, i.e. injury, equipment failure, etc.). However, registered team alternates may be substituted if the team's program is stopped by the event referee or assistant ice-level referee due to injury or equipment problems. If a team substitutes a skater without the event referee or assistant ice-level referee first stopping the program, the team will be disqualified.
 - G. With respect to adverse conditions related to a skater or skater's equipment, only one restart per program is allowed. In case of a second stop of the performance due to an adverse condition related to the skater or skater's equipment (including medical problems), the team concerned will be considered withdrawn.
 - H. If a team does not complete their program, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

313.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4003 (page 155, Rulebook)** to remove the waiting period to retry solo free dance tests.

4003 Waiting period for tests marked “retry”

- A. The following tests, when marked “retry,” may not be retaken prior to the 13th day following the date of the original test. Example: A test taken on May 1 and marked “retry” may not be retaken before May 14, the 14th being the 13th day following the date of the original test. For the purposes of this rule, a skating skills test taken as an adult 50+ candidate is considered the same as the same level skating skills test taken as an adult 21+ or standard candidate.
 1. All skating skills tests;
 2. Standard pre-bronze, preliminary, pre-preliminary, adult bronze, adult pre-bronze, and adaptive skating singles tests;
 3. All partnered pattern dance tests;
 4. All solo pattern ~~and free~~ dance tests;
 5. All adult pair tests;
 6. Adult partnered free dance tests;
 7. All figure tests.
- B. There will be no waiting period for standard singles, pair, ~~or partnered free dance~~ or solo free dance tests marked “retry” at the standard bronze level or higher, or adult singles tests at the silver level or higher. Tests may only

be taken one time per calendar day. If a candidate is submitting an IJS protocol from a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competition for test credit, the waiting period does not apply.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

314.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 8231 (page 257, Rulebook)** to remove the requirement to receive a “pass” or “pass with honors” in each division in order to pass a preliminary pattern dance test.

8231 Preliminary partnered pattern dance tests and preliminary solo pattern dance tests will receive a “pass,” “pass with honors” or “retry” only for the entire test. Pattern dance tests taken as an adaptive skating candidate will receive a “pass” or “retry” only. ~~A “pass” or “pass with honors” in each division is required to pass (or pass with honors) each preliminary partnered pattern dance test and preliminary solo pattern dance track test.~~ For all other levels of pattern dance tests (partnered and solo) marks will be awarded on a scale ranging from -3 to +3, in whole number increments, with “0” equal to passing average for test level expectation. Three marks must be awarded for pattern dance tests (except for preliminary partnered and preliminary solo pattern dance tests, only one mark for the entire test is awarded). The first mark is for “technique,” the second mark is for “timing,” and the third mark is for “expression.”

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

315.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Add **rule 8223 (page 256, Rulebook)** and renumber rules 8223-8226 (partnered pattern dance tests).

8223 For all standard, adult 21+ and adult 50+ preliminary through gold partnered pattern dance tests, the couple must approach the judges and introduce themselves prior to beginning the test. For a virtual test, the candidate(s) must be clearly identified during the introduction at the beginning of the video.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

316.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4201 (D) (page 157, Rulebook)** to reduce the length of time a skater may hold onto their IJS Protocol for Test Credit paperwork to 14 days.

4201 D. Candidates have ~~one year~~ 14 days from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit; however, skaters who register for an adult sectional qualifying event (rule 2401) forgo the option to submit an IJS protocol at a higher level that is dated prior to the end date of the last qualifying competition in which the skater participates within that season, depending on skater advancement. For example, if a skater registers to compete in championship masters intermediate-novice and qualifies to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, that skater cannot submit an IJS protocol for pre-gold singles test credit that is dated prior to the date of their championship masters intermediate-novice free skate event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. See also rules 2422 and 2543. The home club test chair does not need to process the test credit paperwork within 15 days of the competition in which the requirements were achieved but must process the paperwork within 30 days of paperwork receipt.

Implementation date: ~~July 1, 2023~~ Nov. 1, 2023

317.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4104 (B)(2) (page 156, rulebook)** to change the window to record videos for virtual test sessions from 30 days to 14 days.

4104 B. 2. Candidates may be allowed to submit their own recorded video of the test to the host club test chair. The submission deadline set by the test chair is the date of the test session. Videos must have been ~~taken~~ recorded within ~~30~~ 14 days of the submission deadline.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023*

**Note: The implementation date means that for test sessions on or after July 1, 2023, videos must have been taken within 14 days of the virtual test session submission deadline.*

318.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4104 (page 156, Rulebook)** to reference Tests Committee guidelines for virtual testing in the rules.

4104 In lieu of testing with in-person judges, the member club may elect to host virtual testing for any skating skills, singles, pairs, pattern dance or free dance tests. Figure tests are not eligible for virtual testing. In addition to these rules, the Tests Committee may post additional guidelines and clarifications as needed.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

319.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Add additional information to **rule 4104 (B) (page 156, rulebook)** as shown below.

4104 B. Virtual testing may be conducted in one of two ways:

3. A performance may only be evaluated once for test credit (for example, a recording of a test being judged in person cannot be submitted for virtual testing, and a video cannot be submitted more than once or to more than one virtual test session).
4. All judging for a virtual test must be done virtually. A judging panel cannot be a mix of in-person and virtual judges.
5. If a judge is present during the recording of the performance, they are not eligible to judge the video for test credit.
6. Judges may not critique a virtual test video except as a judge on the panel who provides comments on the test form as part of the official judging process or an approved trial judge on the panel who provides comments on the test form for the review of the judge-in-charge as part of the official trial judging process.
7. Videos from a competition, exhibition, or ice show may not be submitted to virtual test sessions.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

320.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4104 (C)(3) (page 156, Rulebook)** to clarify what information needs to be provided at the beginning of a virtual test video.

4104 C. Video Requirements

3. Prior to the candidate starting the test, ~~the videographer will announce~~ the test candidate's name, home club name and test name must be announced or displayed (see also rule 8223). A date and time stamp must be clearly shown at the beginning of the video by holding up a mobile device in front of the camera that shows the date and time. The date must contain both the month and the day (for example, July 1).

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

321.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4608 (page 163, Rulebook)** to update the language and requirements for trial judge papers.

4608 A trial judge's name, U.S. Figure Skating number and total score for each test trialed must be reported through the Members Only site. (See rule 4606.) A trial judge's test papers must be forwarded within 14 days by the club hosting the tests to the trial judge's mentor monitor or home club test chair, who must retain them until such time as an application for appointment or promotion is submitted. The ~~monitor mentor~~ is responsible for retaining a copy of all papers submitted. If the application for appointment or promotion is approved, the ~~monitor mentor~~ may destroy the copies. A trial judge is entitled to copies of all of their trial papers.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

401.APPROVED – Ethics Committee

Amend **rule 2118 (page 118, Rulebook)** to make language in the rulebook consistent with language in the Ethical Conduction and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials.

2118 ~~Private or semi-private trainers of a skater in ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing or physical fitness are prohibited from judging or trial judging skaters who are their pupils. Teaching/coaching/consulting for competitors, either privately or semi-privately (including e-classes), in but not limited to: choreography, ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing, and/or physical fitness within the past 12 months prohibits one from officiating for skaters who are their pupils.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

402.APPROVED – Ethics Committee

Amend **rule 3034 (page 144, Rulebook)** to make language in the rulebook consistent with language in the Ethical Conduction and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials.

3034 A relative of a competitor will not be permitted to referee, judge, serve on the technical panel or act as an accountant in any competitive event in which the competitor is entered. Persons married or closely related to a competitor or paid coach in figure skating will not be permitted to serve as a referee, judge, technical panel member or an accountant in any event in which the competitor or pupil of the paid coach is entered. ~~Private or semi-private trainers of a skater in ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing or physical fitness are prohibited from judging or trial judging skaters who are their pupils. Persons will be considered a pupil for 12 months after the last day of receiving coaching. Teaching/coaching/consulting for competitors, either privately or semi-privately (including e-classes), in but not limited to: choreography, ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing, and/or physical fitness within the past 12 months prohibits one from officiating for skaters who are their pupils.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

403.APPROVED – Ethics Committee

Amend **rule 4507 (page 158, Rulebook)** to make language in the rulebook consistent with language in the Ethical Conduction and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials.

4507 Persons married or closely related to a coach may not act as a judge ~~or judge-in-charge~~ of any test in which a pupil of such coach is a candidate or a partner. ~~Also, private or semi-private trainers of a skater in ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing or physical fitness are prohibited from judging or trial judging skaters who are their pupils. A person will be considered a pupil for 12 months after the last day of receiving coaching. Teaching/coaching/consulting for competitors, either privately or semi-privately (including e-classes), in but not limited to: choreography, ballet, gymnastics, ballroom dancing, and/or physical fitness within the past 12 months prohibits one from officiating for skaters who are their pupils.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

404.APPROVED – Ethics Committee

Amend **Performance Sanction and Eligibility Rule (PSER 4.52, page 51)** to remove the rule that restricts the eligibility of paid full-time employees.

PSER 4.52 Persons not otherwise ineligible under other provisions of these rules may have their eligibility rights restricted if they:-

- A. Receive remuneration for ownership or management of an ice show, ice arena, skating exhibition tour or non-sanctioned competition. (A person will be considered an owner or manager if, through investment or paid employment, that person makes decisions regarding the operation of an ice show, ice arena, skating exhibition tour or non-sanctioned competition); ~~or~~
- B. ~~Are paid full-time employees of U.S. Figure Skating.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

405.APPROVED – Grievance Committee

Amend the **Grievance Committee Rules** to allow for the appointment of certain officials to Qualifying Competition Expedited Panels.

GCR 5.03 Appointment of Expedited Hearing Panel Members:

- A. Expedited Hearing Panels for qualifying competitions (excluding National Qualifying Series events) and competitions protected under the USOPC Bylaws and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act:
1. The Grievance Committee chair annually selects a chair and two additional members of separate Expedited Hearing Panels to hear grievance or disciplinary matters regarding the participation of a competitor in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition or other competitions protected by the USOPC Bylaws and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, including each U.S. Figure Skating national, sectional and regional competition (“domestic competition”), and all World, Olympic and international competitions.
 2. The selection and naming of the Expedited Hearing Panel for the specified competitions shall occur annually, and the names of the Expedited Hearing Panels’ members must be available on request from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.
 3. No U.S. Figure Skating judge official who is officiating at the event in question and/or at a sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, synchronized sectional championship, adult sectional championship, the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, an ISU World Championship and/or an Olympic Games for the same discipline in the same season may serve on any Expedited Hearing Panel convened under this section.
 4. If the jurisdiction of an Expedited Hearing Panel is challenged because a grievance or disciplinary proceeding is initiated between competitions, or otherwise, the Grievance Committee chair determines which Expedited Hearing Panel will preside. Such decision is final, binding and not appealable under the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rules.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

406.APPROVED – Grievance Committee

Amend the **Grievance Committee Rules** to move the appointment of a Hearing Panel to after the Grievance Committee chair receives a Response from the Respondent.

GCR 3.02 Receipt of Grievance Statement by Grievance Committee chair:

- C. If the Grievance Committee chair determines that the Grievance Statement complies with all applicable requirements, the Grievance Committee chair shall, within two weeks of receipt of the Grievance Statement:
1. Notify the Grievant, the Respondent, the president, secretary and Administrative/Legal Group coordinator of U.S. Figure Skating of acceptance of the Grievance;
 2. Forward a copy of the Grievance Statement and any attachments provided through rule GCR 3.01 (J) to the Respondent(s) at the Respondent’s last known address or the address maintained in the U.S. Figure Skating database or to the Respondent’s representative, if such representative is known to U.S. Figure Skating. This will constitute “notice”. The person responsible for sending the documents to the Respondent must use any expeditious delivery system that provides reasonable evidence of delivery to the addressee, which will constitute proof that notice of the Grievance was given to the Respondent; and
 3. ~~Name a Hearing Panel and forward the Grievance Statement to each panel~~

GCR 3.04 Hearing Panel Composition:

- A. Referral to Hearing Panel: After receiving a timely Response, the Grievance Committee chair must appoint a Hearing Panel within two weeks and must deliver the Grievance Statement and the Response to the Hearing Panel.

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

407.APPROVED – Grievance Committee

Amend the **Grievance Committee Rules** to remove the notarization requirements for filing Grievances and Responses.

GCR 3.00 Initiating Grievance Proceedings

GCR 3.01 The grievance process is started by filing a grievance statement with the Grievance Committee chair. A grievance statement may be filed by either a member or a member club. The grievance statement must be written; and signed under oath, notarized, and include:

- A. The name of the party filing the Grievance (the “Grievant”);
- B. The Grievant’s address, telephone number and U.S. Figure Skating registration number;

- C. The name of the party against whom the Grievance is brought (the “Respondent”);
- D. The Respondent’s address, telephone number and, if known, the U.S. Figure Skating registration number;
- E. The name, address and telephone numbers of any other party involved;
- F. The U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule allegedly violated;
- G. A clear and concise statement of facts explaining the alleged violation, including all relevant dates;
- H. A statement certifying that the Grievant attempted to resolve the matter and a description of the specific actions the Grievant took to resolve the matter; and
- I. The action the Grievant wishes taken.
- J. The Grievant may attach supporting documentation and evidence, including a description of anticipated testimonial evidence, to the Grievance Statement.
- K. The Grievant’s signature along with the following language: “I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.”
- KL. The Grievant must pay a \$225 filing fee to U.S. Figure Skating when the Grievance is filed. If the Grievance is not accepted, the filing fee will be refunded. There is no fee for filing a SkateSafe® Complaint with U.S. Figure Skating or a report with the U.S. Center for SafeSport (see rule section ECR 4.00).

GCR 3.03 Respondent’s Reply to Grievance Statement:

- A The Respondent may file a response to the Grievance Statement with the Grievant and the Grievance Committee chair. If filed, the response must be in writing; and signed with the following language: “I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.” ~~under oath and notarized.~~ The Respondent may also include supporting documentation and evidence, including a description of anticipated testimonial evidence, with the response. The response must be filed within 30 days after delivery of the Grievance Statement to the address of the Respondent on file at U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by any expeditious delivery system that provides reasonable evidence of delivery.

GCR 5.04 Expedited Hearing Procedures:

- A. Filing a request for an Expedited Hearing for qualifying competitions and competitions protected under the USOPC Bylaws or the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act:
 - 1. Any aggrieved U.S. Figure Skating member, member club or the Ethics Committee chair (the “Grievant”) may initiate a grievance or disciplinary proceeding on an expedited basis pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws by notifying the Grievance Committee chair verbally as soon as the substance of the grievance or disciplinary matter becomes known, followed within 24 hours by a written Grievance Statement. The verbal notice must include:
 - a. A statement of fact, including the alleged harm or potential harm to the Grievant;
 - b. The bylaws or rules allegedly violated;
 - c. The name of the party against whom the Grievance is brought (the “Respondent”);
 - d. The specific relief requested.
 The written Grievance Statement must include all of the above elements, and must be signed by the Grievant with the following language: “I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.” ~~and notarized under penalty of perjury.~~
- B. Filing a request for an Expedited Hearing for all other matters:
 - 1. If the Grievance Committee chair determines that compliance with regular procedures would not likely produce a timely decision under the circumstances, any aggrieved U.S. Figure Skating member or member club or the chair of the Ethics Committee (the “Grievant”) may initiate a grievance or disciplinary proceeding on an expedited basis pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws by notifying the Grievance Committee chair in writing as soon as the substance of the grievance or disciplinary matter becomes known. Such notice must include:
 - a. A concise statement of fact including the alleged harm to the Grievant;
 - b. The bylaws or rules allegedly violated;
 - c. The name of the party against whom the Grievance is brought (the “Respondent”);
 - d. The specific relief requested; and
 - e. ~~The notarized signature of the Grievant~~ with the following language: “I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.” ~~under penalty of perjury.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

INTERNATIONAL GROUP (GROUP 5)

There were no requests for action from the **International Group**.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

701.APPROVED provisional club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

Great River FSC	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Kraken Skating Academy	Seattle, WA
Sunshine State FSC	Wesley Chapel, FL
Twin Ponds FSC	Harrisburg, PA

702.APPROVED full club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following provisional clubs:

Heart of Texas FSC	Austin, TX
FSC of Osceola	Kissimmee, FL

703.AWARDED honorary membership with U.S. Figure Skating to Madison Chock and Evan Bates.

704.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.

705.ADOPTED the revised budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, with the appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business that came before this Governing Council.

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

PRESIDENT (serving year two of a four-year term) Samuel Auxier

DIRECTORS (nominated for a two-year term) Jennifer Hartley
Kristina Lundgren
Kimberley Moore
Heather Paige

DIRECTORS (serving year two of a two-year term) Victoria Hildebrand
Kevin Rosenstein
Kym Worthy

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS Jackie Chang (serving year two of a two-year term)
Matt Slatius (nominated for a two-year term)

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES
(Elected by the athletes, February 2023) Amanda Evora Will (USOPC AAC Representative)
Jenna Longo (Synchronized Skating)
Pooja Kalyan (Singles)
Colin McManus (Ice Dance)
Felicia Zhang (Pairs)

GROUP COORDINATORS (non-voting, serving year two of a two-year term)
Athlete Services Lauren O'Toole
Membership Development Elizabeth (Elise) Preston
Technical and Officials Todd Bromley
Administrative/Legal Pilar Helm

707.ANNOUNCED that Colin McManus will serve as the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee for the 2023-24 season as elected by the athletes.

708.The president **ACCEPTED and APPOINTED** the following individuals for the committee chair positions:

Adult Skating	Stephanie Roth
Coaches	Phillip DiGuglielmo
Competitions	Brenda Kickertz
Dance Development and Technical	Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management	Lynn Bell
Domestic Selections	Kimberly Heim
Ethics	Matthew O'Toole
Grievance	Melissa Christensen
International	Julia Rey
International Officials	Sharon Rogers
Membership	Cathryn Schwab
Memorial Fund	Ouida Robins
Officials Training	Lori Osborne
Pairs Development and Technical	Marc Weitzman
Programs and New Program Development	Gerald Miele
Rules	Veronica Nebb
Singles Development and Technical	Stefanie Mathewson
SkateSafe	William Tran
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Frederick Workman
Synchronized Development and Technical	Felicia Haining-Miller
Tests	Anthony Iarriccio

709.The president **ANNOUNCED** the appointment of Troy Goldstein as the ISU representative.

710.**ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for the 2023-24 season:

From the Eastern Section and serving year two of a two-year term: Karen Terry Perreault

From the Midwestern Section and serving year one of a two-year term: Scott Brody

From the Pacific Coast Section and serving year two of a two-year term: Lexi Rohner

The three athletes serving are:

Serving year two of a two-year term: Christina Gao

Elected to serve a two-year term and serving year one: Anastasia Cannuscio and Camden Pulkinen

Per Article XV of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, the Board of Directors will convene prior to June 1 to appoint three additional members to serve on the 2023-24 Nominating Committee who will be reflected in the full Nominating Committee roster available in the online directory on the Members Only site on June 1.