

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING**  
**2024-25 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION**  
**Board of Directors – In Person and Via Video Conference and Electronic Ballots - April 28, 2024-April 30, 2025**  
**Governing Council – May 2-3, 2025**

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2025 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**AUGUST 16-17, 2024**

**1. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee**

Amend **rule 2056 (page 111, Rulebook)** as follows:

**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. Senior and senior elite 12 may be combined into one category (senior combined).
- 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, open masters and Special Olympics unified synchronized skating.

**Implementation date:** Aug. 26, 2024

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**OCTOBER 21, 2024**

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

Amend **rule 9400 (page 246, Rulebook)** as follows:

**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.

<b>Competitive Level</b>	<b>Minimum Test Qualifications</b> <i>Tests may be standard or Skate United unless otherwise noted.</i> <i>Pattern dance tests may be partnered or solo.</i>	<b>Age Requirements</b>
Collegiate	Bronze skating skills or higher or the bronze pattern dance test or higher <u>or the adult gold skating skills test or higher</u>	12-20 skaters, all of whom must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university and must be full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend

**Implementation date:** Oct. 28, 2024

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**DECEMBER 16, 2024**

**3. APPROVED the following changes to the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, rules and policies (as shown below) to comply with the USOPC NGB Certification Audit**

*Note: Per Article XVII, Section 4, and Article XXIX, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, 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.*

## GR 1.02 Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct applies to all participants including, but not limited to, employees, members, board of directors, committee members, contractors, and officers who participate in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps:

I recognize that my participation in all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions and training camps, is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. I agree to fully abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents. As a precondition to participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I will adhere to the following tenets in good faith:

- A. I will exhibit the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in all of my relations with others.
- B. I will not discriminate against any member or participant 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.
- C. I will not damage public or private property. I understand that I may be held financially responsible for damage deemed to be wantonly or willfully executed on my part, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating.
- D. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, and I will not engage in criminal activity. I understand that, if I am found to use or possess illegal drugs, or if I am found to engage in any criminal activity during any activity hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating, I may be subject to criminal penalties as well as penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. I will adhere to: the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the host organization at all activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating; the rules governing fair play and competitive manipulation in the Olympic and Paralympic movements; the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and/or the IPC Code of Ethics, Section 6.1, as applicable; and state or country laws, as applicable.
- F. I will comply with all applicable anti-doping rules including, but not limited to, ISU anti-doping rules.
- G. I will conduct myself in a manner not detrimental to the welfare of figure skating. I understand that my actions reflect on U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating both positively and negatively. I understand that if my acts, statements, or conduct are considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating by the appropriate authority, I may be subject to penalties imposed by U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to GR 1.04.
- H. I understand that the penalties that may be imposed may include, but are not limited to, loss of future international selections, loss of financial support from U.S. Figure Skating and its Memorial Fund, and loss of participation in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating.
- I. I understand that all disciplinary proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and that my rights and remedies are derived therefrom.

Violations of the Code of Conduct and/or Conflict of Interest Disclosure requirements, as outlined within this rulebook and other U.S. Figure Skating policies, may be referred to the U.S. Figure Skating Ethics and Professional Standards Committee for review. Reports can be submitted through the online reporting tool at [www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe). An investigation may be warranted and would be led by the chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, or their designee, where the outcome would be decided by disinterested parties where the determining body would include a minimum of 33.3% athlete representation. Review of alleged violations and all communications regarding decisions will be conducted pursuant to the disciplinary proceeding outlined in rule section ECR 3.00. Questions regarding the Ethics and Professional Standards process can be directed to the chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, or to [ethics@usfigureskating.org](mailto:ethics@usfigureskating.org). An opportunity for a hearing will be provided if the determination limits an individual's right to participate.

The U.S. Figure Skating Whistleblower Policy and additional resources, such as the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website under the policies and governance section.

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

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

**GR 1.04** Any person whose acts, statements or conduct violate the provisions of the preceding General Rules or otherwise violate the person's applicable duties and responsibilities to U.S. Figure Skating or whose acts, statements or conduct are otherwise considered detrimental to the welfare of figure skating is subject to the loss of the privilege of registration by U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws relating to loss of membership privileges, suspension and expulsion.

**GR 1.05 Retaliatory Conduct**

A. Per the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, "Retaliation" means any adverse or discriminatory action, or the threat of an adverse or discriminatory action, including the removal from a training facility, reduced coaching or training, reduced meals or housing, and removal from competition, carried out against a protected individual as a result of any communication, including the filing of a formal complaint, by the protected individual or a parent or legal guardian of the protected individual relating to the allegation of physical abuse, sexual harassment, or emotional abuse, with:

1. The U.S. Center for SafeSport;
2. A coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official associate with the corporation;
3. The Attorney General;
4. A Federal or State law enforcement authority;
5. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; or
6. Congress.

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

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

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

**GR 1.06 Jurisdiction**

U.S. Figure Skating is a member of the International Skating Union (ISU), an Olympic/Pan American member of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and an allied member of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU). U.S. Figure Skating is recognized by the ISU, USOPC and AAU as the governing body of figure skating on ice in the United States. As such, U.S. Figure Skating observes the rules of the ISU, including but not limited to the ISU antidoping rules, and administers its own rules so as to ensure the eligibility of qualified United States skaters and officials to participate in international skating events. In addition, the purpose of the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, and in particular those rules relating to eligibility and sanctions, is to protect the eligibility of registered members so as to enable them to fully participate in the benefits of such membership.

**GR 1.07** Any current or past member (living or deceased) who has been permanently banned from U.S. Figure Skating by U.S. Figure Skating or in accordance with measures enacted by the U.S. Center for SafeSport will be removed from the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame and stripped of all U.S. Hall of Fame recognitions. In accord, any banned member is ineligible for consideration by the Nominating Committee to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

**GR 1.08 Job Recommendations for Individuals Who 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 any 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.

**GR 2.00 Registration**

All persons who participate in the activities of U.S. Figure Skating must be registered members of U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with Article XXIII, Section 1, of the bylaws.

**GR 3.00 Suspended Member**

A "suspended member" is a member of U.S. Figure Skating whose rights and privileges as a member have been temporarily restricted due to disciplinary action taken against the member by U.S. Figure Skating for violation of U.S.

Figure Skating bylaws and/or official rules. The suspended member 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 time as the member is removed from the suspended member list.

## **Article XV**

### **Nominations and Elections**

#### **Section 4. Elections.**

- A. The Governing Council, by majority vote of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy, elects:
- (i) A president, to hold office for a term specified in Article X, Section 2, of these bylaws, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their successor, is elected and assumes office; and
  - (ii) Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section 2, of these bylaws for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3, of these bylaws, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and
  - (iii) The four non-voting group coordinator members of the Board of Directors: Administrative/Legal, Athlete Services, Membership Development, and Technical and Officials, who each serve a term of two years and may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms as such group coordinator.
- The Board of Directors will annually approve an electronic voting system to deliver the election in a fair, consistent, conflict free, and appropriate manner including the review and validation of voter eligibility. The approved voting system and election process will be communicated to delegates in the standing rules at least 20 days prior to the Governing Council meeting.
- B. The 10 Year Athlete Representatives, as defined in Article XXII, Section 1 (A), of these bylaws elects four athlete-voting members of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 of these bylaws for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3, of these bylaws commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Governing Council at which elections under paragraph A of this Section 4 occur, or until their respective successors are elected and assume office. The fifth athlete on the Board of Directors will be the elected USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee from the five members of the Board of Directors.

## **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. Directors do not receive compensation for carrying out these duties. Subject to such reservations and limitations, the Board of Directors' responsibilities and functions will include, but not be limited to:

- A. Selection, compensation, evaluation, and termination of the chief executive officer.
- B. Review and approval of U.S. Figure Skating's strategic plan and budget.
- C. Focus on long-term objectives and impacts rather than day-to-day management.
- D. Oversight of the financial activities of U.S. Figure Skating throughout the fiscal year.
- E. Review and approval of the financial statements, annual reports, and financial and control policies, and selection of U.S. Figure Skating's independent auditors.
- F. Ensuring that athlete safety rules, policies, and procedures comply with the requirements of the USOPC and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- G. Attendance at a minimum of 70% of scheduled meetings.

## **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.
- 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 Audit Committee, the Coaches Council, 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, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, the Grievance Committee and the 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. Members of all committees may serve a maximum of six (6) consecutive one-year terms, or if the specified term is more than one year, the total of terms may not exceed six consecutive years. A chair or national vice chair may serve an additional six consecutive one-year terms in that role.
- 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. Athlete members may serve a maximum of 10 consecutive one-year terms, or if the term is more than one year, the total term length may not exceed 10 consecutive years.
- (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 and Professional Standards 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. Committee members are expected to attend at least 70% of scheduled meetings and do not receive compensation for their service as a committee member.

## Article VIII Board of Directors

### Section 2 *Composition and Qualifications.*

#### C. Criteria for independence.

- (i) An individual will not be able to serve as an independent director if, within the five years preceding election:
  - (a) Such individual or an immediate family member of such individual was employed by or held any governance position (whether a paid or volunteer position) with U.S. Figure Skating, any member club, a Learn to Skate USA® program, the ISU, the Professional Skaters Association, or any other figure skating entity or organization connected to U.S. Figure Skating
  - (b) Such individual was affiliated with or employed by U.S. Figure Skating's outside auditor or outside counsel, or an immediate family member of such individual was affiliated with or employed by U.S. Figure Skating's outside auditor or outside counsel as a partner, principal, or manager;
  - (c) Such individual was a member of U.S. Figure Skating's Athletes Advisory Committee;
  - (d) Such individual was a delegate at Governing Council;
  - (e) Such individual holds an appointment as an official within U.S. Figure Skating;
  - (f) Such individual is a member of U.S. Figure Skating who participates in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition;
  - (g) Such individual is a parent, an immediate family member, or a coach, of an athlete who competes in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition;
  - (h) Such individual was a member of any constituent group with representation on the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors;
  - (i) Such individual received any compensation from U.S. Figure Skating, directly or indirectly; or
  - (j) Such individual was an executive officer, controlling shareholder, partner, or member of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that does business with U.S. Figure Skating.
- (ii) An individual must maintain an independent perspective by maintaining the requirements above for their entire term and any successive term, with exceptions of governance positions related to their service on the board.
  - (a) Such individual is excepted from the requirement prohibiting them from holding any governance position with U.S. Figure Skating or the International Skating Union, provided the only governance position they hold is their board position or related to their board position (e.g., a board member does not lose their independence as a result of serving successive terms or serving as a board liaison to the International Skating Union).

- (b) Such individual is excepted from the requirement prohibiting them from accepting any payment from U.S. Figure Skating, provided that all payments received are reimbursements for approved expenses reasonably incurred as part of their board duties.

### **Athletes Advisory Committee (No Group)**

#### **AACR 2.00 Responsibility**

#### **AACR 2.01** The Athletes Advisory Committee will:

- A. Act as a collecting base for the viewpoints and ideas of individuals who are actively engaged in athletic competition in figure skating or who have represented the United States in international athletic competition in figure skating within the preceding 10 years, and conduct informational meetings from time to time in implementation thereof;
- B. Elect from the athletes elected to the Board of Directors, the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, and from the elected members of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the athlete members of the Nominating Committee;
- C. Elect from among the athletes defined in Article XXII, Section 1, paragraphs A or B, in accordance with Article XXII, Section 2, paragraph A, section ii, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, the athlete members of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, International Committee and International Officials Committee pursuant to procedures established in rule AACR 1.11 (C).
- ~~D. Finalize the USOPC athlete representative election process by Jan. 1., one year before the new Olympic Quadrennial starts. This process will be incorporated into the annual athlete election cycle, when applicable.~~
- ~~ED.~~ Make recommendations for the nomination of the figure skating members of U.S. Figure Skating and ISU, as well as for the selection of staff personnel of teams to represent U.S. Figure Skating in international competition.
- ~~FE.~~ Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for carrying out Athletes Advisory Committee functions.
- ~~GE.~~ Approve appointment of athlete members to committees where athlete members are not elected.
- G. With the Nominating Committee, jointly develop a process to identify and vet candidates to serve as U.S. Figure Skating's 10 Year and 10 Year+ Athlete representatives for:
  - 1. The U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors;
  - 2. Designated Committees; and
  - 3. All other U.S. Figure Skating Committees.
- H. Ensure that all athlete representatives to the Team USA Athletes' Commission are elected consistent with the Team USA Athletes' Commission Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE XXI**

#### **Prerequisites to Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities**

- A. Any person who is a member in good standing of a member club, collegiate club or an honorary or individual member and is registered with U.S. Figure Skating and is otherwise eligible to do so in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating has the opportunity to participate in the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to:
  - (i) The opportunity to compete in competitions, take tests and participate in ice shows and exhibitions sponsored by U.S. Figure Skating; and
  - (ii) The opportunity to serve as an officer, a director or committee member or as an official in figure skating.
- B. As a condition of membership in U.S. Figure Skating and a condition for participation in any competition or event sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating or its member clubs, each member and each athlete, coach, team staff, official and any other person who participates in U.S. Figure Skating or U.S. Figure Skating events (whether or not a U.S. Figure Skating member), agrees to comply with and be bound by the rules, policies and procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and agrees to submit, without reservation or condition, to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport for the resolution of any alleged violations of those rules, policies and procedures, as may be amended from time to time. To the extent any U.S. Figure Skating rule is inconsistent with the rules of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, such rule is superseded.
- C. It is the duty of all athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons (as those terms are defined in the World Anti-Doping Code), by virtue of their participation in an event or competition organized or sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating, participation on a national team, participation in the Olympic or Youth Olympic Games, utilization of a USOPC Training Center, receipt of benefits from the USOPC or U.S. Figure Skating, inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool, or otherwise subject to the World Anti-Doping Code to comply with all anti-doping rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Skating Union (ISU), the USOPC, including the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, U.S. Figure Skating, the USOPC and USADA. If it is determined that an athlete, athlete support personnel, or other person may have committed a doping violation, the individual agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of U.S. Figure

Skating, if applicable or referred by USADA. In addition, athletes agree to submit to drug testing by U.S. Figure Skating and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension.

- D. It is the duty of individual members of U.S. Figure Skating to comply with all anti-doping rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Skating Union (ISU), the USOPC including the USOPC National Anti-Doping Policy, and of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by WADA, the ISU, the USOPC and USADA. Athlete members agree to submit to drug testing by the ISU and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that an individual member may have committed a doping violation, the member agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the ISU, if applicable or referred by USADA.
- E. It is the duty of each member to understand and agree that the International Skating Union (ISU) Anti-Doping Rules and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by the ISU, USADA, and the USOPC apply to each member and that it is each member's responsibility to comply with those rules. Each member must agree to submit to drug testing at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules would make a member subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that any member may have committed a doping violation, said member must agree to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the ISU and/or my national federation, if applicable or referred by USADA.

## GR 1.00 Policy

### GR 1.01 Code of Ethics

- A. It shall be the responsibility of all officials in sanctioned figure skating events, registered members of member clubs or collegiate clubs and individual members to be thoroughly familiar with the rules of U.S. Figure Skating, to comply with them in full and to exemplify the highest standards of fairness, ethical behavior and genuine good sportsmanship in any of their relations with others. Those who serve U.S. Figure Skating must do so without personal gain, must avoid any institutional loss or embarrassment and must behave in a way that enhances U.S. Figure Skating's trust and public confidence.
- B. *Conflicts of Interest.* All persons associated with U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to its employees, directors, officers, judges, ~~and~~ committee members, task force members, hearing panel members, including panels empowered to resolve grievances, and identified volunteers are expected to abide by high ethical standards in all dealings relating to the business and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating. All members and staff should understand that conflicts of interest diminish the integrity and quality of decision-making required by U.S. Figure Skating and may jeopardize U.S. Figure Skating's reputation and public support. In order to avoid harm to the goodwill and public image of U.S. Figure Skating and to better ensure the expected high ethical standards in all dealings, if any person who is an officer, director, judge, member of a committee, employee, paid consultant to or representative of U.S. Figure Skating (each of these persons shall be referred to as a "representative") is aware that U.S. Figure Skating is about to enter into any business transaction directly or indirectly with any representative, any member of a representative's family or any entity in which a representative has any legal, equitable or fiduciary interest or position (including without limitation as a director, officer, shareholder, partner, employee, beneficiary or trustee), or if a representative is aware that U.S. Figure Skating is about to enter into any business transaction or take other corporate action in which a representative may be directly or indirectly financially interested or otherwise derive a material personal benefit, the representative shall:
1. Immediately inform, in writing, the chief executive officer and president of such representative's involvement, position, interest or benefit with respect thereto;
  2. ....
  3. ....
  4. ....
- C. Prior to appointment as an officer, member of the Board of Directors, committee chair or member, subcommittee chair or member, paid U.S. Figure Skating staff, or to any outside organization, the member must execute a Conflict of Interest and Ethical Behavior statement without amendment or alteration. The Ethics and Professional Standards Committee chair shall oversee an annual review of the Conflict of Interest and Ethical Behavior statements for any person required to complete the disclosure. To contact the person responsible for enforcement of this requirement, email ethics@usfigureskating.org, continuing appointments and paid staff. All conflicts must be reviewed, investigated, and/or resolved by disinterested parties. The U.S. Figure Skating Whistleblower Policy and additional resources, such as the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website under the policies and governance section. Additional information

regarding reporting a concern to the USOPC can be found in the UCOPS's Integrity Portal at [www.usopc.org/report-a-concern](http://www.usopc.org/report-a-concern).

D. *Private Inurement...*

E. U.S. Figure Skating has adopted...

F. All Conflicts of Interest regarding a board or committee meeting agenda must be verbally declared by members of the Board of Directors and committees at the start of each meeting. Disclosures will be documented within the minutes.

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#### 4. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 1501, 1503, 1504 and 1505 (page 108, rulebook)** to update the protest rules to align with current practice.

##### **1500 Complaints, Protests, Appeals – All Disciplines**

**1501** All protests to the chief and/or event referee must be in writing. The protest must identify the specific basis for the protest, including the name of the official, rule number or bylaw article at issue or other basis for the protest. In the case of an element identification error, error in data input, mathematical or calculation error, error in application or omission of a bonus, or error in fall entry, the type of error and element being challenged must be specified in the protest.

**1502** A protest concerning the participation of a competitor must be filed with the chief referee before the start of the first event of the entire competition. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the competitor will be permitted to start, but in the event the protested competitor wins a prize, the announcement of the result and the distribution of prizes will be deferred until a final decision has been made.

**1503** Protests other than concerning the participation or eligibility of a competitor must be filed with the chief and/or event referee as follows:

1. For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, no later than 60 10 minutes after the posting of the official results of that the competitor's event.

2. For all other competitions, no later than 30 minutes after the posting of the official results for the competitor's event.

**1504** Decisions of the chief and/or event referee affecting the eligible status of a competitor, the exclusion, disqualification or qualification of an entrant or official, or the determination of a result may be appealed to an Expedited Hearing Panel (see per rule rule GCR 5.04). Appeals must be made per rule GCR 5.04, in writing and sent to the chief referee of the competition, and the secretary and Administrative/Legal Group coordinator of U.S. Figure Skating within five days after the chief and/or event referee's decision. No other appeals from the decisions of chief and/or event referee will be permitted.

**1505** Protests to the chief and/or event referee and appeals to the Expedited Hearing Panel can be filed by the competitor, or by ~~either the club or the~~ coach on behalf of the competitor.

##### **1506 Formal Complaints Against Officials at a Competition**

Complaints concerning any official at a competition must be made in writing to one of the following:

A. Chief referee of the competition;

B. Event referee at the competition;

C. Technical panel captain at the competition in the case of a complaint against a technical panel official.

**Implementation date:** Jan. 20, 2025

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#### 5. APPROVED – Judges and Referees Management Subcommittee

Amend **rule 3032 (page 136, Rulebook)** as follows:

**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. For nonqualifying competitions, the chief referee must be a nonqualifying, qualifying, sectional or national referee ~~in the area of service, selected from the official lists.~~

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2025

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## 6. APPROVED – Judges and Referees Management Subcommittee

Amend **rule 3047 (page 138, rulebook)** to align with the practice for National Showcase and allow qualifying competition judges and higher to judge the competition.

### 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:

Original Table

Judges Required for Showcase Events	Judge Classifications				
	National Showcase Judge	Certified 6.0 Judge – All Disciplines	Singles/Pairs Comp Judges – NQ and Above	Dance Comp Judges – NQ and Above	Synchronized Comp Judges – NQ and Above
6.0 Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions (all levels)	J	J	J	J	J
CJS 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

New Table

Judges Required for Showcase Events	Judge Classifications			
	National Showcase Judge	<u>Qualifying and Higher Comp Judges – All Disciplines</u>	Nonqualifying and Higher Comp Judges – All Disciplines	Certified 6.0 Judges – All Disciplines
6.0 Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions (all levels)	J	<u>J</u>	J	J
CJS Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions (all levels)	J	<u>J</u>	J	
National Showcase (all levels)	J	<u>J</u>		

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

## 7. APPROVED the following changes to the U.S. Figure Skating rules.

Amend **rules 6031, 7031, 8021 and 9021 (pages 167, 183, 197 and 235, Rulebook)** for singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating respectively to increase the number of logos allowed on costumes and warm-up suits as shown below.

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 the manufacturer logo with a maximum of 30 square centimeters, any form of advertising.
- B. ~~However,~~ Warm-up suits may bear the name of the manufacturer and up to six logos provided they are dignified, with a maximum of 30 square centimeters each, and do not refer to tobacco, alcohol, sports betting or other categories prohibited by U.S. Figure Skating or exclusively held by its official sponsors. Warm-up suits with logos that are in

~~conflict with U.S. Figure Skating sponsors or partners may not be worn during televised events, sponsor when a skater is on the ice. The sponsor's name must not exceed 4.65 square inches (30 square centimeters).~~

**Implementation date:** May 5, 2025

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**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL — LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA — MAY 2-3, 2025**

**8. APPROVED amending paragraph 15 of the Convention Standing Rules, Conduct of the Governing Council Business Meeting, as follows:**

15. The Simply Voting online voting system will be used for voting on all matters to be voted on by the delegates, including for positions to be elected by the Governing Council and voting in the Sectional Caucuses. ~~There will be no voice votes.~~ Voice votes will be allowed at the discretion of the chair. The results will be calculated electronically by the online voting system. A headquarters representative will confirm the voting results, which will be announced when the results are available. However, to facilitate action on matters for which approval is sought, the adoption by the delegates of matters by unanimous consent may be used.
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**9. ADOPTED – EXHIBIT A – Board of Directors**

Amend **Article VIII, Section 13 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (pages 18-20, Rulebook)** regarding vacancies on the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VIII  
Board of Directors**

**Section 13 Vacancies.**

- A. Any vacancy in athlete positions on the Board of Directors will be filled by a vote by the athletes in the same manner athletes are elected to serve on the Board of Directors.
- B. All vacancies occurring among the elected ~~voting~~ members of the Board of Directors, other than vacancies in athlete positions on the Board of Directors, will be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.
- C. A director elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of their predecessor in office and may be elected thereafter to serve for the maximum number of terms allowed by these bylaws.

**Implementation date:** Immediate

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**10. ADOPTED – EXHIBIT B – Board of Directors**

**ARTICLE IX  
Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors**

**Section 7 Proxies in the Governing Council.** Proxies may be exercised only at duly called meetings of the Governing Council and may be voted only on matters stated in the notice of the meeting.

- A. Full Member Clubs:
  - (i) May give a proxy for any one or more of their delegates in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.
  - (ii) The person receiving the proxy must meet the same qualifications required of delegates, except that the proxy holder does not need to be a member of the same club as the delegate from whom they received the proxy.
- B. Individual Member Delegates:
  - (i) May give a proxy for their vote in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.
  - (ii) The person receiving the proxy must possess the same qualifications required of delegates. A delegate giving a proxy may only give their proxy to another individual member delegate from their same section; however, if no such individual member delegate is available, the proxy may be given to another individual member delegate from another section.
- C. Athlete Delegates:
  - (i) Athlete delegates may give a proxy to another athlete delegate for ~~any one or more~~ all of their votes in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.

D. Coach Delegates:

- (i) Coach delegates may give a proxy to another coach delegate for all of their votes in the event any such delegate does not attend a meeting in person.

**Implementation date:** Immediate

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**11. ADOPTED – EXHIBIT C – Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Committee**

Amend **Article XVI, Sections 1 and 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 26, Rulebook)** and the **Group 3: Technical and Officials Rules (pages 78-81, Rulebook)** to remove the Officials Training Committee and Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee, and create a new Domestic Officials Committee.

**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. Giving Programs                                      |
| 4. Coaches Council  | <del>17. Officials Training</del>                        |
| 5. Compensation   | <del>18.</del> 17. Pairs Development and Technical       |
| 6. Competitions   | <del>19.</del> 18 Programs and New Program Development   |
| 7. Dance Development and Technical                          | <del>20.</del> 19 Rules                                  |
| <del>8. Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management</del> | <del>21.</del> 20 SkateSafe®                             |
| <del>8. Domestic Officials</del>                            |  |
| 9. Domestic Selections                                      | <del>22.</del> 21. Singles Development and Technical     |
| 10. Ethics and Professional Standards                       | <del>23.</del> 22 Sports Sciences and Medicine           |
| 11. Finance   | <del>24.</del> 23 Strategic Planning                     |
| 12. Grievance   | <del>25.</del> 24 Synchronized Development and Technical |
| 13. International   | <del>26.</del> 25 Tests                                  |

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

Group 1: Athlete Services: Coaches, Dance Development and Technical, 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 Officials~~, Domestic Selections, ~~Officials Training~~ and Tests.

Group 4: Administrative/Legal: Ethics and Professional Standards, Grievance, Giving Programs, 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.

**Domestic Officials Committee (Group 3)**

**DOCR 1.00 Authority**

**DOCR 1.01** The Domestic Officials 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 Committee will consist of a chair and the following subcommittees:

A. Announcers;

B. Judges and Referees;

C. Music Officials;

D. Scoring Officials; and

E. Technical Panel Officials.

Additional vice chairs and members may be included to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee. The committee must meet the requirements for athlete and coach representation.

**DOCR 2.02** — Each subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair and any other vice chairs and members necessary to fulfill the respective subcommittee's responsibilities and must meet the requirements for athlete and coach representation.

**DOCR 2.03** — The immediate past chair of the Domestic Officials Committee or their designated representative will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 2.04** — The chair of the International Officials Committee will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 3.00 Responsibility**

**DOCR 3.01** — The responsibilities of the Domestic Officials Committee and its subcommittees are:

- A. Formulating, enforcing and carrying out rules relating to officials, and keeping such rules current and up to date. (See Article XVII of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws.)
- B. 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.
- C. Recruiting, onboarding, appointing, assessing and promoting all announcers, judges, music officials, referees, scoring officials and technical panel officials.
- D. In partnership with the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, establishing and administering conflict of interest and social media regulations and standards of professionalism governing service of officials in sanctioned competitions conducted by U.S. Figure Skating.
- E. Supporting the creation of training programs for officials at all levels, including prospective officials, for promotion as well as for continuing education.
- F. Supporting a process for collecting and analyzing data to evaluate the performances of officials at competitions and test sessions and providing the analysis to the appropriate subcommittees, committees and/or headquarters staff.

**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:

- A. Event Management ~~Announcers and Music Officials~~;
- B. Judges ~~and Referees~~ Management;
- C. Technical Panel ~~Officials~~ Management;
- D. Officials Recruitment; and
- E. Officials Review.

**DOCR 2.02** — 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 2.03** — 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 2.04** — The Technical Panel Management Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair; four discipline vice chairs—one each for ice dance, pairs, singles 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.

**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 2.06** — The 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 and Professional Standards Committee will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 2.07** — The immediate past chair of the Domestic Officials Committee or their designated representative will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 2.08** — The chair of the Officials Training Committee will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 2.09** — The chair of the International Officials Committee will be an ex-officio member.

**DOCR 3.00 Responsibility**

**DOCR 3.01** — The responsibilities of the Event Management Officials, Judges Management and Technical Panel Management Subcommittees are:

- A. Appointing, assessing and promoting 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.

**DOCR 3.02** — 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** — The responsibilities of the Officials Review Subcommittee are:

- 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.

### **Officials Training Committee (Group 3)**

**OTCR 1.00** — **Authority**

**OTCR 1.01** — The Officials Training Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

**OTCR 2.00** — **Organization**

**OTCR 2.01** — The Officials Training Committee will consist of a chair and the following subcommittees:

- A. Accountants and Technical Accountants Training;
- B. Announcers and Music Officials Training;
- C. Judges Training;
- D. Referees Training; and
- E. Technical Panel Training.

**OTCR 2.02** — The Accountants and Technical Accountants Training, Announcers and Music Officials Training, and Referees Training Subcommittees will consist of a national vice chair, three sectional vice chairs, additional members as necessary for their skill set and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

**OTCR 2.03** — The Judges Training Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair, vice chairs for ice dance, singles/pairs and synchronized skating, in addition to the national vice chair of the Judges 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.

**OTCR 2.04** — The Technical Panel Training Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair; four discipline vice chairs — one each for ice dance, pairs, singles and synchronized skating; one vice chair for 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.

**OTCR 2.05** — The immediate past chair of the Officials Training Committee or their designated representative will be an ex-officio member.

**OTCR 2.06** — The chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee will be an ex-officio member.

**OTCR 3.00** — **Responsibility**

**OTCR 3.01** — The Officials Training Committee is responsible for providing educational programs and training tools to ensure all certified officials are qualified to serve. To meet these responsibilities, the Officials Training Committee will develop, maintain and execute:

- A. Training programs for new officials that prepare them to test and be promoted;
- B. Continuing education programs for officials;
- C. Oversight (development, administration and grading) of the officials' exams; and
- D. Dissemination of information related to officials training opportunities.

**OTCR 3.02** — The Officials Training Committee is responsible for distributing information on applicable ISU and U.S. Figure Skating rule changes and clarifications to applicable officials.

## Other Affected Rules

### Group 1: Athlete Services

#### Dance Development and Technical Committee (Group 1)

**DCR 2.02** The other members of the Dance Development and Technical Committee will include a coach, a judge, a technical panel representative, an international representative, ~~a representative from the Officials Training Committee~~, at least four additional members, and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

#### Pairs Development and Technical Committee (Group 1)

**PCR 2.02** The other members of the Pairs Development and Technical Committee will include a coach, a judge, a technical panel representative, an international representative, ~~a representative from the Officials Training Committee~~, at least four additional members, and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

#### Singles Development and Technical Committee (Group 1)

**SICR 2.02** The other members of the Singles Development and Technical Committee will include a coach, a judge, a technical panel representative, an international representative, ~~a representative from the Officials Training Committee~~, at least four additional members, and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

#### Synchronized Development and Technical Committee (Group 1)

**SYSCR 2.02** The other members of the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee will include a coach, a judge, a technical panel representative, an international representative, ~~a representative from the Officials Training Committee~~, at least four additional members, and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

***Note:** References to the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee will be amended to “Domestic Officials Committee” throughout the remainder of the rules.*

**Implementation date:** May 3, 2025

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## 12. ADOPTED – EXHIBIT D – Grievance Committee

Amend **Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** and add new conforming **rule GCR 2.04 (pages 31 and 83, rulebook)** to account for deadlines that fall on weekends or federal holidays:

### ARTICLE XXV

#### Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

**Section 1 *Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.*** All grievance and disciplinary procedures must be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics and Professional Standards Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters upon request of a member or member club. For any required timelines in this Article XXV, Section 1, any deadline that falls on a weekend or federal holiday shall be moved to the next business day.

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#### **GCR 2.00 Responsibility and Jurisdiction**

**GCR 2.01** The Grievance Committee is responsible for maintaining and administering the various grievance and hearing rules and processes provided under U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and rules and providing standard hearing and complaint procedures for resolving grievances in a prompt and equitable manner for its members.

**GCR 2.02** The Grievance Committee has jurisdiction over all grievances and disciplinary proceedings filed under Article XXV of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport under Article XXV, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

**GCR 2.03** Once a grievance has been filed or a disciplinary proceeding initiated in accordance with applicable U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, rules, or policies the Respondent(s) may not cause themselves to be removed or excused from the grievance or disciplinary proceeding, as the case may be, by resigning their U.S. Figure Skating membership(s).

**GCR 2.04** For any required timelines in these Grievance Committee Rules (GCR 1.00 – 10.00), any deadline that falls on a weekend or federal holiday shall be moved to the next business day.

**Implementation date:** May 3, 2025

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## REQUESTS FOR ACTION FROM MULTIPLE GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Items 101-105 were proposed by the **Athlete Services Group, the Technical and Officials Group and the Coaches Council** and approved as follows.

### ***NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES***

**101.APPROVED – Include preliminary and pre-juvenile singles in the National Qualifying Series.**

### ***SECTIONAL SINGLES FINALS***

**102.APPROVED – Qualifying Competition Pipeline Restructure**

- A. Advance preliminary and pre-juvenile singles to their respective Sectional Singles Final, with 18 total per event advancing from NQS -per event (4 per region + 6 best NQS scores in preliminary and pre-juvenile girls and boys).
- B. Reduce the number of singles athletes that qualify from NQS to the Sectional Singles Final in juvenile, intermediate, and novice singles from 24 to 18 per section (4 per region + 6 best NQS scores).

**103.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Require a minimum total element score (TES) for senior athletes only to qualify from NQS to the Sectional Singles Final**

### ***NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM, CAMP, and U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**104.APPROVED – Advance juvenile, intermediate, and novice athletes to a Championship competition. The date and location would likely be in proximity to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at a secondary venue, but the rules would not require that.**

- Singles: Top four (4) per section for a total of 12 (two warm-up groups)  
*(Novice singles will no longer accelerate to the junior events.)*
- Pairs: Top eight (8) at the U.S. Pairs Final (two warm-up groups)
- Ice Dance: Top ten (10) at the U.S. Ice Dance Final (two warm-up groups)

**All qualifiers for the above event will be named to the National High-Performance Development Team.**

- A National Development Camp and other opportunities will be held in the spring or summer, announced upon qualification at the Finals.
- Criteria for the National Development Camp will include all qualifiers above in addition to additional qualifiers determined by the High-Performance Department and published by the Finals.

### ***OTHER***

**105.APPROVED – Remove open juvenile as an event in the Championship track.**

*Note: Open juvenile is not included in the National Qualifying Series or at any other point in the Championship pathway. Athletes at the juvenile level not meeting the age requirements are encouraged to compete in the Excel track.*

### ***IMPLEMENTATION DATE***

Changes will go into effect for the 2026-27 qualifying season and will not be adjusted for the duration of the Olympic Quad (through the 2029-30 qualifying season).

Exception: The minimum TES for senior competitors will be implemented for the 2025-26 season.

## CORRESPONDING RULE EDITS

**2052** The following ing qualifying competitions will consist of the following events:

Qualifying Events		U.S. Figure Skating Championships	U.S. Development Team Championships	U.S. Ice Dance Final	U.S Pairs Final	Sectional Singles Final	National Qualifying Series
Senior (Championship)	Women	X				X	X
	Men	X				X	X
	Pairs	X			X		X
	Dance	X		X			X
Junior	Women	X				X	X
	Men	X				X	X
	Pairs	X			X		X
	Dance	X		X			X
Novice	Women		X			X	X
	Men		X			X	X
	Pairs		X		X		X
	Dance		X	X			X
Intermediate	Women		X			X	X
	Men		X			X	X
	Pairs		X		X		X
	Dance		X	X			X
Juvenile	Girls		X			X	X
	Boys		X			X	X
	Pairs		X		X		X
	Dance		X	X			X
<u>Pre-Juvenile</u>	<u>Girls</u>					X	X
	<u>Boys</u>					X	X
<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Girls</u>					X	X
	<u>Boys</u>					X	X



## 2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events</b>	<b>Judge – Ice Dance Events</b>	<b>Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events</b>
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National S/P	National Dance	N/A
<u>U.S. Development Team Championships</u>	<u>National S/P</u>	<u>National Dance</u>	<u>N/A</u>
U.S. Ice Dance Final	N/A	National Dance Sectional Dance <sub>1</sub>	N/A
U.S. Pairs Final	National S/P Sectional S/P <sub>1</sub>	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 Qualifying Dance* *Novice and lower events only	N/A
National Qualifying Series Pairs	National S/P Sectional S/P	N/A	N/A
National Qualifying Series Singles	National S/P Sectional S/P Qualifying S/P <u>Nonqualifying S</u> <sup>4</sup>	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 <sub>2</sub> )	National S/P Sectional S/P Qualifying S/P	National Dance Sectional Dance Qualifying Dance	N/A
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships <sub>3</sub>	N/A	N/A	National SYS
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships <sub>3</sub>	N/A	N/A	National SYS Sectional SYS

<sup>1</sup>Sectional judges may serve at the U.S. Ice Dance Final and the U.S. Pairs Final as a minority of the panel.

<sup>2</sup>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

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>For all pre-juvenile and preliminary events only.

**2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions**

<b>Competition</b>	<b>TC/TS – Singles (S) Events</b>	<b>TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events</b>	<b>TC/TS – Ice Dance (D) Events</b>	<b>TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events</b>	<b>Data Operators</b>
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National (S)	National (P)	National (D)	N/A	National
<u>U.S. Development Team Championships</u>	<u>National (S)</u>	<u>National (P)</u>	<u>National (D)</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>National</u>
U.S. Ice Dance Final	N/A	N/A	National (D) Sectional (D) <sub>1</sub>	N/A	National Qualifying
U.S. Pairs Final	N/A	National (P) Sectional (P) <sub>1</sub>	N/A	N/A	National Qualifying
Sectional Singles Final	National (S) Sectional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National Qualifying
National Qualifying Series Ice Dance	N/A	N/A	National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D) <sub>2</sub>	N/A	National Qualifying
National Qualifying Series Pairs	N/A	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying Pairs (P) <sub>2</sub>	N/A	N/A	National Qualifying
National Qualifying Series Singles	National (S) Sectional (S) Qualifying (S) <u>Nonqualifying (S)<sup>4</sup></u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	National Qualifying <u>Nonqualifying<sup>4</sup></u>
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P)	National (D) Sectional (D)	N/A	National Qualifying
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying (P)	National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D)	N/A	National Qualifying
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)	National (S) Sectional (S) Qualifying (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National Qualifying
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS)	National
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS) Sectional (SYS)	National Qualifying
Nonqualifying Competitions	Any level appointment (S) <sub>3</sub>	Any level appointment (P) <sub>3</sub>	Any level appointment (D) <sub>3</sub>	Any level appointment (SYS) <sub>3</sub>	Any level of appointed Data Operator

<sub>1</sub>For the U.S. Ice Dance Final and U.S. Pairs Final, one sectional technical controller or one sectional technical specialist may be included on the technical panel for ice dance and pairs events respectively.

<sub>2</sub>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.

<sub>3</sub>Nonqualifying-level-and-above technical controllers may serve as technical specialist 2 at all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.

<sub>4</sub>For all pre-juvenile and preliminary events only.

## **2240 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Competitions**

**2244** In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests ~~before the closing date for entries established in rule 2401~~ according to the deadlines established in rules 2420-2423. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement.

## **2400 Qualifying Competitions – Entries**

**2401** Entry for singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating for qualifying competitions must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by the closing date for entries using the online registration method. Policies and procedures will be documented in the appropriate announcement / athlete handbook.

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Deadline (Closing Date for Entries)</b>
National Qualifying Series	See National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	June 15
Qualifying Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	Oct. 1
Adult Sectional Championships	Feb. 1
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	Feb. 1

**Note:** Deadline for meeting test requirements is at the “closing date for entries”.

- A. The online registration is accessed using the Members Only site. No Sunday or legal holiday “following business day” practice will be applied.
- 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.
  1. The entry fees for the National Qualifying Series, and all sectional finals, U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Finals, the U.S. Development Team Championships, synchronized sectional championships, adult sectional championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships and the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships are determined by the chair of the Competitions Committee, in consultation with the sectional vice chairs, and approved by the Board of Directors. No entry fee will be charged for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.
    - a. The entry fees for the National Qualifying Series will be a fee to enter the series as a whole. Entry fees for individual competitions will be set by and paid directly to host competitions.
  2. Entries in qualifying competitions will not be accepted from entrants who have obligations that are unpaid from prior qualifying competitions.
  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.
- C. If competing in an IJS event, each skater, pair, couple or team will submit a planned program content sheet (PPCS) for each segment of their competitive event indicating the elements planned for the program, listed in the order to be skated.

## **2420 Test Qualifications – Qualifying Competitions**

**2421** For the National Qualifying Series, athletes may “skate up” and enter a higher level than their current test level; however, in order to advance to their respective sectional final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, athletes must have passed the appropriate test per rule 2422, by the conclusion of the National Qualifying Series. National Qualifying Series competitions will be considered nonqualifying competitions for the purpose of Test Credit from IJS Protocol, outlined in rule 4201.

**2422** Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries for qualifying competitions (see rule 1022) will determine eligibility for all succeeding qualifying competitions (sectional, final, U.S. championships) during the same skating year.

- ~~A. However, novice singles competitors who qualify to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a junior event under rule 2510 (B) may “skate up” at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships without passing their junior singles test.~~

## **2432 Previous Winners at a Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final**

- A. Winners of senior singles events at a sectional singles final may bypass the National Qualifying Series and begin competing at their sectional singles final. They may compete in the National Qualifying Series, but their regional or sectional ranking will not be considered in advancement.

- B. Winners of preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice or junior singles events at a sectional singles final must compete in the National Qualifying Series to qualify again for the sectional singles final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.
- C. Winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice or through junior pairs or dance events at a U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final must compete in the National Qualifying Series to qualify again for the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.

#### **2433 Previous Winners of the National Qualifying Series**

- A. Winners of preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior singles events at the National Qualifying Series must compete at the National Qualifying Series again to qualify for the sectional singles final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.
- B. Winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior pairs or dance events at the National Qualifying Series must compete at the National Qualifying Series again to qualify for the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.

#### **2460 Event Parameters – National Qualifying Series (singles):**

- A. When there are ~~24~~ 18 or fewer entries in any event at a National Qualifying Series competition, skaters will compete as one group.
- B. When there are more than ~~24~~ 18 entries, competitors will be divided into groups.
  - 1. Each group will be composed of programs as follows:
    - a. Preliminary, pre-juvenile and juvenile singles: free skate only.
    - b. Intermediate, novice, junior and senior singles: short program and free skate.
  - 2. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at a National Qualifying Series competition. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to all skaters in the event.
- C. For the National Qualifying Series, competitors will not advance to a championship round from their groups. The total score achieved from their group will be their final score for the event.

#### **2471 ~~Twenty-four~~ Eighteen preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, ~~and~~ novice, ~~and~~ 18 junior and senior singles competitors will qualify for the sectional singles final, through the National Qualifying Series, in each event, in the following order:**

- A. ~~For juvenile, intermediate and novice:~~
  - ~~1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~2. B. The next ~~12~~ six ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~3. C. If there are ~~less~~ fewer than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until ~~24~~ 18 competitors per section are reached.~~
- B. ~~For junior and senior:~~
  - ~~1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~2. The next six ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~3. If there are less than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until 18 competitors per section are reached.~~
- C. ~~D.~~ Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in their section in the National Qualifying Series.
  - 1. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the initial draw for the affected skater's first competitive event.

#### **2472 Additional competitors may qualify for the sectional singles final by:**

- A. Being a member of the U.S. Figure skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, who has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level and competes in that event.
- B. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level, in the previous season, if competing at the junior level ~~this~~ in the current season.
- C. Having won the sectional singles final at the senior level in the previous season.
- D. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2472 may compete in the National Qualifying Series and do not lose their bye to the sectional singles final regardless of regional or sectional ranking, nor displace a competitor that qualified under rule 2471.

#### **2473 ~~Twenty-four~~ Eighteen juvenile, intermediate, ~~and~~ novice, ~~and~~ 18 junior and senior pairs ~~competitors~~ teams will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Pairs Final, in each event, in the following order:**

- A. ~~For juvenile, intermediate and novice:~~
  - ~~1. The top four ranked ~~competitors~~ teams in each section in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~2. B. The next ~~12~~ six ranked ~~competitors~~ teams nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~3. C. If there are ~~less~~ fewer than four ~~competitors~~ teams in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until ~~24~~ 18 teams are reached.~~
- B. ~~For junior and senior:~~
  - ~~1. The top four ranked ~~competitors~~ in each section in the National Qualifying Series;~~
  - ~~2. The next six ranked ~~competitors~~ nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;~~

~~3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.~~

~~C. D.~~ Alternates will be the next best ranked ~~competitors~~ teams in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.

1. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the initial draw for the affected team's first competitive event.

**2475** ~~Twenty four~~ Eighteen juvenile, intermediate, ~~and novice, and 18~~ junior and senior ice dance ~~competitors~~ couples will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Ice Dance Final in each event in the following order:

~~A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:~~

~~1. The top four ranked competitors couples in each section in the National Qualifying Series;~~

~~2. B.~~ The next ~~12~~ six ranked ~~competitors~~ couples nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;

~~3. C.~~ If there are ~~less fewer~~ than four ~~competitors~~ couples in any section, additional ~~teams~~ couples will qualify based on their rank in the nation until ~~24~~ 18 ~~teams~~ couples are reached.

~~B. For junior and senior:~~

~~1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;~~

~~2. The next six ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;~~

~~3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.~~

~~C. D.~~ Alternates will be the next best ranked ~~competitors~~ couples in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.

1. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the initial draw for the affected couples' first competitive event.

#### **2477 Minimum Total Element Score**

A. Competitors who qualify for the senior events at the sectional singles finals through rule 2471(A-C) or as alternates in rule 2471 (D), must also have met a minimum total element score (TES) at any National Qualifying Series event in the same season.

B. If a competitor within the top 18 does not meet the minimum TES, their spot shall be filled by the next highest-ranked competitor in the section who has met the TES. This process shall continue until the field is filled or no further eligible athletes remain.

C. The minimum TES will be determined annually. It will be recommended by the Singles Development and Technical Committee and must be approved by the Board of Directors by July 1. Once approved, the minimum TES will be published on the Members Only site in a Technical Notification.

#### **2480 Qualifying for the National High Performance Development Team and Camp**

**2481** The National High Performance Development Team and Camp is a program held by the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete High Performance Department, ~~in close proximity to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~ The National High Performance Development Camp will provide participating athletes with training tools to prepare them for Team USA, in addition to potential assignment to ISU competitions, seminars and U.S. Figure Skating high performance events and programs.

A. The High Performance Department will publish an athlete handbook, describing the curriculum and advancement potential to qualifying competitors at sectional singles finals, the U.S. Pairs Final and the U.S. Ice Dance Final.

B. The dates and location(s) of the National High Performance Camp opportunities will be distributed as soon as possible upon qualification.

~~B. C.~~ The High Performance Department will consult with the Singles, Pairs, and Ice Dance Development and Technical Committees on objective criteria for selection.

#### **2490 Qualifying for the U.S. Development Team Championships**

**2491** Singles competitors qualify for the U.S. Development Team Championships for the juvenile, intermediate and novice events by placing in the top four at their respective sectional singles final.

**2492** Pairs teams qualify for the U.S. Development Team Championships for the juvenile, intermediate and novice events by placing in the top eight at the U.S. Pairs Final.

**2493** Ice dance couples qualify for the U.S. Development Team Championships for the juvenile, intermediate and novice events by placing in the top 10 at the U.S. Ice Dance Final.

#### **2495 Alternates to the U.S. Development Team Championships**

Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the initial draw for the affected skater's/team's first competitive event.

A. Singles skaters placing fifth and sixth in their sectional singles final will be designated as first and second alternate for their section to the U.S. Development Team Championships.

B. Pairs teams placing ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> at the U.S. Pairs Final will be designated as first and second alternate to the U.S. Development Team Championships.

- C. Ice dance couples placing 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the U.S. Ice Dance Final will be designated as first and second alternate to the U.S. Development Team Championships.

## **2500 Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

### **2501** Singles competitors qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

- A. 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. 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.
- Competitors qualifying under this subparagraph (~~3~~2) 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.
- B. For the senior events: A maximum of 18 singles skaters qualify in the following order:
1. Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
  2. Athletes who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
  3. Athletes who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
  4. Athletes earning a bye for qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
  5. Top two athletes in their respective sectional singles final, that do not also qualify under rule 2501 (B), subparagraphs 1-4.
  6. Next best scores nationwide, from all three sectional singles finals.

### **2502** Pairs teams qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

- A. For the junior events ~~by:~~ A maximum of 12 pairs teams qualify in the following order:
1. ~~Placing in the top 12 in junior at the U.S. Pairs Final;~~
  - ~~2. Teams 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~~1) 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 at the U.S. Pairs Final if said team had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~
2. Next best placements at the U.S. Pairs Final, up to 12, that do not also qualify under rule 2502(A)(1).
- B. For the senior events: A maximum of 12 pairs teams qualify in the following order:
1. Teams who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
  2. Teams who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
  3. Teams who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
  4. Teams earning a bye for qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
  5. Next best placements at the U.S. Pairs Final, up to 12, that do not also qualify under rule 2502 (B), subparagraphs 1-4.

### **2503** Ice dance couples qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

- A. For the junior events ~~by:~~ A maximum of 15 ice dance couples qualify in the following order:
1. ~~Placing in the top 12 in junior at the U.S. Ice Dance Final;~~
  - ~~2. Couples 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~~1) 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 at the U.S. Ice Dance Final if said couple had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~

2. Next best placements at the U.S. Ice Dance Final, up to 15, that do not also qualify under rule 2503(A)(1).

B. For the senior events: A maximum of 15 ice dance couples qualify in the following order:

1. Couples who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
2. Couples who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
3. Couples who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
4. Couples earning a bye for qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
5. Next best placements at the U.S. Ice Dance Final, up to 15, that do not also qualify under rule 2503 (B), subparagraphs 1-4.

## 2520 Alternates

2521 For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, alternates are designated as follows:

A. For senior events:

1. Singles skaters who have met the minimum TES, in the order of their scores, nationwide, from their respective sectional singles final. In the case of a tie, it will be broken by the free skate score.
2. Pairs teams and ice dance teams ~~teams~~ couples who have met the minimum TES, in the order of their scores at the U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Final.

B. For junior events:

1. Singles skaters placing fifth and sixth in junior in their sectional singles final will be designated as first and second alternate for their section to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- ~~2. Singles skaters placing third and fourth in novice in their sectional singles final will be designated as first and second alternate for their section to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~
- ~~3. 2. Pairs and dance teams placing 13th and 14th at the U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final will be designated as first and second alternate to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.~~
3. Ice dance couples placing 16th and 17th at the U.S. Ice Dance Final will be designated as first and second alternate to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

## 2700 Warm-Ups, Draws and Starting Orders

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

E. Official event day warm-up ice: These are sessions provided, at the discretion of the LOC and chief referee, on the day of an event segment. These sessions are typically 15 to 20 minutes in length, and no competition music will be played. This is NOT the ~~43~~-6 minute competition warm-up time that is directly before each event segment (see rule 2711).

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

		Singles Warm-Up Times		Pairs Warm-Up Times		Ice Dance Warm-Up Times		
		SP	FS	SP	FS	PD	RD	FD
<b>Standard Group Max</b>		6	6	4	4	6	5	5
<b>Event</b>	<u>Preliminary</u>		4 min					
	<u>Pre-Juvenile</u>		4 min					
	Juvenile		5 min		6 min	3 min		3 min
	Intermediate	5 min	6 min		6 min	3 min		3 min
	Novice	6 min	6 min	6 min	6 min	3 min		3 min
	Junior	6 min	6 min	6 min	6 min		5 min	5 min
	Senior	6 min	6 min	6 min	6 min		5 min	5 min
<b>Adult Group Max</b>			6		4	5		5
<b>Event</b>	Adult/Masters		6 min		6 min	4 min		5 min

## OPEN JUVENILE REMOVAL\*

1. All references to Open Juvenile in rules 4201, 6051, 6051(F), 6052(F), 6062, 6080(B), 6093(E), 6400 will be stricken.

2. All references to open singles events in rules 1041(C)(1)(c) and 6021 will be stricken.  
\*effective for the 2026-27 season

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## REQUESTS FOR ACTION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

The **Membership Development Group** proposed the following item on behalf of the committee identified with the proposal.

### 201.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Membership Committee

Amend the **Performance Sanction and Eligibility Rules (PSERs) (pages 47-57, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **PSER 1.00 Authority to Establish Eligibility Standards**

**PSER 1.01** As national governing body of figure skating on ice in the United States, U.S. Figure Skating is authorized under the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 220501 et seq. (the “Sports Act”) (1) to establish procedures for determining eligibility standards for participation in competition, and (2) to certify, in accordance with applicable international rules, the eligibility of ~~skaters~~ members to represent the United States in international competitions. The purpose of these eligibility rules is to establish the basis for eligibility of U.S. Figure Skating members under applicable U.S. Figure Skating and ISU rules.

- A. U.S. Figure Skating, as a member of the ISU, is required to follow the ISU eligibility rules for ISU activities and competitions, and is authorized under ISU rules to handle matters concerning eligibility not otherwise foreseen in ISU rules in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the ISU eligibility rules.
- B. U.S. Figure Skating administers its own rules to ensure the eligibility of qualified United States skaters and officials to participate in ISU activities and competitions to include:
  - 1. The definition of eligible ~~person~~ member;
  - 2. The maintenance and administration of rules governing standards of participation in U.S. Figure Skating activities by eligible ~~person~~ members and others;
  - 3. The classification of eligible ~~persons~~ members;
  - 4. The reinstatement of ~~persons~~ members whose eligibility has been lost, restricted or suspended;
  - 5. The investigation and discipline for violations.
- C. U.S. Figure Skating is authorized under ISU rules to reinstate ineligible ~~persons~~ members for U.S. Figure Skating activities and competitions, as U.S. Figure Skating may deem desirable; however, reinstatement of ineligible ~~persons~~ members by U.S. Figure Skating for U.S. Figure Skating activities and competitions does not ensure that such ~~persons~~ members will be eligible to participate in ISU activities and competitions.

#### **PSER 1.02 Authority to Protect Athlete Member Eligibility and to Revoke a Sanction**

- A. U.S. Figure Skating may take action, including as specified in these Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rules, that is intended to protect the eligibility of U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members unless doing so would be a violation of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 220501 et seq. (the “Sports Act”) or Article IX of the USOPC Bylaws.
- B. In the event U.S. Figure Skating determines that an event is to be conducted with eligible U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members without first obtaining the required sanction or approval, U.S. Figure Skating will have the authority to use its best efforts to protect the eligibility of U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members, including, but not limited to, advising U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members of the risk to their eligibility should they elect to participate in the event and counseling them to refrain from participating in the event.
- C. In the event U.S. Figure Skating determines that a properly sanctioned or approved event in which eligible U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members are scheduled to participate will be conducted outside the scope of the sanction or permission, therefore jeopardizing the eligibility of U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members, U.S. Figure Skating will have the authority to revoke the sanction or permission; furthermore, U.S. Figure Skating will have the authority to use its best efforts to protect the eligibility of U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members, including, but not limited to, advising U.S. Figure Skating ~~skaters~~ members of the risk to their eligibility if they elect to participate in the event and counseling them to refrain from participating in the event.

#### **PSER 24.00 Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities According to Eligibility Status**

##### **PSER 24.10 Eligible Status**

**PSER 24.11** An “eligible ~~person~~ member” is an individual who is in compliance with the eligibility rules of U.S. Figure Skating and, as applicable, the ISU; and who is registered with U.S. Figure Skating as a member of a U.S. Figure Skating club or collegiate club, or as an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating. See rules GR 2.02 and PSER 32.01.

**PSER 24.12** One must be an eligible ~~person~~ member to:

- A. Compete in U.S. Figure Skating competitions;
- B. Unless otherwise provided in rule PSER 24.70, serve as a U.S. Figure Skating referee, judge (including trial judge), accountant, music coordinator or announcer;



- C. Serve as an officer of U.S. Figure Skating; however, such officers cannot be restricted ~~persons~~ members as defined in rule PSER 24.51.

**PSER 24.13** Eligible ~~persons~~ members, as defined in rule PSER 24.11, may participate in the following, except as otherwise noted:

- A. All U.S. Figure Skating activities, including competitions sanctioned and/or conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules as provided in this rulebook;
- B. As an elected officer, board member, committee chair and committee member of U.S. Figure Skating;
- C. As an elected officer or board member in member clubs;
- D. As a Governing Council delegate, if designated as such or assigned proxy vote(s) in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and bylaws;
- E. As a technical panel official in accordance with rule PSER 24.70;
- F. As an eligible coach, as that term is defined in rules PSER 24.21;
- G. Serve in any capacity for Special Olympics;
- H. ISI-endorsed tests, competitions and exhibitions with limitations as provided by the Policy on Participation in ISI-Endorsed Recreational Activities;
- I. ~~Vote in Governing Council.~~

**PSER 24.14** Eligible ~~skaters~~ members must request and receive permission from U.S. Figure Skating in accordance with rules PSER 67.01 and PSER 67.02 prior to participating for payment in any appearance, endorsement or exhibition performance.

**PSER 24.15** It is the responsibility of an eligible ~~person~~ member to notify the U.S. Figure Skating headquarters when such ~~persons~~ members has decided to relinquish their eligible status.

**PSER 24.20 Eligible Coach Status**

**PSER 24.21** An “eligible coach” is an eligible ~~person~~ member who is paid to coach or instruct ~~skaters~~ members in skating and related activities, but who has not otherwise participated in an activity that causes that ~~person~~ member to become ineligible. See rule PSER 24.32.

**PSER 24.22** Eligible coaches, as defined in rule PSER 24.21, 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 competitions while they continue to coach. Eligible coaches may serve as test 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~~ member 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~~ members (rules PSER 24.41 and PSER 24.42 respectively), as well as with the rules of the ISU governing participation in ISU activities and competitions.

**PSER 24.30 Ineligible Status**

**PSER 24.31** An “ineligible ~~person~~ member” is a ~~person~~ member who has engaged in activities that constitute a violation of these Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rules, has been declared ineligible, and has not been reinstated by U.S. Figure Skating as an eligible ~~person~~ member. See rule PSER 24.35.

**PSER 24.32** A ~~person~~ member becomes ineligible to participate in U.S. Figure Skating activities and competitions, unless otherwise provided in rule PSER 24.35, by:

- A. Participating, without the prior express authorization of U.S. Figure Skating (by sanction, written permission, rule or agreement), in any capacity, in a skating competition, exhibition or tour;
- B. Participating in a competition conducted by officials (referees, judges and accountants) who are not officials on a list approved by U.S. Figure Skating, the ISU or an ISU member, except as otherwise permitted under U.S. Figure Skating rules;
- C. Participating in an event not sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating, the ISU or an ISU member without the permission of U.S. Figure Skating to do so;
- D. Participating in an international competition not conducted under ISU regulations; or
- E. Failing to comply with the requirement to obtain the prior written consent of U.S. Figure Skating to receive payment for appearances, endorsements and exhibition performances or to comply with any conditions placed upon receipt of such payment. See rule PSER 67.01.
- F. Any other breach of these Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rules.

**PSER 24.33** Participation in the following activities will be governed in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and policies pertaining to those events, and rule PSER 24.32 (A–E) will not apply:

- A. Club competitions conducted between members of one club;
- B. ISI tests, competitions and other ISI skating events in accordance with the Policy on Participation in ISI-Endorsed Recreational Activities; and
- C. Competitions conducted under the auspices of the State Games.

**PSER 24.34** If a person member has not breached the eligibility rules, but instead is disqualified or suspended under applicable U.S. Figure Skating rules or bylaws, the eligibility status of that person member is not affected. However, depending upon the terms of the disqualification or sanction, that person's member's right to participate in competitions and activities of U.S. Figure Skating or the ISU may be limited.

**PSER 24.35** Ineligible persons members as defined in rule PSER 24.31 may participate in the following U.S. Figure Skating activities:

- A. Tests, as a skater member or partner, ~~but not as an official~~;
- B. As a Governing Council delegate, ~~including athlete delegate~~, if designated as such or assigned proxy vote(s) in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and bylaws;
- C. Judging Compete USA competitions, and emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and adult sectional championships;
- D. Ice shows and exhibitions, as a skater member.
- E. As a member of a member club (if eligible under the member club's bylaws);
- F. As a director of a member club, in accordance with the provisions of rules MR 2.09 and MR 5.01 (K), if permitted to do so under the bylaws of that member club;
- G. As a member of the Board of Directors of U.S. Figure Skating and other U.S. Figure Skating committees, but not as an elected officer of U.S. Figure Skating.

#### **PSER 24.40 Reinstatement from Ineligible Status**

**PSER 24.41** A "reinstated person member" is a member of U.S. Figure Skating who was an ineligible person member, but who has been reinstated by U.S. Figure Skating as an eligible person member, with certain limitations. See rule PSER 24.48.

**PSER 24.42** A "readmitted person member" is a member of U.S. Figure Skating who has been reinstated by U.S. Figure Skating as an eligible person member for the second time, with certain limitations. See rule PSER 24.49.

**PSER 24.43** Individuals may apply for reinstatement from ineligible status in accordance with rule PSER 24.40 or may contest the alteration of their status as provided under rule PSER 43.07.

**PSER 24.44** The vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee will have the authority to reinstate an ineligible person member to eligible status or readmitted status for purposes of participation in U.S. Figure Skating activities and competitions.

~~A. A person member seeking reinstatement must fill out the Application for Reinstatement on the Members Only site, and send it to the vice chair for review and approval. The vice chair will provide a summary report of reinstated and readmitted persons to the Board of Directors at its fall and spring meetings~~

~~AB. All ineligible persons wishing to reinstate Applications for the purpose of competing in U.S. Figure Skating qualifying and nonqualifying competitions must be submitted their Application for Reinstatement to the vice chair no later than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries for the competition in which they intend to compete.~~

~~B. An application for reinstatement (for eligible or readmitted status) pursuant to rule PSER 4.44 will be made on the standard Application for Reinstatement available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or on the Members Only site;~~

~~C. The applicant must be a registered member of U.S. Figure Skating;~~

~~D. A club officer will approve the application for reinstatement if the individual is a member of a club;~~

~~E. The applicant agrees to honor all the rules of eligible status after filing the application and, if reinstated or readmitted, to abide by these rules; and~~

~~FE. Any falsification of information on the application will result in cancellation of the application.~~

**PSER 24.45** If an Application for Reinstatement of an ineligible person member is granted by U.S. Figure Skating, such individual will be classified as a reinstated person member, with all the privileges accorded reinstated person member listed in rule PSER 24.48.

**PSER 24.46** A former reinstated person member seeking reinstatement for a second time under the rules of U.S. Figure Skating must apply for readmitted status under the provisions of rule PSER 24.44 and, if granted, will be classified as a readmitted person member with all the privileges accorded to readmitted person member listed in rule PSER 24.49.

**PSER 24.47** Reinstatement or readmission to eligible status by U.S. Figure Skating applies only to the privilege to participate in U.S. Figure Skating activities. A person member reinstated or readmitted by U.S. Figure Skating is not eligible to participate in activities and competitions conducted under the auspices of the ISU, except as provided under the rules of the ISU. Only the ISU will have the authority to reinstate an ineligible person member to eligible status for purposes of participating in the activities and competitions of the ISU. Procedures for applying to the ISU for reinstatement are found in the ISU regulations.

**PSER 24.48** Reinstated person member as defined in rule PSER 24.41 may participate in all U.S. Figure Skating activities in which an eligible person member is entitled to participate (see rule PSER 24.13). However, a reinstated person member may, pursuant to the rules of the ISU, have certain limitations on their eligibility to participate in ISU activities and competitions.

**PSER 24.49** Readmitted persons members as defined in rule PSER 24.42 may participate in all U.S. Figure Skating activities in which an eligible person member is entitled to participate (see rule PSER 24.13), except a readmitted person member may not participate as a skater member in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned qualifying competitions. In addition, a readmitted person member may have certain restrictions on their eligibility to participate in ISU activities and competitions.

#### **PSER 24.50 Restricted Status**

**PSER 24.51** A “restricted ~~person member~~” is someone who is not qualified to participate fully in the activities of U.S. Figure Skating for a period of time. In addition, restricted ~~person member~~ may be subject to further limitations on their privilege to participate in certain activities under the rules of the ISU. See rules PSER 24.50, PSER 24.55 and MR 5.01 (K).

**PSER 24.52** ~~Persons~~ Members not otherwise ineligible under other provisions of these rules may have their eligibility rights restricted if they receive remuneration for ownership or management of an ice show, ice arena, skating exhibition tour or non-sanctioned competition. (A ~~person member~~ will be considered an owner or manager if, through investment or paid employment, that ~~person member~~ makes decisions regarding the operation of an ice show, ice arena, skating exhibition tour or non-sanctioned competition).

**PSER 24.53** Individuals may apply for removal of their restriction in accordance with rule PSER 24.60 or may contest the alteration of their status as provided under rule PSER 43.07.

**PSER 24.54** All ~~person member~~ under restricted status are restricted while they engage in the above activities and for 90 days thereafter. During the time of restriction, such ~~person member~~ are eligible for limited participation in U.S. Figure Skating activities. See rules PSER 24.55 and MR 5.01 (K). These ~~person member~~ and remunerated coaches under the rules of the ISU may be further restricted from participating as an official at international competitions, including, but not limited to, the Olympic Games, and from holding certain positions within the ISU.

**PSER 24.55** Restricted ~~person member~~ as defined in rule PSER 24.51 may participate in the following U.S. Figure Skating activities:

- A. Club competitions or sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, as a ~~skater member~~, but not as an official;
- B. Tests, as a ~~skater member~~, but not as an official;
- C. As a Governing Council delegate if designated as such or assigned proxy vote(s), ~~including as an athlete delegate~~, in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and bylaws;
- D. As an eligible coach as provided under rule PSER 24.21, but without the privilege to trial judge or serve as an official unless as otherwise provided in rule PSER 24.70, for U.S. Figure Skating tests or competitions, including the State Games, while restricted;
- E. Judging Compete USA competitions;
- F. Partnering tests;
- G. As a director of a member club, in accordance with the provisions of rule MR 5.01 (K) (maximum of one) and if permitted to do so under the bylaws of the member club, but not as an officer of a member club;
- H. As a member of the Board of Directors of U.S. Figure Skating and other U.S. Figure Skating committees, but not as an elected officer of U.S. Figure Skating; and
- I. As a technical panel official in accordance with rule PSER 24.70.

**PSER 24.60 Application to Lift Restricted Status**

A ~~person member~~ whose eligibility is temporarily restricted may apply for lifting their restriction. This will be approved provided no additional violations or infractions have taken place.

- A. To lift the restricted status, a ~~person member~~ will send a request in writing ~~to the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.~~
- B. If there have been no violations of the rules, the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee will approve the request and notify the ~~person member~~, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters and any affected permanent committees. A final report will be given at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. All restricted ~~person member~~ in skating intending to compete in U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions must request the lifting of any restriction in writing to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters ~~to the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee~~ no later than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries for the competition in which they intend to compete.

**PSER 24.70 Eligibility Classification Table**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Eligible/ Reinstated</b>	<b>Eligible Accountants, Judges, Referees or Technical Controllers</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Readmitted</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>	<b>Eligible Coach</b>
Tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compete in club competitions & sanctioned nonqualifying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Compete in sanctioned qualifying	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Compete in or officiate non sanctioned	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Commercial ventures	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paid coaching	Yes *X	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *
Rink management	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes +
Trial judge	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
U.S. Figure Skating official (PSER 24.12 (B))	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes *
Technical panel official	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Judge ISI	Yes^	Yes^	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes^
Judge Compete USA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partner tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governing Council delegate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes X	Yes	Yes
Officer of member club	Yes	Yes	No	Yes X	No	Yes X(1)
Elected officer of U.S. Figure Skating	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Director of U.S. Figure Skating or member club	Yes	Yes	Yes X	Yes X	Yes	Yes X(2)
<p>* Forfeits right to serve as an accountant, judge, referee or technical controller at competitions. 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.</p> <p>X See Membership Rules</p> <p>+ See Restricted Activities</p> <p>(1) Eligible coaches may not constitute a majority of a club's officers</p> <p>(2) See MR 5.01 (K)</p> <p>^ In accordance with the Policy on Participation in ISI-Endorsed Recreational Activities</p>						

## **PSER 32.00 Enforcement of Eligibility Rules**

**PSER 32.01** Individuals requesting registration as a member of U.S. Figure Skating must ~~apply for the appropriate skating~~ notify U.S. Figure Skating headquarters if their eligibility classification is other than eligible person member as defined in ~~rules rule PSER 24.11, PSER 4.21, PSER 4.31, PSER 4.41, PSER 4.42 and PSER 4.51. The vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee will have authority to audit the classification applied for and to revise it according to these rules. Persons Members~~ applying for membership in U.S. Figure Skating for the first time are not subject to the provisions of rule section PSER 43.00 for conduct occurring prior to their application for membership.

**PSER 32.02** It is the responsibility of the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee to investigate all matters pertaining to enforcement of these rules and the different ~~membership-eligibility~~ classifications registered with U.S. Figure Skating. The vice chair will determine whether or not violations have been made. Any eligible ~~person member~~ who admits to violating or is proven to have violated U.S. Figure Skating Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rules will be subject to appropriate action, which may include the changing of the membership ~~and/or eligibility~~ status of the ~~person member~~. See rule PSER 43.00. The vice chair will notify the individual, the home club (or collegiate club if such individual is a student), ~~and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters and any affected permanent committee, and will report at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

## **PSER 43.00 Discipline**

**PSER 43.01** Eligible ~~skater member~~ who knowingly participate in an activity that requires U.S. Figure Skating sanction or approval, but which activity does not, in fact, have such sanction or approval, will be subject to disciplinary action under Article XXV, Section 1, of the bylaws by U.S. Figure Skating for such participation. Such discipline may include the loss of eligibility, after fair notice and opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested pursuant to U.S. Figure Skating Grievance Committee and Ethics and Professional Standards Committee Rules and Procedures. The decision to discipline an eligible ~~skater member~~ may be mitigated if the eligible ~~skater member~~ establishes, by a preponderance of the evidence, facts which demonstrate that, at the time of participation, the ~~skater member~~ was under a good faith understanding from the sponsoring organization or individual that such activity had been properly sanctioned or approved.

**PSER 43.02** Any member club that violates a Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rule will be subject to disciplinary action under Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, which may include the loss of member club status. In addition to any other disciplinary action that may be brought against it, any member club failing to secure a sanction for any event or activity requiring U.S. Figure Skating sanction or approval will be restricted from hosting events or activities requiring a U.S. Figure Skating sanction or approval for a period of time not to exceed one year.

A. For the purposes of the Performance Sanction and Eligibility Rules, a member club is a club holding either full, provisional or interim membership in U.S. Figure Skating under whose auspices an ice show or exhibition is held.

**PSER 43.03** Any eligible ~~skater member~~ who accepts a gift in violation of the provisions of rule section PSER ~~78.00~~ will be restricted from participating in events or activities requiring a sanction or contract for a period of time not to exceed one year.

**PSER 43.04** Any eligible ~~person member~~ who violates a U.S. Figure Skating Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rule is subject to the loss of eligibility or other disciplinary action. However, unless such ~~person member~~ voluntarily relinquishes their eligibility, such ~~person member~~ may not be declared ineligible or have their eligibility suspended without first being accorded fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested, in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Grievance Committee and Ethics and Professional Standards Committee Rules and Procedures. No discipline or other action affecting eligibility will be taken under this provision if to do so would be a violation of the Sports Act or Article IX of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Bylaws.

**PSER 43.05** No eligible U.S. Figure Skating athlete, nor any U.S. Figure Skating coach or official, may be declared ineligible to participate in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition, or other competitions in which his or her rights have been accorded protection under the Sports Act, without first being provided fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing, should one be requested, in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Grievance Committee and Ethics and Professional Standards Committee Rules and Procedures.

**PSER 43.06** Subject to the requirements of the Sports Act, ~~the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee or the chief executive officer and the president of U.S. Figure Skating will have the right to order the issuance of further sanctions or the approval refusal of contracts be refused to any eligible skater member who has been charged with violation of these Performance Sanctions and Eligibility Rules, and the order of refusal will remain in effect until the questionable action has been satisfactorily explained or acted upon by the appropriate authority.~~

## **PSER 43.07 Right of Appeal**

Any ~~person member~~ whose eligibility rights and privileges have been altered by action of U.S. Figure Skating will have the right of appeal by filing a grievance as provided in Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

## **PSER 56.00 Performance Sanctions**

**PSER 56.01** ~~All ice shows, exhibitions, appearances and entertainment of any kind by eligible skaters members meeting the conditions in rule PSER 6.02 must be sanctioned or otherwise approved in writing by U.S. Figure Skating. For exceptions, see rule PSER 6.03.~~ Performance sanctions may be issued by U.S. Figure Skating to member clubs (full, interim or provisional) for performances by eligible ~~skater member~~ with the following requirements:

A. Ice shows and exhibitions must be held under the auspices and control of a member club located in the same vicinity;

1. **Auspices and control** is the active participation by a member club in the conduct, ~~management and financial affairs~~ of the events ~~including control of any net gain from the event~~ in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules.
  2. **Vicinity** is the geographical area ordinarily influenced by the communities in which the respective clubs are located. In large cities with more than one club, the neighborhoods and suburbs ordinarily accepted as separate communities would be the criterion.
  3. **Exhibition** is a skating performance by an eligible ~~skater~~ member(s) by itself or as part of some other entertainment. A **Series of Exhibitions** is a skating performance by an eligible ~~skater~~ member(s) by itself or as part of some other entertainment, relating to a single organized event which has repeat performances with the same cast, or where the same exhibition takes place within a 45-day period, or where the same exhibition is performed during a continuous season. See rule PSER ~~56.034~~ (B).
  4. **Ice shows** are gala performances where figure skating furnishes the principal entertainment for spectators.
  - B. U.S. Figure Skating independent synchronized skating ~~or, Theatre On Ice teams, or U.S. Figure Skating individual members~~, may apply for performance sanctions by contacting U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. The team manager of record will be authorized to apply for this sanction. The issuance of performance sanctions to U.S. Figure Skating independent synchronized skating teams, Theatre On Ice teams and U.S. Figure Skating individual members will be limited to their own exhibition performance and/or individual appearance and, if warranted in accordance with PSER ~~56.01~~ (D), will not be unreasonably withheld.
  - C. A performance sanction issued to a club will cover all participating eligible ~~skaters~~ members, regardless of their home club affiliation. See rule PSER ~~56.02~~ (C).
  - D. A member club, independent synchronized skating team or Theatre On Ice team, which uses the principal skating headquarters of another member club for an ice show or exhibition, must receive permission, in writing, by an authorized representative of the home club before a sanction is issued. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the letter must be attached to the performance sanction application.
  - E. ~~If a scheduling conflict arises from two or more member clubs who wish to host an ice show or exhibition on or near the same date and in the same geographical area, the dispute will be arbitrated by the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee.~~
  - F. A member club's share of the net profits derived from sanctioned events must be used for the promotion of figure skating, an approved charity or the general welfare of the member club. ~~When the member club is not the sole beneficiary, it will receive its fair share of the profits in return for its work and supervision. This amount will be negotiated with the promoter or sponsor in advance and provided in writing to the sanctioning member club.~~
    1. **Net profits** are the funds remaining after deducting taxes and other expenses of the event from the gross receipts.
    2. **Charity** is a religious, educational or philanthropic organization that receives benefits from an ice show or exhibition.
    3. **Promoter** is an individual or entity who organizes an ice show, ~~exhibition~~, tour or other event in which figure skating performances are utilized for fiscal benefit. If the promoter is the rink in which the sanctioning club is headquartered, said promoter will be exempt from any assessment fees.
    4. **Beneficiary** is a member club, charity or not-for-profit organization who takes part in any manner in an ice show, exhibition or series of exhibitions and shares in the net gain.
  - G. The names of all eligible ~~skaters~~ members receiving payment (including receipt of a monetary equivalent in goods and services) for performing in or otherwise appearing or endorsing the event must be listed in the sanction application; ~~along with the terms of the financial arrangements with such skater.~~ If this information is not known at the time of the sanction application, the sanction applicant must provide such information promptly to ~~the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee~~ U.S. Figure Skating headquarters as soon as it is known. (See rule PSER ~~67.01~~.)
  - H. All forms of advertising, notices or programs must state that the event is hosted by the member club and sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating.
- PSER ~~56.02~~** An Application for Performance Sanction for ice shows, exhibitions, appearances or entertainment within the United States is required when any of the following conditions are present:
- A. ~~Admission is charged or admission is contingent upon a monetary donation or its equivalent. Admission charges are monetary charges or monetary donations that are collected for performances by eligible skater(s) in ice shows, exhibitions, personal appearances, tours and other events in which figure skating performances are utilized. Regular charges for club parties are not considered admission within the meaning of these rules.~~
  - B. ~~Member club or promoter~~ Promoter is recipient of some financial benefit;
  - C. ~~Skater~~ Members who are not members of the sponsoring club have been invited to participate and have obtained permission from their home club;
  - D. The performance is held at a location other than the principal skating headquarters of the sponsoring club as defined in rule MR 1.01;
  - E. ~~The event is advertised or the public is invited to attend;~~
  - F. ~~Skater~~ Members or synchronized teams exhibit at professional hockey games;
    1. For liability purposes, a sanction is required for each facility in which the members/teams will exhibit.

~~G.F.~~ The event is part of a radio or television broadcast, including television commercials. See rules PSER 56.14–, ~~Activities in television broadcasts will include performance in television commercials. (See rules PSER 67.01 and PSER 67.02.)~~

~~PSER 6.03~~ An Application for Performance Sanction for ice shows, exhibitions, appearances or entertainment by eligible skaters is not required for the following situations:

- ~~A.~~ Exhibitions by skaters of one member club with the opportunity to perform for their family and friends. No admission is charged, and the event is not advertised to the general public. Skaters must be current members of the host club.
- ~~B.~~ Exhibitions by students at an educational institution that has a collegiate club, school-affiliated club or hockey club; or the exhibition is in the home rink of the school; or the event is sponsored by an organization or group that is regularly associated with the school; or if eligible skaters have permission of their home club to participate in such school exhibitions;
- ~~C.~~ Promotion or advertisement in the media of a properly sanctioned event or competition, including news reporting on radio, television, motion pictures or in person;
- ~~D.~~ Exhibition in the form of skating school recitals that are held for the sole purpose of providing pupils or instructors of skating schools the opportunity to perform for their family and friends. Skaters must be bona fide pupils of the school;
- ~~E.~~ Demonstration of skills by eligible skaters at U.S. Figure Skating, ISU, ISI and PSA schools, workshops, seminars and conferences.
- ~~F.~~ Ice shows, exhibitions, appearances or skating entertainment endorsed by the ISI in accordance with the Policy on Participation in ISI-Endorsed Recreational Activities.
- ~~G.~~ Ice shows, exhibitions, appearances or skating entertainment endorsed by Learn to Skate USA® in accordance with rule MR 30.10 (B).

~~PSER 56.034~~ An Application for Performance Sanction submitted by a member club, U.S. Figure Skating individual member, U.S. Figure Skating independent synchronized team or U.S. Figure Skating independent Theatre On Ice team must be made by an authorized representative of a member club, U.S. Figure Skating individual member or team manager, respectively.

- ~~A.~~ The application must be submitted online via the Members Only site to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters at least 14 days before the date of the event. No sanction fees are required unless a sanction application is made fewer than 14 days before the date of the event, in which case a \$25 late processing fee is required.
- ~~B.~~ Only one sanction is required:
  - 1. For events having repeat performances with the same cast;
  - 2. For same event within 45-day period;
  - 3. For an event that is held during a continuous season (i.e. a hockey season or summer session).
- ~~C.~~ The names of all foreign eligible person member must be listed on the application. Foreign eligible skater member must receive permission from their skating federation, and that permission must accompany the performance sanction. See rule PSER 240.00.
- ~~D.~~ Contract(s) between the member club and the promoters or co-sponsors must be attached to the application and approved by the sanctions officer.
- ~~E.~~ If payment (including the receipt of a monetary equivalent in goods or services) is being offered to an eligible skater member in conjunction with the event for which a performance sanction is sought, the application must include the names of the eligible skater member receiving payment and the terms of the payment arrangements with such skater. See rule PSER 67.01. Note: Payment does not include the reimbursement of expenses as outlined in rule PSER 78.01 (B).

~~PSER 56.045~~ Upon review and approval by the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee U.S. Figure Skating headquarters, performance sanctions are issued to U.S. Figure Skating member clubs, U.S. Figure Skating individual members, U.S. Figure Skating independent synchronized teams or U.S. Figure Skating independent Theatre On Ice teams by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. The president of U.S. Figure Skating may also approve a sanction. (For exceptions see rule PSER 56.10).

~~PSER 56.056~~ No sanction will be granted for any event in which the word “Olympic,” or any derivative thereof, is used in any advertisement, announcement or publicity, or in any other manner, without having first obtained the approval of the U.S. Figure Skating chief executive officer, who must first obtain consent of the USOPC.

#### ~~PSER 56.067~~ Special Olympics Events

Registered Special Olympics skaters members may participate in any event for Special Olympics athletes without jeopardizing their eligible status. See rule PSER 34.13.

#### ~~PSER 56.10~~ Special Performance Sanctions

~~PSER 56.11~~ The president of U.S. Figure Skating or the chief executive officer of U.S. Figure Skating may issue special performance sanctions for exhibitions at professional sports events that provide a substantial benefit (\$1,000 or more) to the unrestricted funds of the Memorial Fund. A special sanction may also be issued for events of unusual or national prominence, not necessarily sponsored by member clubs, in which charities or other worthwhile causes are promoted; i.e. the Memorial Fund and Olympic Games. See rule PSER 89.01.

~~PSER 56.12~~ When requests are received by U.S. Figure Skating to sanction an event that is not or cannot be sanctioned by a member club, such as ice shows, exhibitions or other skating events that are developed or produced in whole or in part by

a promoter or by or for a for-profit organization, the president of U.S. Figure Skating and the chief executive officer of U.S. Figure Skating will evaluate the merits of the request to determine whether to submit such request to the Board of Directors for approval. If submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors, a special performance sanction will be granted for the event upon the negotiation of an appropriate fee.

**PSER 56.13** Member clubs may apply for a special sanction on behalf of arenas or nonmember clubs;

- A. The event must be held under the general supervision of the member club to ensure compliance with the terms of these sanction rules.
- B. The event must take place in the same geographical area as the member club.
- C. All requirements for assessment fees and financial reports will apply (see rule PSER 89.00).

**PSER 56.14 Televised Events**

- A. *Applications by Member Clubs.* Applications for sanctions for televised ice shows, exhibitions, appearances or other skating entertainment for which a member club is the host of the event must be submitted to the chief executive officer of U.S. Figure Skating for approval. The member club must submit all financial arrangements between the television stations or networks and the member club with its application. Copies of any contracts, and telecast times and dates must also be submitted. If the chief executive officer approves the application, the ~~vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee will issue the special performance sanction will be issued.~~
- B. *All other applications.* Applications for special performance sanctions for all other televised events held in the United States will be submitted for approval in accordance with the procedures of rule PSER 56.12.

**PSER 67.00 Approval to Receive Payment for Appearances, Endorsements or Exhibitions**

**PSER 67.01** Written approval from U.S. Figure Skating is required for eligible ~~skaters~~ members to receive payment (including the receipt of a monetary equivalent in goods or services) to participate in an appearance, endorsement or exhibition performance that involves the use of the ~~person's~~ member's skating skills, identity or reputation as a ~~skater~~ member. Written approval will take the form of the following:

- A. When payment is to be made pursuant to a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activity, and the ~~terms of payment and the skater's~~ member's name to whom payment is to be made are disclosed on the sanction application form, the grant of sanction constitutes U.S. Figure Skating approval, and no additional written approval is required. The ~~skater~~ member must confirm that the sanction contains the necessary representations required under this provision.
- B. For all other situations in which a ~~person~~ member has been offered payment for an appearance, endorsement or exhibition, the ~~skater~~ member must obtain written approval of U.S. Figure Skating in the form of an Eligible Skater's Compensation Agreement (ESCA).

**PSER 67.02 Eligible Skater's Compensation Agreement (ESCA)**

- A. ~~Skaters~~ Members seeking permission from U.S. Figure Skating to accept payment for an appearance, endorsement or exhibition, as set forth in rule PSER 67.01, must:
  - 1. Submit a request for the approval of an ESCA to the chief executive officer of U.S. Figure Skating at least two weeks prior to the activity for which the ~~skater~~ member will be paid. (U.S. Figure Skating will reserve discretion to accept a request for an ESCA that does not comply with the time deadline if the ~~skater~~ member can show cause why they could not submit the request in a timely manner.) The request will take the form of a draft ESCA agreement, signed by the ~~skater~~ member, the ~~skater's~~ member's parent or guardian, if the ~~skater~~ member is a minor, and the contractor (the individual or entity who has offered the ~~skater~~ member payment). Forms for the ESCA are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or on the Members Only site.
  - 2. Submit a processing fee with the draft ESCA agreement.
- B. Upon receipt of the request for an ESCA, U.S. Figure Skating will review the draft ESCA and make a determination whether to approve the request. The request for an ESCA will not be approved if U.S. Figure Skating determines that:
  - 1. The activity for which the ESCA request has been submitted does not, in the judgment of U.S. Figure Skating, comply with the laws, rules, regulations, policies and bylaws that U.S. Figure Skating, as NGB of figure skating on ice and member of the ISU, is obligated to follow; or
  - 2. The activity for which the ESCA request has been submitted presents a conflict with any outstanding U.S. Figure Skating contractual obligations, the approval of which may place U.S. Figure Skating in breach of its contractual obligations.
- C. Once countersigned by U.S. Figure Skating, the draft ESCA submitted for approval becomes an approved contract, and the ~~skater~~ member may proceed under the terms of the ESCA.
- D. Eligible ~~skater~~ member entering into an ESCA must limit the activities that are the subject of the ESCA during the following time periods:
  - 1. Two weeks before the first official practice of the following competitions at which the ~~skater~~ member will compete: all U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions, except National Qualifying Series events, (see rule 1022) and international competitions sanctioned by the ISU; and
  - 2. The period of time between U.S. Figure Skating Championships and the World Championships, which may include the Olympic Winter Games, if the ~~skater~~ member has qualified.

**PSER 78.00 Gifts and Expenses**

**PSER 78.01** Monetary or non-monetary gifts may be presented to eligible ~~skater~~ member for appearances in sanctioned exhibitions and ice shows:



- A. Eligible skater member may receive a monetary gift, without any restriction to the amount, for performing in a sanctioned event without signing an Eligible Skater Compensation Agreement, as long as such skater's member's name ~~and the terms of payment are~~ is listed on the Application for Performance Sanction.
- B. Any skater member leaving home for the purpose of giving an exhibition or participating in a sanctioned ice show will be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses. In accordance with the current, approved U.S. Figure Skating Travel and Expense Policy, available on the Members Only site, skater member are required to render an accounting of their expenses incurred to the member club, sponsor or promoter.
- C. Eligible skater member who have not reached the age of 18 years may apply for payment of expenses as defined in rule PSER 78.01 (B) for one other person member besides themselves, provided such person member is 18 years of age or older and is a properly qualified chaperone or companion.
- D. The eligible skater member may commission the home club to make all arrangements for the payment of expenses.
- E. The member club or sponsor hosting the event may make reimbursement of expenses directly to the exhibiting skater member or designated chaperone or companion (per rule PSER 78.01 (C)) if requested.
- F. The expense rules of the foreign associations or those of the ISU must be observed in all cases of foreign exhibitions; ~~except for Canada.~~

**PSER 78.02** Eligible skater member of member clubs violating or failing to conform to any of the foregoing expense rules, or concealing such violations, will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include disqualification of the eligible skater member and expulsion of the club from membership, pursuant to Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

### **PSER 89.00 Assessment Fees and Financial Reports**

**PSER 89.01** Assessment fees are required for sanctioned ice shows and exhibitions when the event(s) is being sponsored or cosponsored by a promoter (for a profit or nonprofit organization), other than the rink in which the sanctioning club is headquartered, a nonmember club or a charity, ~~and or~~ when the event is one of unusual or national prominence. The sponsor/promoter must pay the assessment fee.

- A. The assessment fee is:
  - 1. Two and one-half percent if gross receipts or donation to member club is \$500–\$5,000;
  - 2. Five percent if gross receipts or donation to member club is more than \$5000 but not more than \$100,000;
  - 3. Seven and one-half percent if gross receipts or donation to member club exceeds \$100,000.

Note: Gross receipts are the funds derived from the admission charges of ice shows, exhibitions or personal appearances before deducting taxes and other expenses of the event. If figure skating is a portion of the event, the gross receipts are defined as that portion of the admission charge that relates to the figure skating portion of that event.
- B. The chief executive officer of U.S. Figure Skating will have the right to negotiate additional fees to promoters that will benefit either the Memorial Fund or U.S. Figure Skating.
- C. Assessment fees are required for ice shows and exhibitions when it is for the benefit of the Memorial Fund. Seventy percent of the net profits will be donated to the general fund of the Memorial Fund.
- D. For any sanctioned event that requires an assessment fee, the Financial Report of Sanctioned Performance must be filed with U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by the member club, individual or team issued the sanction (see rule PSER 56.01 (B)) within 60 days following the event. The assessment fee is to be remitted by check or money order payable to U.S. Figure Skating together with the financial report.
- E. Failure to file the report or pay the assessment fee within 60 days will result in a penalty fee of \$25 and the withholding of further sanctions from the delinquent member club during the period of its continuing default. Should such delinquency persist beyond 120 days from the date of the event, disciplinary action may be taken against the delinquent club, pursuant to rule PSER 43.05 and Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

**PSER 89.02** Assessment fees are not required for:

- A. Sanctioned ice shows, exhibitions, appearances and entertainment hosted by a member club provided that the net profits in full are used in the promotion of figure skating for its club members and/or for the benefit of a charity;
- B. Exhibitions that are a minor part of the entertainment event even though admission is charged (e.g. intermission at hockey games); (See rule PSER 56.02 (A) for definition of “admission charges”).
- C. Exhibitions and appearances of eligible skaters members held in Canada.

### **PSER 910.00 Foreign Performance Sanctions**

Sanctions for international amateur athletic participation in ice shows or exhibitions:

#### **PSER 910.01 Canadian Sanctions**

- A. U.S. Figure Skating eligible skaters members may appear in a skating ice show or exhibition sanctioned by Skate Canada without the need for such skating ice show or exhibition to have been separately sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. Prior to participating in the ice show or exhibition, however, the skater member must receive written evidence from the sponsoring organization that Skate Canada has sanctioned the entire event in which they will be participating.
- B. If, in conjunction with the ice show or exhibition sanctioned by Skate Canada, the U.S. Figure Skating skater member has been offered payment for an appearance, endorsement or exhibition performance that involves the use of the person's member's skating skills, identity or reputation as a skater member, the skater member must comply with the provisions of rule PSER ~~7.01 (B)~~ 7.02 before they are authorized to participate in the activity or receive payment.

- C. U.S. Figure Skating clubs desiring to hold events in Canada are subject to Skate Canada rules.
- D. Canadian ~~skaters~~ members may appear in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned ice shows or exhibitions; however they must present written permission to do so from Skate Canada to the host organization, ~~and that permission must accompany the host organization's request for the performance sanction.~~
- E. Canadian clubs seeking sanctions for ice shows and exhibitions in the United States must ~~procure~~ submit a sanction application ~~from the vice chair of sanctions and eligibility on the Membership Committee to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.~~

**PSER 210.02 Other Foreign Sanctions:**

- A. ~~The chair of the International Committee~~ U.S. Figure Skating headquarters must ~~sanction~~ provide permission for all exhibitions or other appearances by U.S. Figure Skating ~~skater member~~ in a foreign country, other than Canada. If, in conjunction with the foreign exhibition or appearance, the U.S. Figure Skating ~~skater member~~ has been offered payment for an appearance, endorsement or exhibition performance that involves the use of the ~~person's~~ member's skating skills, identity or reputation as a ~~skater member~~, the ~~skater member~~ must comply with the provisions of rule PSER ~~7.01 (B)~~ 7.02 before being authorized to participate in the activity or receive payment.
- B. Non-U.S. citizens from countries other than Canada and U.S. citizens who have been released by U.S. Figure Skating to represent a foreign federation other than Canada must have documentation that they are in good standing with and have permission from their federation to appear in an exhibition.

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**REQUESTS FOR ACTION FROM THE TECHNICAL AND OFFICIALS GROUP (GROUP 3)**

The **Technical and Officials Group** proposed the following items on behalf of the committee(s) identified with each proposal.

**301.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rules 1214-1216 (pages 99-100, Rulebook)** as shown below.

**1210 Duties of the Chief Referee**

**1214** Within 30 days after a ~~qualifying~~ competition, the chief referee will complete a report:

- A. Including the following:
  - 1. Any deviations from or comments regarding:
    - a. Rules governing competitions
    - b. The official schedule
    - ~~c. Proper conduct of all officials (moved to 8 below)~~
  - 2. Any adverse comments or particularly favorable comments regarding:
    - a. Rink conditions
    - b. Housing
    - c. Transportation
    - d. Music
    - e. Rink side IJS computer equipment (IVR system)
    - f. Event Management System (EMS)
  - 3. Any protests, accidents or unusual happenings
  - 4. Any accidents that also must be reported to the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee
  - 5. A record of the initial and final placements in each event.
  - 6. A judges, referees and technical panel assignment sheet (Form 104)
  - 7. SkateSafe, ethics or professional standards violations
  - 8. Proper conduct of officials
  - 9. Additional information as needed
- B. Completed forms for nonqualifying competitions will be submitted to the sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee and designated U.S. Figure Skating staff. Completed forms for qualifying competitions will be sent to the chair of the Competitions Committee and designated U.S. Figure Skating staff. Information on SkateSafe, ethics and professional standards violations, as well as any concerns regarding conduct of officials will be sent only to staff.
- ~~B. Which will be sent as follows:~~

TO:	Items 1-4 Referee's Report	Item 5 Component/Cu mulative Results	Item 6 Officials' Assignment Sheet (Form 104)
President	X	X (A)	X
Technical Group Coordinator	X	X	X
Chair, Competitions Committee	X	X (B)	X
Chair, Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee	X	X	X (C)
Appropriate Sectional Vice Chair, Competitions Committee	X (C)	X (C)	X (C)
U.S. Figure Skating headquarters	X	Sent by Accountants	X

Footnote: (A) Send for U.S. Championships only

———— (B) Send for sectional and U.S. Championships only

———— (C) Send for sectional championships only

**Note:** The entire referee report, including the requirements listed in items 5 and 6 in the chart may be fulfilled via email at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.

**1215** Within 30 days after a nonqualifying competition, the chief referee will:

A. Send a report as outlined in rule 1214 (A).

1. Computer summaries of placements including segment and cumulative, if sent electronically, must be sent in a currently approved format.

B. Include a CEU/activity report of officials (judges, referees and technical panel) in a format approved by the Competitions Committee.

C. Send the entire report in a format approved by the Competitions Committee to:

1. U.S. Figure Skating headquarters; and

2. The appropriate regional vice chair on the Competitions Committee for the region in which the competition was held, or the appropriate synchronized sectional vice chair on the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee for the section in which the competition was held (for synchronized skating competitions).

**1216** The applicable regional vice chair, or the sectional vice chair of synchronized skating competitions, or the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the designated U.S. Figure Skating staff will review the referee's report and, if the report contains any special notations or deviations, notify the vice chair of officials review and/or the chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, distribute the written report to the persons listed under rule 1214 (B).

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## 302.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1220 (B)(2)(a) (page 100, Rulebook)** as shown below:

### 1220 Duties of the Event Referee

A. The duties of the chief referee are as specified in rule 1210.

B. The event referee:

1. Is in charge of the event.

2. Manages the panel of judges to ensure compliance with the rules, with the authority to remove judges from the panel if there are important and valid reasons to do so.

a. A judge's marks may not be changed in either system of judging after posting after submitting for calculation due to a mistake made by the judge.

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### 303.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1231 (page 101, Rulebook)** as shown below:

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

- A. At all competitions, for the supervision of assistant accountants and technical accountants.
- B. At all qualifying competitions and official trial judge events at nonqualifying competitions, for supplying the trial judge chair with a complete record of the placements of official judges for each segment of each event. Copies of signed segment and cumulative results (if applicable) for each event will be used.
- C. At the conclusion of all qualifying competitions, for sending the following to the director of IJS technology no later than one day after the conclusion of the competition:
  - ~~1. To the director of IJS technology, no later than one day after the competition:~~
  - ~~a. For IJS categories – the final and complete IsuCalcFS or Figure Skating Manager competition database containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email or successfully uploaded to EMS.~~
  - ~~b. 2. For 6.0 events – the final and completed HAL2.0 competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email.~~
  - ~~2. To the archivist at U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by mail:~~
    - ~~a. A clean program~~
    - ~~b. Individual judges sheets for each 6.0 segment~~
    - ~~c. Original signed copies of all results for each segment and cumulative results (where applicable)~~
- D. At all qualifying competitions, to work with the technical accountants to post starting orders and results online using the IJS Live program.

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### 304.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2120 (C) and 3032 (C) (pages 113 and 136, Rulebook)** as shown below:

#### **2120 Qualifying Competitions – Officials – All Skating Disciplines**

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

- C. Technical panel
  - 1. Standard technical panel
    - ~~a. Technical controller~~
    - ~~2. b. Two technical specialists~~
    - ~~3. c. Data operator~~
    - ~~4. Video replay operator~~
  - 2. A reduced technical panel may be used for applicable divisions
    - a. The panel will consist of one data operator plus one technical controller OR one technical specialist
    - b. The applicable divisions will be listed on the Skating Rules and Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) by July 1 each year.

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

- C. Technical Panel Officials (for IJS events only, see rule 2133) to include at a minimum:
  - 1. Standard technical panel
    - ~~1. a. Technical controller~~
    - ~~2. b. Two technical specialists~~
    - c. 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.
  - 2. A reduced technical panel may be used for applicable divisions
    - a. The panel will consist of one technical controller OR one technical specialist
    - b. The applicable divisions will be listed on the Skating Rules and Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) by July 1 each year.

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### 305.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2421 (page 121, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **2420 Test Qualifications – Qualifying Competitions**

**2421** For the National Qualifying Series, athletes may “skate up” and enter a higher level than their current test level; however, in order to advance to the sectional final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, athletes must have passed the appropriate test per rule 2422, by November 1 the conclusion of the National Qualifying Series. ~~National Qualifying Series competitions will be considered nonqualifying competitions for the purpose of Test Credit from IJS Protocol, outlined in rule 4201.~~

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### 306.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 2451-2453 (page 122, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **2450 Reports from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters**

**2451** As soon as possible after the closing date for entries, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters staff will provide access to complete competitor information to send the sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee, the chief referee, the chief accountant and the local organizing committee ~~the names of the competitors in all events held at the championship, together with complete information on each competitor, which includes complete address, telephone number, coaches’ names, partner’s name, etc.~~

**2452** ~~In any competition in which competitors qualify for a higher competition, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will forward, within 48 hours, a copy of the final placements to the sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee for the section in which the higher competition is to be held.~~

**2453** ~~2452~~ The complete final results of all qualifying competitions and ISU competitions involving the United States Team will be promptly posted online and published in SKATING magazine.

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### 307.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

#### **2470 Qualifying for a Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final**

To qualify for a sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, all competitors must be entered to compete in the National Qualifying Series and post a score in at least one competition of their choice, unless they have qualified for a bye under rules 2472, 2474 or 2476.

**2471** Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior singles competitors will qualify for the sectional singles final, through the National Qualifying Series, in each event, in the following order:

A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:

1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next 12 ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until 24 competitors per section are reached.

B. For junior and senior:

1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next six ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until 18 competitors per section are reached.

C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in their section in the National Qualifying Series.

D. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the first day of competition for the event.

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**2473** Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior pairs competitors will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Pairs Final, in each event, in the following order:

A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:

1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next 12 ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 24 teams are reached.

- B. For junior and senior:
1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
  2. The next six ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
  3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.
- C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.
- D. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the first day of competition for the event.

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- 2475** Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior ice dance competitors will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Ice Dance Final in each event in the following order:
- A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:
1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
  2. The next 12 ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
  3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 24 teams are reached.
- B. For junior and senior:
1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
  2. The next six ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
  3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.
- C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.
- D. Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the first day of competition for the event.
- 2523** Alternates may be selected up to 72 hours before the ~~initial draw for the affected skater's first competitive~~ first day of competition for the event.

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### **308.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2701 (F) (pages 126-127, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **2700 Warm-Ups, Draws and Starting Orders**

- 2701** The following definitions pertain to all U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions for singles/pairs/ice dance:
- F. Unofficial practice ice: this is not scheduled by the chief referee, nor is it the responsibility of U.S. Figure Skating. ~~A skater who would like additional practice sessions beyond official practice ice may contact local rinks for times and prices. A skater/team may skate on unofficial practice ice at any rink, at any time, EXCEPT between the time when the skater's/team's event segment has begun — as signified by the first warm up group taking the ice — and the time when the last skater/team in the event completes their program. A skater or team may practice on unofficial ice at any rink and at any time except between the conclusion of their group's warm up and their call to start.~~

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### **309.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 3042 and rule section 3100 (pages 137 and 150, Rulebook)** as shown below:

#### **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). The following judges are required to judge singles and pairs events at Compete USA and nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Nonqualifying Singles and Pairs Events	Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications					
	<u>Qualified Eligible or Ineligible Person</u>	Certified 6.0 Singles Judge	Nonqualifying Singles Judge	Qualifying Singles/Pairs Judge	Sectional Singles/Pairs Judge	National Singles/Pa irs Judge
<u>Compete USA Events (Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Aspire and Adult LTS levels)</u>	J	J	J	J	J	J
6.0 Singles Events (all levels)		J	J	J	J	J
IJS Singles Events (all levels)			J	J	J	J
Pairs Events (all levels)				J	J	J

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

### 3100 Rules for Compete USA Competitions

#### 3110 Compete USA Competitions – Approvals

3111 Compete USA competitions may include events ~~for skaters who have passed no higher than the~~ up to and including preliminary singles ~~test, adult bronze singles and pre-bronze pattern dance test or adult bronze singles test~~ without applying for a U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required and may be obtained from the appointed Learn to Skate USA® representatives. ~~See also rule 3112.~~

~~3112 When a Compete USA competition is held in conjunction with a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, an approval number as required by rule 3111 above must still be obtained.~~

#### 3120 Compete USA Competitions – Officials

3121 For Compete USA competitions, a chief referee and chief accountant are required. In addition, three judges not related to the competitors are required for each event. Judges Officials may be any official certified by U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada judge or any other qualified eligible or ineligible person in skating who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or a Learn to Skate USA® member.

3122 For Compete USA competitions, the member club or other organization sponsoring and conducting the competition shall approve all judges and officials. All persons serving as ~~judges and officials shall~~ must be a current U.S. Figure Skating member and/or Learn to Skate USA® member, be at least 16 years of age, and if 18 or older pass a background check and complete SafeSport™ training.

#### 3130 Compete USA Competitions – Announcements

3131 For all Compete USA competitions, a copy of the announcement and an approval request shall be sent to the appointed Learn to Skate USA® representative for approval and issuance of a Compete USA approval number 30 days prior to the release of the competition announcement to the public. The approval is to be publicly displayed during the competition.

3132 Compete USA competitions will follow the event structure as outlined in the Compete USA Manual. Any registered Learn to Skate USA® program may conduct a Compete USA competition.

~~3133 When Compete USA competitions are held on the home ice of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, the member club shall be designated as the sponsoring club.~~

~~3134~~ Compete USA competitions may be:

- A. “In house” — the competition is available only to those skaters who are members of the club or program conducting the competition, or
- B. “Open” — the competition is available to any registered U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA® member or full U.S. Figure Skating member.

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### 310.REFERRED TO COMMITTEE\* – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

*\*The board referred this item to the new Domestic Officials Committee and the Programs & New Program Development Committee.*

Amend **rule DOR 3.03 (pages 59, Rulebook)** to update requirements for national officials appointments:

**DOR 3.03 National Appointments:** Recommendations for national appointments that serve at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and/or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships must be approved by the Board of Directors. National appointments for referees, judges and technical panel officials that only serve national programs (i.e. showcase, solo dance and Theatre On Ice) do not need to be approved by the Board of Directors. ~~Such~~ Recommendations can be presented by the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee at any ~~an in-person~~ meeting of the Board of Directors. The chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee will notify the candidate of the decision of the Board of Directors. If the decision constitutes appointment, the date of the notification will be the effective date of the appointment, and a copy of the notification will be sent to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters for recording on the appropriate officials list.

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### 311.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend **rules PSER 4.70 and DOR 5.03 (pages 53 and 59, Rulebook)** to remove the minority restrictions on coaches judging tests

#### PSER 4.70 Eligibility Classification Table

Activity	Eligible/ Reinstated	Eligible Accountants, Judges, Referees or Technical Controllers	Restricted	Readmitted	Ineligible	Eligible Coach
Paid coaching	Yes *X	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *
* Forfeits right to serve as <del>an accountant, judge, referee or technical controller</del> at competitions. Permitted to serve as a test judge and judge tests <del>as a one judge minority of a three judge panel</del> in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and the <u>Officials Standards of Professionalism, Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials</u> . <del>Coaches cannot serve as a single judge panel.</del>						

#### DOR 5.03 Judging and Coaching

- A. 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.~~

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### 312.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend **rules PSER 4.22 (A) and PSER 4.70 (pages 51 and 53, Rulebook)** to allow coaches to serve as accountants (scoring officials).

**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 competitions while they continue to coach. Eligible coaches may serve as test judges at test sessions within the parameters of rule DOR 5.03.



**PSER 4.70 Eligibility Classification Table**

Activity	Eligible/ Reinstated	Eligible Accountants, Judges, Referees or Technical Controllers	Restricted	Readmitted	Ineligible	Eligible Coach
Tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compete in club competitions & sanctioned nonqualifying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Compete in sanctioned qualifying	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Compete in or officiate non sanctioned	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Commercial ventures	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paid coaching	Yes *X	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *	Yes *
Rink management	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes +
Trial judge	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
U.S. Figure Skating official (PSER 4.12 (B))	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes *
Technical panel official	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Judge ISI	Yes^	Yes^	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes^
Judge Compete USA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partner tests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governing Council delegate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes X	Yes	Yes
Officer of member club	Yes	Yes	No	Yes X	No	Yes X(1)
Elected officer of U.S. Figure Skating	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Director of U.S. Figure Skating or member club	Yes	Yes	Yes X	Yes X	Yes	Yes X(2)
<p>* Forfeits right to serve as an accountant, judge, referee or technical controller at competitions. 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.</p> <p>X See Membership Rules</p> <p>+ See Restricted Activities</p> <p>(1) Eligible coaches may not constitute a majority of a club's officers</p> <p>(2) See MR 5.01 (K)</p> <p>^ In accordance with the Policy on Participation in ISI-Endorsed Recreational Activities</p>						

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### 313.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend the **rules regarding accountants and technical accountants** as shown below.

1. Change the following terms:
  - a. Accounting to Scoring – this refers to the general function
  - b. Accountant to Scoring Official – this refers to the general group of officials responsible for competition scoring as well as the specific role that focuses on the database build and coordination with the Chief Referee and LOC (i.e. the Chief and “room” roles)
  - c. Technical Accountant to Scoring System Technician – this refers to the specific role that focuses on the hardware and software to run the scoring system rinkside
2. Change the advancement levels:
  - a. Scoring Officials (formerly Accountants):
    - i. Apprentice to Associate
    - ii. Qualifying to Level 1
    - iii. Sectional to Level 2
    - iv. National (no change)
  - b. Scoring System Technicians (formerly Technical Accountants):
    - i. Apprentice to Associate
    - ii. Level 1 (no change)
    - iii. Level 2 (no change)
    - iv. Level 3 to National

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### 314.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend **rule 2132 (page 115, Rulebook)** as shown below:

#### 2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events	Judge – Ice Dance Events	Judge- Synchronized (SYS) Events
National Qualifying Series Ice Dance	N/A	National Dance Sectional Dance Qualifying Dance* <del>*Novice and lower events only</del>	N/A

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### 315.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend **rule 2132 (page 115, Rulebook)** to remove footnote 3:

#### 2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events	Judge – Ice Dance Events	Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	National SYS
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	National SYS Sectional SYS

<sup>1</sup>Sectional judges may serve at the U.S. Ice Dance Final and the U.S. Pairs Final as a minority of the panel.

<sup>2</sup>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

<sup>3</sup>~~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.~~

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**316.APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee**

Amend **rule 2133 (page 116, Rulebook)** as shown below:

**2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions**

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S)	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Ice Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events	Data Operators
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying (P)	<del>National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D)</del> <u>Any level appointment (D/SD)<sup>4</sup></u>	N/A	National Qualifying

<sup>1</sup>For the U.S. Ice Dance Final and U.S. Pairs Final, one sectional technical controller or one sectional technical specialist may be included on the technical panel for ice dance and pairs events respectively.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Nonqualifying-level-and-above technical controllers may serve as technical specialist 2 at all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.

<sup>4</sup>Solo dance technical controllers and technical specialists can only serve on solo dance events.

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**317.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee**

Amend **rules 2821 and 2401 (D) (pages 120 and 130, Rulebook)** as shown below.

**2820 Rosters, Substitutes, Alternates and Crossover Skaters**

~~**2821** The entry form of the first qualifying competition of the year for all synchronized skating events becomes the official team roster for the remainder of the year. The roster must list all team members, including alternates. No additions will be permitted from sectionals to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.~~

~~A. The roster is to be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters with the entry form by Oct. 1;~~

~~B. Requests for substitutions to the roster must be submitted on the official form to the sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee. Substitutions to the roster may be permissible up to two weeks prior to the start of the next qualifying competition. The request must be in writing and include the reason for the substitution together with proof of age, if applicable under rule 2824. The sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee will notify the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee, the team manager, the chief referee and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters of the decision at least one week prior to the start of the competition in question.~~

~~C. Collegiate and open collegiate teams will be permitted to withdraw their qualifying competition entry without penalty until Dec. 1. Entry fees will be refunded. All other provisions of rule 2401 apply.~~

~~D. Roster additions will be permitted until Dec. 1. All other provisions of rule 2401 apply.~~

**2821** A competition roster must be submitted by all teams participating in the synchronized skating sectional championships. This roster becomes the official competition roster for both the synchronized skating sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships. The competition roster must include all team members, including alternates. All skaters on the competition roster must meet all eligibility requirements (rules 2401 and 2820) and requirements of the team's level (9400) prior to being added to the competition roster.

A. A competition roster meeting the minimum requirements for the team's registered event must be submitted with the entry form by the registration deadline (Rule 2401).

B. Any changes, including additions, substitutions, or removals, can be made to the competition roster until Dec. 1. The total number of skaters on the competition roster after the Dec. 1 deadline becomes the maximum number of skaters permitted on the team's roster for the synchronized skating sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

- C. Within the timelines outlined below, substitutions to the competition roster may be submitted on the official form subject to approval by U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters. Any skater being substituted onto the competition roster must meet all requirements for participation by the required deadlines, no exceptions.
1. From Dec. 2 until two weeks prior to the start date of the first synchronized skating sectional championships.
  2. From the conclusion of the synchronized skating sectional championships until two weeks prior to the start of the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

## **2400 Qualifying Competitions – Entries**

**2401** Entry for singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating for qualifying competitions must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by the closing date for entries using the online registration method. Policies and procedures will be documented in the appropriate announcement / athlete handbook.

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- D. All withdrawals must be submitted in writing to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final, and a skater/team may not reenter the qualifying competition system for the season even if it is before the closing date for entries.
1. However, if If a new pair or ice dance team is formed by either member of a withdrawn team before the closing date for entries, then this new team may enter.
  2. Collegiate and open collegiate synchronized skating teams will be permitted to withdraw their qualifying competition entry without penalty until Dec. 1. Entry fees will be refunded. All other provisions of rule 2401 apply. (Moved from rule 2821 (C)).

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## **318.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee**

Add new paragraph to the **amended rule 2821 (page 130, Rulebook)** as shown below.

- D. Within the two weeks prior to the start date of the Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, a team may petition to the chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters to make a substitution to the team's roster in the case of extenuating circumstances. Petitions must be made in writing and include information about the extenuating circumstance which has led to the request.
1. Once the first official practice ice of the competition has started, petitions will no longer be accepted.
  2. A decision will be provided in writing within 72 hours of confirmation of receipt of the request or prior to the first official practice ice of the competition, whichever is sooner.

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## **319.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee**

Amend **rule 2823 (page 131, Rulebook)** as shown below.

- 2823** For qualifying competitions teams must skate the number of skaters required for the level as specified in rules 9400.
- A. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821.
  - B. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters as specified in rules 9400 due to onsite illness or injury which has been confirmed by onsite medical staff, the team will be permitted to compete. If the minimum number of skaters on a team is not met for any other reason, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn; however, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition.
  - C. If a team has fewer than the number of required skaters to achieve the planned element features due to onsite illness or injury, which has been confirmed by a medical professional, the chief referee may instruct the technical panel to evaluate the team as competing with the required number of skaters.

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### 320.Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rules 2826 and 2827 (page 136, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **2820 Rosters, Substitutes, Alternates and Crossover Skaters**

**2826** A cross skater is defined as a skater who is listed on more than one synchronized skating competition roster at the same competition. ~~An individual skater~~ cross skater may ~~skate~~ be listed on more than one, but not more than two, competition rosters for synchronized skating teams, as long as the respective teams are in different levels. All the stipulations of rules 2056, 2827 and 9400 must be met.

**2827** ~~No~~ The competition roster for any team may not be comprised of more than 50 percent of athletes who are ~~also on any other team~~ cross skaters. This applies to the entire roster at any given competition.

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### 321.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rule 2841 (B) (page 131, Rulebook)** as shown below.

#### **2840 Byes – Synchronized Skating**

**2841** If a synchronized team, because of some unusual circumstance, is unable to compete in a sectional championship, such team may apply to the chair of the Competitions Committee for a bye to bypass the competition and advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

- A. The team must apply for a bye no fewer than 14 days before the closing date for entries for the competition the team has applied to bypass;
  1. In extraordinary circumstances, the chair of the Competitions Committee may, in the chair's sole discretion, waive the 14-day deadline;
  2. A decision on the bye will be delivered to the team within 15 days of receipt of a complete application for such bye;
  3. In the case of a denial, a detailed, written explanation of the grounds for denying such bye will be provided to the team and will cite specific U.S. Figure Skating rules as basis for denying the bye.
- B. The application for a bye will be made ~~on the current Competition Bye Application adopted by the Competitions Committee~~ in writing to the chair of the Competitions Committee. The team will state:
  1. The reasons why the team cannot compete in the competition; and
  2. Why the team would have a reasonable chance of finishing in first, second, third or fourth place at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

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### 322.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rule 2922 (page 133, Rulebook)** as shown below.

**2922** At the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships:

- A. The starting order for the ~~junior, senior and senior elite 12~~ short program events will be established as follows:
  1. The teams that hold an ISU World Standing will skate in reverse order of their ISU World Standings, as of the date of the draw, with the highest ranked team skating last. In the event multiple teams hold the same ISU World Standing, the starting order for these teams will be determined by a random draw.
  2. Any teams that don't hold an ISU World Standing will skate prior to the teams with an ISU World Standing. The starting order for these ~~remaining~~ teams will be by closed, random draw ~~conducted by the chief referee or chief accountant in the presence of at least two other officials.~~
  3. ~~The starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first event of the competition.~~
- B. For free skate events that do not have a short program, there will be a random draw for the starting order ~~in the first segment of each event.~~
- C. The starting order for the junior, senior elite 12, and senior free skate will be a reverse placement skating order from the result of the short program segment. When competitors have the same total segment score, the tie will be broken as set forth in rule 1072 (D). In the case where the tie can't be broken, there will be a closed draw to determine the skate order of the tied competitors. The closed draw will follow the procedure outlined in this rule

2922 (A). As soon as possible following the determination and certification of the results of the preceding segment, the starting orders for each event will be posted.

- ~~D. All draws for starting order in juvenile, intermediate, novice, collegiate, adult and masters events~~ The draws for the short program and free skate events for all other levels will be drawn conducted 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.

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### 323.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Replace current **rules 2940-2954 (pages 131-132, Rulebook)** with the language below.

#### **2940 Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating**

- 2941** At the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and synchronized skating sectional championships, teams will each be provided an official practice ice segment where their music will be played twice.

A. The skating order for official practice ice will be defined by the draw as outlined in rule 2922.

B. Music will be played for the first time for all official practice ice segments no less than 1.5 minutes after the start of the segment to allow teams a brief warm-up period.

C. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of music being played each time; however, a team may provide a music cue to start the music earlier than the designated time, if desired.

D. No stopping or re-starting the music will be allowed once the music has started.

E. The total official practice ice segment length and latest time music will be played for a second time are outlined below:

<u><b>Event</b></u>	<u><b>Total Length of Segment</b></u>	<u><b>Latest music will be played for second time</b></u>
<u>Preliminary Free Skate</u>	<u>7 minutes</u>	<u>4.5 minutes</u>
<u>Pre-Juvenile Free Skate</u> <u>Juvenile Free Skate</u> <u>Open Juvenile Free Skate</u> <u>Adult Free Skate</u> <u>Masters Free Skate</u> <u>Open Collegiate Free Skate</u> <u>Open Adult Free Skate</u> <u>Open Masters Free Skate</u> <u>Special Olympics Unified events</u>	<u>8 minutes</u>	<u>5 minutes</u>
<u>Intermediate Free Skate</u> <u>Novice Free Skate</u> <u>Junior Short Program</u> <u>Senior Short Program</u> <u>Senior Elite 12 Short Program</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>	<u>6 minutes</u>
<u>Junior Free Skate</u> <u>Collegiate Free Skate</u>	<u>11 minutes</u>	<u>7 minutes</u>
<u>Senior Free Skate</u> <u>Senior Elite 12 Free Skate</u>	<u>12 minutes</u>	<u>7 minutes</u>

- ~~**2954 2942** For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, after the first official practice for an event has begun start of the event,~~ no team in that event may practice for any length of time on any ice surface outside of the practice ice provided by the organizers.

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### 324.APPROVED – Transition to Component Judging System

Amend the U.S. Figure Skating rules to adopt **the component judging system for all events currently using the 6.0 majority system of judging.**

#### 1040 Authorized Systems of Judging

- A. The International Judging System (IJS)
- B. The ~~6.0 majority system~~ Component Judging System (CJS)

**1041** The International Judging System (IJS) and ~~6.0 majority system~~ Component Judging System (CJS) 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, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of solo and partnered ice dance, masters partnered ice 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, senior elite 12, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate, adult and masters events.
  - 5. At all synchronized sectional championships for the open juvenile, pre-juvenile, preliminary, open masters, open adult, open collegiate and Special Olympics unified synchronized skating events.
- B. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS 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 centennial, adult silver and below partnered and solo ice dance events;
- C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS, the ~~6.0 system~~ CJS or a combination of both.
  - 1. The IJS must be used for all singles and pairs short program and well-balanced free skate events for juvenile and above except as follows:
    - a. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used for all levels of high school, intercollegiate and State Games competitions.
    - b. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used for all adult well-balanced free skate events.
    - c. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used for all open well-balanced free skate events.
  - 2. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used for all pre-juvenile and lower free skate events, Excel Program, Compete USA, Special Olympics (see rule 1041 (C)(3)(b) for synchronized skating), adaptive skating, solo dance, partnered dance and ~~specialty athlete development~~ events (spins, compulsory moves, jumps, etc.).
  - 3. The IJS 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~~ CJS may be used for preliminary and Special Olympics unified synchronized skating well-balanced free skate events at Compete USA sanctioned competitions.
    - b. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS 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, must be used for all Theatre On Ice events except as follows:
    - a. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used at Compete USA competitions and all Compete USA level events at nonqualifying competitions
    - b. ~~The 6.0 system may be used for Compete USA level events offered at nonqualifying competitions.~~
    - c. ~~The 6.0 system CJS may be used for all events at State Games competitions.~~
    - d. ~~c. The 6.0 system CJS may be used for all Special Olympics, adaptive skating and Skate United events.~~
  - 5. The IJS, as modified and delineated in the Showcase Guidelines, must be used for all showcase events except as follows:
    - a. The ~~6.0 system~~ CJS may be used at Compete USA competitions and all Compete USA level events at nonqualifying competitions
    - b. ~~The 6.0 system may be used for Compete USA level events offered at nonqualifying competitions.~~
    - c. ~~The 6.0 system CJS may be used for all events at State Games competitions.~~
    - d. ~~c. The 6.0 system CJS may be used for all Special Olympics, adaptive skating and Skate United events.~~
  - 6. At the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with all adult sectional championships:
    - a. The IJS will be used for the masters, adult gold, 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 CJS~~ may be used for the adult pre-bronze and below singles events, ~~and~~ for all pairs and ice dance events, and for all levels of emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events (see rule 6700).

**1050 Calculation of Results – ~~6.0 (CJS)~~ and IJS**

**1060 Calculation of Results – ~~6.0 System (CJS)~~**

**1061 CJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines**

Computer placements utilizing the currently approved software program (rule 1232) are regarded and used as the official result. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions or clarifications made by the ISU at any time after the revision or clarification is issued.

A. Total program score for each segment

1. There are three program components.
2. Each program component receives a mark from the judge on a scale of 0.25 to 10.00, in increments of 0.25.
3. The panel's points for each program component are obtained by calculating the trimmed or simple mean of the judges' scores for that program component. When there are five or more judges, the trimmed mean is calculated by dropping the highest and lowest marks from the panel and calculating the average of the remaining marks. When there are four or fewer judges, a simple mean will be used as provided for in rule 1235 (C)(1).
4. The panel's trimmed mean (or simple mean) score for each program component is rounded to two decimal places and then multiplied by the individual program component factor. The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and then multiplied by the general component factor. The factored results are rounded to two decimal places and added. The sum is the skater's/team's total program score for the segment.
  - a. The current program component and general component factors are included in the IJS Parameter Factor

Charts posted on the Skating Rules & Resources page.

B. Deductions are applied for each violation

1. For deductions for singles and pairs, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page and the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page, respectively, on usfigureskating.org.
2. For deductions for ice dance, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on usfigureskating.org.
3. For deductions and reductions in synchronized skating, see rule 9923.

**1062 Determination of Results in Each Segment of a Competition – CJS**

- A. The total segment score for each skater/team in each segment of a competition (short program, pattern dance, rhythm dance, free skate and free dance) is calculated by subtracting any deductions for violations in accordance with the rules of the particular discipline from the total program score.
- B. In ice dance, for events with two pattern dances, the total score for each pattern dance will be multiplied by a factor documented on the Skating Resources & Rules page.
- C. The skater/team with the highest total segment score is placed first, the skater/team with the next highest total segment score is placed second, and so on.
- D. If two or more skaters/teams have the same total segment score, they will be considered tied.
- E. For any segment where a segment factor is applied, the factored segment scores are rounded to two decimal places.

**1063 Determination of the Final Results**

- A. The total segment score for each segment is multiplied by the current segment factor and then added. The result constitutes the final score of a skater/team in an event.
  1. The current segment factors used to determine combined and final results are included in the IJS Parameter FactorCharts posted on the Skating Rules & Resources page.
- B. The skater/team with the highest final score is first, etc.
- C. In case of a tie in total segment score for any combined result or final result, the skater/team with the highest place for the last segment skated will prevail.
- D. If there is a tie for the last skated segment, the placement of the next previously skated segment will determine the better place, etc. If there is no previous segment, the skaters/teams are tied.
- E. In ice dance, if two pattern dances are to be skated, both dances are even in value. There are no tie-breaking criteria for the combined result after the second pattern dance.
- F. No final placements will be recorded for competitors or teams who do not complete an event. The only placement recorded for such competitors will be the placement earned for the part of the event they completed and for which placements were determined

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

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

- ~~A. All individual segments of the event;~~



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

#### **1063—Determination of Total Marks (TM) in Each Segment of a Competition—6.0 System**

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

#### **1064—Determination of Ordinal Numbers in Each Segment of a Competition—6.0 System**

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

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

#### **1065—Determination of Results in Each Segment of a Competition—6.0 System**

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

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

#### **1066—Determination of the Intermediate and Final Results for Multi-Segment Events—6.0 System**

- A. Intermediate placements, when computed, are the placements for the segments of the event that have been completed thus far. For intermediate results, the results determined in accordance with rules 1063-1065 for the segments

~~included in the intermediate results will be multiplied by the appropriate factors and added together to give the intermediate factored placements.~~

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

**1212 The chief referee will:**

- A. Act as chair of the judges;
- B. Assign judges, substitute judges and referees to the events;
- C. Draw the numerical order of the judges;
- D. Together with the technical panel captain, assign technical panel officials to IJS events for qualifying competitions.
- E. Assign technical panel officials to IJS events for nonqualifying competitions;
- F. Be responsible for the scheduling of events in consultation with the host club;
- ~~G. Together with the chief accountant, be responsible for seeding skaters;~~
- ~~H. G.~~ Direct the dance referee, if designated, to:
  - 1. Be responsible for selecting the music for pattern dances that are not designated as "skaters' choice" dances;
  - 2. Check the music's metronome (tempo) both before the competition and during the warm-ups;
- ~~I. H.~~ Decide all protests, including protests from the decisions of assistant referees, except when an expedited hearing is requested in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws;
- ~~J. I.~~ Decide upon any breaches that may occur, even without protest;
- ~~K. J.~~ Generally supervise the accounting;
- ~~L. Verify the award of places under the 6.0 system as submitted by the accountant (see rule 1060);~~
- ~~M. K.~~ Decide whether the condition of the ice will permit conducting the competition;
- ~~N. L.~~ Together with the accountant(s), conduct the initial skating draw.
- ~~O. M.~~ Work with the local organizing committee (LOC) to ensure that all individuals who require compliance per U.S. Figure Skating's rules and policies are in compliance, and take appropriate action, if necessary.

**1220 Duties of the Event Referee**

- A. The duties of the chief referee are as specified in rule 1210.
- B. The event referee:
  - 1. Is in charge of the event.
  - 2. Manages the panel of judges to ensure compliance with the rules, with the authority to remove judges from the panel if there are important and valid reasons to do so.
    - a. A judge's marks may not be changed in either system of judging after posting due to a mistake made by the judge.
  - 3. Acts as spokesperson for the panel.
  - 4. Conducts a pre-event meeting with the panel of judges before each segment of the event.
  - 5. Decides whether the condition of the ice permits the holding of the event.
  - 6. Decides all protests with respect to the event.
  - 7. Interprets the rulebook and enforces provisions therein as they pertain to the event. The event referee may bring to the officials' stand an electronic communicative device for the sole purpose of being able to perform their job function during an event such as, but not limited to, accessing an electronic version of the rulebook or event related emergencies.
  - 8. Monitors abuse of using electronic communicative devices on the officials' stand for all officials, and reports any such abuse to the chief referee for inclusion in the referee's report (see rule 1214 (A)(1)(c)).
  - 9. Times the duration of the program as skated and records the half-way point in the junior and senior singles short program and all singles free skates when the event is running in a manual environment using the IJS.
  - 10. ~~For IJS events, d~~ Decides upon the following deductions according to rules 1061 and 1071: time violations and interruptions of the program, as well as:
    - a. In ice dance: lifts in excess of the permitted time and part of the costume/decoration falling on the ice;
    - b. In singles and pairs: part of the costume/decoration falling on the ice;

- c. In synchronized skating: music violations, hold deductions and part of the costume/decoration falling on the ice.
- 11. ~~For IJS events, t~~ Together with the judges panel, decides on the following deductions according to rules 1061 and 1071:
  - a. In singles, pairs and ice dance: costume, prop, choreography (pairs and ice dance only) and music (ice dance only) violations;
  - b. In synchronized skating: costume (including feathers/headpieces) and prop violations. The corresponding deductions in rules 1071 and 9923 are taken when the majority of the referee plus judges have applied them.
- 12. In ice dance, with the assistance of a timekeeper (if necessary), takes the time of all lifts in the rhythm dance and the free dance in order to verify if a couple has performed an extended lift.
- 13. In ice dance, with the assistance of a timekeeper (if necessary), checks the tempo of each piece of music used for a “skaters’ choice” pattern dance event and specified parts of rhythm dance (when applicable) and:
  - ~~a. In the IJS, takes the appropriate deduction according to rules 1061 and 1071 (see rule 1071 (C)(2)) if the beats per minute are outside of the allowable range.~~
  - ~~b. In the 6.0 system, notifies the judges if the beats per minute are outside of the allowable range so each judge can take the appropriate deduction.~~
- 14. In ice dance, announces, in advance of the first practice, the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance will start. Also see rule 8075 (H).
- 15. Times the duration used by competitors to take their starting positions and applies ~~or instructs the judges to apply~~ any required penalties (see rule 1323). Allows competitors to restart according to rules 1400-1404 and 6076.
- 16. Requires medical examination for physical fitness where considered advisable.
- 17. Where medical examination is not possible, decides the physical fitness of athletes to compete safely with no further risk to themselves or their partners/teammates.
- 18. For a qualifying event held at a nonqualifying competition, the event referee is responsible for all decisions pertaining to the qualifying event.

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

- A. At all competitions, for the supervision of assistant accountants and technical accountants.
- B. At all qualifying competitions and official trial judge events at nonqualifying competitions, for supplying the trial judge chair with a complete record of the placements of official judges for each segment of each event. Copies of signed segment and cumulative results (if applicable) for each event will be used.
- C. At the conclusion of all qualifying competitions, for sending the following:
  - 1. To the director of IJS technology, no later than one day after the competition:
    - ~~a. For IJS categories – t~~ The final and complete IsuCalcFS or Figure Skating Manager competition database containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email or successfully uploaded to EMS.
    - ~~b. For 6.0 events – the final and completed HAL2.0 competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via email.~~

**1232** The official calculation software and official judging system hardware for U.S. Figure Skating 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.~~

**1240 Duties of a Judge**

- A. In the ~~6.0 system~~ CJS:
  - 1. Evaluates and ~~scores the skater(s’) achievements in each of the specified program components~~ enters marks for technical elements/technical score and program components based on ~~the appropriate specific written criteria;~~
  - 2. Enters deductions ~~per rule sections 6910, 7910, 8910 and 9910, and other rules as appropriate, for costume, prop, choreography and music violations along with the referee. (See rule 1220 (B)(11).) The corresponding deductions in rules 1061 and 9923 are taken when the majority of the referee plus judges have applied them.~~
  - 3. Must be willing to use the whole range of program component marks as the skating dictates.

**1323 Call to Start:** Before each performance, the name of the competitor/team will be called.

- A. If a competitor/team has not checked in for their event in person, verbally, or electronically and does not take the ice for the warm-up, such competitor/team will be considered officially withdrawn, and the competitor’s/team’s name will not be announced. Competitors/teams are not required to participate in their event warm-up. If the competitor/team has checked in, their name will be announced.
- B. Singles, pairs and ice dance:
  - ~~+~~ For IJS and CJS events, every singles, pairs and ice dance competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, rhythm dance, free skate or free dance) no later than 30 seconds after the competitor’s/team’s name has been announced. If the competitor/team has not taken their

starting position within 30 seconds after their name is announced, the referee must take the appropriate deduction (per the current Who Is Responsible for Deductions — IJS Events document posted on usfigureskating.org). If the competitor/ team has not taken their starting position within 60 seconds after their name is announced, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn.

2. ~~For 6.0 events, every singles, pairs and ice dance competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, rhythm dance, free skate or free dance) no later than 60 seconds after the competitor's/team's name has been announced. Failing to do so, the referee must instruct the judges to take the appropriate deduction (per the current Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System posted on the Members Only site). The referee may, for good cause, modify the strict interpretation of this rule.~~

- C. Synchronized skating: Every synchronized team (for both IJS and ~~6.0 CJS~~ events) must take the starting position and make a signal to the referee of each segment of the competition (short program and free skate) no later than 30 seconds after the team's name has been announced. If this time has expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the referee will apply a deduction from the final score as per rule 9923. If 60 seconds started from the call to start have expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the team will be considered as withdrawn.

#### 1402 Falls – The Fault of the Skater

- A. A skater who falls in an event, other than pattern dance, shall continue skating without an extension of the prescribed duration of time. When using the ~~6.0 component~~ judging system, a movement marred by a fall must not be marked. If a fall is the fault of the competitor, it must be reflected in the mark for technical elements. If the fall interrupts the harmonious composition, it must be reflected in ~~both the component marks~~. An involuntary touchdown must be reflected in the marking according to its seriousness.
- B. An interrupted pattern dance shall be resumed at the nearest technically practicable point in the step sequences (which may be after the point of interruption) and not necessarily at the exact point of interruption. The couple may not repeat the steps missed by the interruption, ~~or the judges must deduct accordingly. The judges must determine the degree and amount of penalty to be assessed, according to the guidelines for deductions related to stumbles, interruptions and falls.~~

#### 3020 Nonqualifying Competitions – Announcements

- I. System of judging (IJS or ~~6.0 CJS~~) to be used; and if both will be used, which events will be judged under each system

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

- A. 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.~~

#### 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). The following judges are required to judge singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions:

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

J = Qualified to judge events at competitions without limitation

#### 3044 Judges Required for 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). The following judges are required to judge dance events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Nonqualifying Solo and Partnered Dance Events	Dance Judge Classifications				
	Certified <del>6-0</del> CJS Dance Judge	Nonqualifying Dance Judge	Qualifying Dance Judge	Sectional Dance Judge	National Dance Judge
<del>6-0</del> CJS Solo Dance Events (all levels)	J	J	J	J	J
IJS Solo Dance Events (all levels)*		J	J	J	J
<del>6-0</del> CJS Partnered Dance Events (all levels)	J	J	J	J	J
Partnered Dance Events (all levels)		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

### 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). The following judges are required to judge synchronized events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Nonqualifying Synchronized Events	Synchronized Judge Classifications			
	Certified <del>6-0</del> CJS Synchronized Judge	Nonqualifying Synchronized Judge	Sectional Synchronized Judge	National Synchronized Judge
<del>6-0</del> CJS Synchronized Events (all levels)	J	J	J	J
IJS Synchronized Events (all levels)		J	J	J

### 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	Qualifying and Higher Comp Judges – All Disciplines	Nonqualifying and Higher Comp Judges – All Disciplines	Certified <del>6-0</del> CJS Judges – All Disciplines
<del>6-0</del> CJS Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions ( <del>all levels</del> Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4)	J	J	J	J
CJS Showcase Events at Nonqualifying Competitions ( <del>all levels</del> Pre-preliminary and above)	J	J	J	
National Showcase (all levels)	J	J		

### 3801 The Skate United competition track is for athletes who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Competitions offering singles events (such as free skate, jumps or spins) will provide comparable events for Skate United athletes.

A. Athletes competing within the Skate United track will be placed in separate Skate United groups for their test level. See rule 3055 for events with only one eligible competitor/team.

B. Requirements for the Skate United events will be the same as for the equivalent standard events.

1. Skate United athletes who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 3064.

C. The ~~6-0~~ component judging system (CJS) must be used for Skate United events.

### 6051 Permissible Time Allowance – Short Programs

The duration of open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, and novice short programs 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. Should a junior or senior short program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. Any element started after the permissible time

will be considered in the marking as omitted. See rules 6914 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that exceed the time limit using the ~~6.0 system CJS~~ and the IJS respectively.

## 6052 Permissible Time Allowance – Free Skates

Skaters are allowed to finish all free skates (except for pre-preliminary and all adult singles free skate events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. The duration of pre-preliminary and adult singles free skate events 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 must not be marked and will receive no value. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. See rules 6915 and 1071 (C) for deductions using the ~~6.0 system CJS~~ and the IJS respectively for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed.

## 6900 Marking of Singles – ~~6.0 CJS~~ and IJS

## 6910 Marking of Singles – ~~6.0 System CJS~~

6911 The ~~6.0 component judging system~~ is marked on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~, 0.25 to 10.00 in increments of 0.25 of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Mediocre	

A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).

B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

Component Judging System Scale	
0.25-0.75 = Beginning/Starting	5.00-5.75 = Average
1.00-1.75 = Emerging/Learning	6.00-6.75 = Above average
2.00-2.75 = Developing/Progressing	7.00-7.75 = Good
3.00-3.75 = Confident/Competent	8.00-8.75 = Very good
4.00-4.75 = Secure/Strengthening	9.00-9.75 = Excellent
	10.00 = Outstanding

6912 The chair of the Singles Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Singles Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Singles Rules & Resources page on usfigureskating.org by July 1 each season.

~~6913 Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 6030 by a deduction in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

## 6914 ~~6913~~ Marking of Singles Short Programs – ~~6.0 System CJS~~

In the singles short program, for those events that are judged under the ~~6.0 system CJS~~, ~~two~~ three marks shall be awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25 to 10.00 (see rule 6911). The first mark ~~shall be~~ is for technical elements, (formerly “required elements”) and the second mark ~~shall be~~ is for program components (formerly “presentation”). Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills.

A. For the marking of the technical elements, ~~see rule 6921 (D)(3)~~ each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements ~~and transitions, and speed.~~

B. For the marking of the program components Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 6923.

C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.

D. Spins with less than the required number of revolutions are considered execution errors and should be reflected in the technical element mark.

E. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.

C. Every failure in the technical elements must be reflected only in the first mark, according to the importance of the element failed or omitted and the gravity of the mistake itself, since there is no direct relationship between the first and second marks. However, marks must be deducted for failures in the second mark if the harmonious and artistic aspects of the program are involved.

D. The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission; an additional deduction for an extra element should be taken in the mark for technical elements. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

- ~~E. When movements which are not allowed are included, deductions must be made both for technical elements and program components. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~F. An element is omitted when it is not tried; the jump combination is omitted when neither one of the two jumps is attempted.~~
- ~~4F. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered as omitted in the marking when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, appropriate deductions must be made for exceeding the maximum time permitted, but the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit, and also of any program that exceeds the permissible time limit.~~
- ~~G. If a competitor fails to finish the short program within the time limit, the referee must notify the judges, who should take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~H. In each of the required spins with less than the required number of revolutions, a deduction must be made in the mark for technical elements. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~I. For additional 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~J. See also rules 1401 and 1402.~~

#### **6915 6914 Marking of Singles Free Skate – 6.0 System CJS**

In the singles free skate, for those events that are judged under the ~~6.0 system~~ CJS, ~~two~~ three marks ~~shall be~~ are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25 to 10.00 (see rule 6911). The first mark ~~shall be~~ is for technical elements, (formerly “required elements”) and the second mark ~~shall be~~ is for program components (formerly “presentation”). Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills.

- ~~A. In~~ For the marking of technical elements, each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements. see rule 6921 (D)(3). In addition, the following must be considered:
  - ~~1. Difficulty of the performance (with no credit given for portions thereof which are missed);~~
  - ~~2. Variety;~~
  - ~~3. Cleanness and sureness;~~
  - ~~4. Speed.~~
- ~~B. For the marking of the program components~~ Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 6923.
- ~~C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.~~
- ~~D. Spins with less than the required number of revolutions are considered execution errors and should be reflected in the technical element mark.~~
- ~~E. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.~~
- ~~C. Where free skating moves are repeated (i.e. jumps, spins, step sequences), the full value of the move repeated must not be awarded by the judges in the mark for technical elements. The foregoing shall not, however, apply to combinations.~~
- ~~D. All the elements of a free skate (the jumps, spins, step sequences and particularly the glide, footwork and the difficulty and variety of the steps) must be taken into consideration in the mark for technical elements and be rewarded according to their relative merit as to difficulty:~~
  - ~~1. No individual element can be given predominant importance, and the program must be considered as a whole.~~
  - ~~2. Excessive values must not be assigned to triple or quadruple jumps especially when of poor quality. In addition, no extra credit should be given for a poorly executed triple or quadruple jump when compared with a well-executed double jump.~~
  - ~~3. The spins must have the required minimum number of revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by the judges in their marks.~~
- ~~E. A program is not considered well balanced when it contains an extra number or less than the required minimum number of an element, or when it lacks connecting steps between the elements. When a program is not well balanced, the deduction should be taken from the mark for technical elements for each extra or lacking element. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~F. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.~~
- ~~G. If a competitor fails to finish a free skate within the allowed range of time, the referee must notify the judges, who should take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

## 7051 Permissible Time Allowance – Short Programs

The duration of novice short programs 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. Should a junior or senior short program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. Any element started after the permissible time will be considered in the marking as omitted. See rules 7914 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that exceed the time limit using the ~~6.0~~ **CJS** system and the IJS respectively.

## 7052 Permissible Time Allowance – Free Skates

Teams are allowed to finish free skates (except for adult events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. The duration of adult pairs free skate events 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 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 7915 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the ~~6.0~~ **CJS** system and the IJS respectively.

## 7900 Marking of Pairs – ~~6.0~~ **CJS** and IJS

### 7910 Marking of Pairs – ~~6.0~~ **System CJS**

7911 The ~~6.0~~ component judging system is marked on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~, 0.25 to 10.00 in increments of 0.25 of which:

<del>0.0 – Not Skated</del>	<del>4.0 – Good</del>
<del>1.0 – Very Poor</del>	<del>5.0 – Very Good</del>
<del>2.0 – Poor</del>	<del>6.0 – Outstanding</del>
<del>3.0 – Medioere</del>	

~~A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).~~

~~B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.~~

<b>Component Judging System Scale</b>	
<u>0.25-0.75 = Beginning/Starting</u>	<u>5.00-5.75 = Average</u>
<u>1.00-1.75 = Emerging/Learning</u>	<u>6.00-6.75 = Above average</u>
<u>2.00-2.75 = Developing/Progressing</u>	<u>7.00-7.75 = Good</u>
<u>3.00-3.75 = Confident/Competent</u>	<u>8.00-8.75 = Very good</u>
<u>4.00-4.75 = Secure/Strengthening</u>	<u>9.00-9.75 = Excellent</u>
	<u>10.00 = Outstanding</u>

7912 The chair of the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Pairs Rules & Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) by July 1 each season.

~~7913 Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 7030 by a deduction in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

### ~~7914~~ **7913 Marking of Pairs Short Program – 6.0 System CJS**

In the pairs short program, for those events that are judged under the ~~6.0~~ component system, ~~two three~~ marks are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25-10.00 as in rule 7911. The first mark is for technical elements, ~~and~~ the second mark is for ~~program components~~. Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills. Unison is considered under technical elements and ~~program components~~. Skating Skills.

~~A. For the marking of the technical elements, see rule 7921 (D)(3). each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements and transitions, unison and speed.~~

~~B. For the marking of the program components Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 7923.~~

~~C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.~~

~~D. Spins with less than the required number of revolutions are considered execution errors and should be reflected in the technical element mark.~~

~~E. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.~~

~~C. An element is omitted when it is not tried.~~

~~1. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will be considered as omitted in the marking. In the event an element is commenced before, but completed after, the allowable time duration, appropriate~~



deductions must be made for exceeding the maximum time permitted, but the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit, and also of any program that exceeds the permissible time limit.

D. If a team fails to finish the short program within the time limit, the referee must notify the judges, who should take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

E. For additional 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

F. See also rules 1401 and 1402.

#### **7915 7914 Marking of Pairs Free Skate – ~~6.0 System~~ CJS**

In the pairs free skate, for those events that are judged under the ~~6.0 component~~ system, ~~two~~ three marks are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6.0~~ 0.25-10.00 as in rule 7911. The first mark is for technical elements, ~~and~~ the second mark is for ~~program components~~. Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills. Unison is considered under technical elements and Skating Skills.

A. ~~In~~ For the marking of technical elements, each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements. –see rule 7921 (D)(3). In addition, the following must be considered:

1. Difficulty of the performance (with no credit given for portions thereof which are missed);

2. Variety;

3. Cleanness and sureness;

4. Speed.

B. For the marking of ~~the program components~~ Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 7923.

C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.

D. Spins with less than the required number of revolutions are considered execution errors and should be reflected in the technical element mark.

E. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.

C. ~~All the elements of a free skate (the jumps, spins, step sequences and particularly the glide, footwork and the difficulty and variety of the steps) must be taken into consideration in the mark for technical elements and be rewarded according to their relative merit as to difficulty:~~

~~1. No individual element can be given predominant importance, and the program must be considered as a whole.~~

~~2. Excessive values must not be assigned to triple or quadruple jumps or throw jumps, especially when of poor quality. In addition, no extra credit should be given for a poorly executed triple or quadruple jump or throw jump when compared with a well-executed double jump.~~

~~3. The spins must have the required minimum number of revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by the judges in their marks.~~

D. ~~A program is not considered well balanced when it contains an extra number or less than the required minimum number of an element, or when it lacks connecting steps between the elements. When a program is not well balanced, the deduction should be taken from the mark for technical elements for each extra or lacking element. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

E. ~~Deductions must be taken from each mark for each illegal element and from the technical mark for spins which have less than the required revolutions. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~ 194 2024 25 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook

F. In pair skating, the accurate performance in unison by the partners must be considered in both the technical element and ~~program component~~ skating skills marks. ~~Special attention must be paid to the selection of an appropriate partner. If there is a serious imbalance in their physical characteristics which would result in an obvious lack of unison, it should be reflected in the marks both for technical elements and program components.~~

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

H. ~~If the team fails to finish a free skate within the allowed range of time, the referee must notify the judges, who should take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

I. ~~See rules 1401 and 1402.~~

#### **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. The duration of adult free dance events must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included. Should a program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded (except for adult events). Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value. See rules 8915 and 1071 (C) for deductions for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed using the ~~6.0 system~~ CJS and the IJS respectively.

**8900 Marking of Ice Dance – ~~6.0~~ CJS and IJS**

**8910 Marking of Ice Dance – ~~6.0~~ System ~~CJS~~**

**8911** The ~~6.0~~ component judging system is marked on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25-10.00 in increments of 0.25, of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Medioere	

A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).

B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

<b>Component Judging System Scale</b>	
0.25-0.75 = Beginning/Starting	5.00-5.75 = Average
1.00-1.75 = Emerging/Learning	6.00-6.75 = Above average
2.00-2.75 = Developing/Progressing	7.00-7.75 = Good
3.00-3.75 = Confident/Competent	8.00-8.75 = Very good
4.00-4.75 = Secure/Strengthening	9.00-9.75 = Excellent
	10.00 = Outstanding

**8912** The chair of the Dance Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Dance Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Dance Rules & Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) by July 1 each season.

~~**8913** Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 8020 by a deduction in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

**8914 ~~8913~~ Marking of Pattern Dances – ~~6.0~~ Component System**

For those competitive dance events that are judged under CJS ~~the 6.0 system~~, ~~the two three marks will be~~ are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25 to 10.00 (see rule 8911). The first mark ~~will be~~ is for the technical elements, ~~score (formerly technique)~~ and the second mark ~~will be~~ is for program components (formerly timing/expression). Timing, and the third mark is for Presentation.

A. ~~In~~ For the marking of the technical score, elements, each judge will mark the execution of the dance as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. the following must be considered:

- ~~1. The conformity of the steps of the dance and their repetition with the dance diagrams and descriptions, which includes the accuracy with which the couple follows the stated requirements for the dance;~~
- ~~2. The placement of the steps of the dance on the ice surface;~~
- ~~3. The movements of the couple in unison including correct body positions, dance holds and good matching;~~
- ~~4. Good style, carriage and form;~~
- ~~5. Soft, flowing, continuous edges and turns skated deeply with cleanness and sureness.~~

B. For the marking of the program components Timing and Presentation, see rule 8922.

C. Deductions: Marks must be deducted by the judges for the following mistakes:

1. Technical Score

- ~~a. General technical mistake (depending on severity) for each dance~~
- ~~b. Violations of specific technical requirements for each dance~~

2. Program Components

- ~~a. Skating out of time~~
- ~~b. Skating on weak beat~~
- ~~c. Introductory steps exceed introductory phrasing~~
- ~~d. Violations of specific timing requirements for each dance~~
- ~~e. Violation of tempo specification~~

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

D. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

E. For falls and stops, see rules 1401, 1402 and 1403.

**8915 ~~8914~~ Marking of Rhythm Dance and Free Dance – ~~6.0~~ Component System**

For rhythm dance and free dance competitive events that are judged under CJS ~~the 6.0 system~~, ~~two three marks shall be~~ are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25 to 10.00 (see rule 8911). The first mark ~~will be~~ is for the technical elements, ~~score (formerly technique)~~ and the second mark ~~will be~~ is for program components (formerly timing/expression). Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills.

- A. ~~In~~ For the marking of the technical elements, each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. ~~score of the rhythm dance, the judge must consider general technique, including difficulty, originality, variety, cleanness and sureness, skating on edges with depth and flow, pattern and utilization of the ice surface and inclusion of required elements.~~
- B. ~~In marking the technical score of the free dance, the judge must consider difficulty and variety, cleanness and sureness, depth of edges, flow, ice coverage, typical dance movements/holds and inclusion of required elements.~~
- E. ~~B.~~ For the marking of the program components Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 8922.
- C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.
- C. ~~D.~~ Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.
- D. ~~If the couple fails to finish a rhythm dance or free dance within the allowed range of time, the referee must notify the judges, who should take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

#### 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~~ CJS deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org).

#### 9900 Marking of Synchronized Skating – ~~6.0~~ CJS and IJS

#### 9910 Marking of Synchronized Skating – ~~6.0~~ Component Judging System

9911 The ~~6.0~~ component judging system is marked on a scale from 0 to ~~6~~ 0.25-10.00 in increments of 0.25, of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Mediocre	

A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).

B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

Component Judging System Scale	
0.25-0.75 = Beginning/Starting	5.00-5.75 = Average
1.00-1.75 = Emerging/Learning	6.00-6.75 = Above average
2.00-2.75 = Developing/Progressing	7.00-7.75 = Good
3.00-3.75 = Confident/Competent	8.00-8.75 = Very good
4.00-4.75 = Secure/Strengthening	9.00-9.75 = Excellent
	10.00 = Outstanding

9912 The chair of the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) by July 1 each season.

#### 9912 9913 Marking of the Synchronized Skating Free Skate – ~~6.0~~ System CJS

In any synchronized skating event that is judged under CJS, ~~the 6.0 system, two~~ three marks are awarded on a scale from ~~0 to 6~~ 0.25 to 10.00 as in rule 9911. The first mark is for technical elements, ~~and the second mark is for program components: Composition/Presentation, and the third mark is for Skating Skills.~~

A. For the marking of the technical elements, each judge will mark the quality of the execution of the elements as a whole depending on the positive and/or negative features of the execution and errors. In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements. see rule 9921 (D)(3). In addition, the judges must consider:

1. Difficulty of the performance (with no credit given for portions thereof which are missed);
2. Variety;
3. Cleanness and sureness;
4. Speed.

B. For the marking of the program components Composition/Presentation and Skating Skills, see rule 9922.

C. Executed elements that are not according to program requirements will not be considered when determining the technical element mark.

- ~~D. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will not be considered when determining the technical element mark. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit.~~
- ~~C. Every failure in the technical elements must be reflected only in the first mark according to the importance of the element failed or omitted and the gravity of the mistake itself, since there is no direct relationship between the first and second marks. However, marks must be deducted for failures in the second mark if the harmonious and artistic aspects of the program are involved.~~
- ~~D. The chair of the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Synchronized Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.~~
- ~~E. An element is omitted when it is not tried. Any element started after the maximum allowable program length (as identified under rules 9411 through 9531) will be considered as omitted in the marking and will incur a deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~F. If the team fails to finish the program within the allowed range of time, the referee must notify the judges, who should Take the applicable deduction. For 6.0 deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~G. When illegal or non-permitted elements are included, a deduction must be made for each illegal element performed. For 6.0 deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~
- ~~H. If the music is not according to the requirements, a deduction will be incurred. For 6.0 deductions, see the Synchronized Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.~~

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2026

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Items 601, 603 and 604 were ruled out of order.**

### **602. APPROVED – Daren Patterson, Knoxville FSC**

We propose regularly scheduled communication opportunities, not less than one a quarter, that allow the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors, clubs, and members to exchange information, ideas, concerns and board actions.

These sessions would be similar to the vice president calls from previous years, and would provide opportunities for varied U.S. Figure Skating board members to engage with the membership. Implementing better communication provides transparency, builds confidence in the organization and creates a stronger skating community.

In addition, when other skating community calls occur, e.g. Club Connections, there should be at least two board members participating.

## OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

**701. APPROVED** provisional club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

The Campus Stars FSC	Downingtown, PA
Philly on Ice FSC	Philadelphia, PA

**702. APPROVED** full club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following provisional clubs:

The SC of Boca	Boca Raton, FL
The Bog SC	Kingston, MA
Dream Detroit SC, Inc.	Detroit, MI
Gilbert Skating Academy	Gilbert, AZ
High Altitude SC	Laramie, WY
ISCC Skating Club	Simsbury, CT
Livingston Skate Club	Howell, MI
Merrill Ice Reflections FSC	Merrill, WI
SC of Revo Ice	Pittston, PA
River's Edge FSC	Edwardsville, IL
Snoqualmie FSC	Snoqualmie, WA

**703. AWARDED** honorary membership with U.S. Figure Skating to Alysia Liu.

**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 2025-26 budget with the appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business that came before the 2025 Governing Council.

**706. ELECTED** the following members of the Board of Directors:

**PRESIDENT** (serving year four of a four-year term)

Samuel Auxier

**DIRECTORS** (elected for a two-year term)

Peggy Graham  
Lisa Hernand  
Heather Paige  
William Tran

**DIRECTORS** (serving year two of a two-year term)

Timothy Goebel  
Victoria Hildebrand  
Kevin Rosenstein

**INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

Jackie Chang (serving year two of a two-year term)  
Matt Slatius (elected for a two-year term)

**ATHLETE DIRECTORS**

(elected by the athletes for a two-year term)

Ashley Cain (Pairs)  
Mirai Nagasu (Singles)

**ATHLETE DIRECTORS**

(elected by the athletes and serving year two of a two-year term)

Jordan Alexander (Synchronized Skating)  
Colin McManus (Ice Dance)

**ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE**

Alexa Knierim (USOPC Athlete Representative)

**GROUP COORDINATORS** (non-voting)

Athlete Services  
Membership Development  
Technical and Officials  
Administrative/Legal

Lauren O'Toole (serving year two of a two-year term)  
Scott Brody (appointed by the Board to fill vacancy)  
Rachael Naphtal (serving year two of a two-year term)  
Pilar Helm (serving year two of a two-year term)

**707. ANNOUNCED** that Colin McManus will serve as the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee for the 2025-26 season as elected by the athletes.

**708. The president ACCEPTED and APPOINTED** the following committee chair positions for one-year terms:

Adult Skating  
Competitions  
Dance Development and Technical  
Domestic Officials  
Domestic Selections  
Ethics and Professional Standards  
Giving Programs  
Grievance  
International  
International Officials  
Membership  
Pairs Development and Technical  
Programs and New Program Development  
Rules  
Singles Development and Technical  
SkateSafe  
Sports Sciences and Medicine  
Synchronized Development and Technical  
Tests

Ian Macadam  
Brenda Kickert  
Mary-Elizabeth Wightman  
Karen Perreault  
Connacht Peterson  
Melissa Dillenbeck  
Michelle Study-Campbell  
Melissa Christensen  
Julia Rey  
Sharon Rogers  
Courtney Fecske  
Marc Weitzman  
Patch David  
Veronica Nebb  
Phillip DiGuglielmo  
Kym Worthy  
Frederick Workman  
Audrey Kamm  
Anthony Iarriccio

**709.** The president **ANNOUNCED** the appointment of Troy Goldstein as the ISU representative for the 2025-26 season.

**710.** **ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for the 2025-26 season:

From the Eastern Section and serving year two of a two-year term: Taffy Holliday

From the Midwestern Section and serving year one of a two-year term: Scott Brown

From the Pacific Coast Section and serving year two of a two-year term: Mary Klugherz

The three athletes serving are:

Elected to serve a two-year term and serving year one: Anastasia Cannuscio and Audrey Lu

Serving year two of a two-year term: Joelle Forte

The Board of Directors Appointees are:

Serving year two of a two-year term: Karin Sherr

Per Article XV of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, the Board of Directors will convene prior to June 1 to appoint two additional members to serve on the 2025-26 Nominating Committee. These members will be reflected in the full Nominating Committee roster available in the online directory on the Members Only site beginning on June 1.