

# **U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors**

## **Meeting Agenda - FINAL**

**Monday, August 8, 2022 - 8:00PM ET**

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Disclosure
3. Approval of Minutes and ROAs from June 18, 2022, Board of Director Meeting, and report of e-ballot results since last BOD meeting.
4. President's Update
  - a. General
  - b. Foundation meeting update
  - c. U.S. Ice Rink Association BOD appointments
  - d. Other
5. Financial Update
6. Club Connections & Education
7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - a. New Task Force meeting update
  - b. Committee DEI Advocate/Champion Appointments
8. Music Rights and Clearance Process
9. Executive Director Report
  - a. NBCU update (Olympic Channel, scheduling, etc.)
  - b. USOPC Chair elections
  - c. Events (SKAM and US Champs) update
  - d. Travel Policy – approval of update
  - e. Ice Network, LLC documentation
10. Working Groups & Task Force Updates
11. ISU Update
  - a. ISU Grand Prix Selections/Schedule
  - b. JGP
  - c. Other

12. AAC and Group Coordinator Reports (*updates, questions of written reports and RFAs*)
  - a. AAC
  - b. Admin/Legal
    - i. Rules RFA related to insertion of USOPC compliant language
  - c. Athlete Services
    - i. Min. tech scores for singles (Rule 2501), pairs (Rule 2502) and ice dance (Rule 2503)
    - ii. Discussion topics
      1. Rulebook Revision Proposal
      2. Removal of Trouser Language
  - d. Membership
  - e. Technical & Officials
13. Executive Session
14. New Business
15. Next meetings of the Board of Directors: **Monday, Sept. 26, 2022** – 8pm ET via Zoom and **Saturday, November 5, 2022**, in-person (Denver, Colo.).

**U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors**  
**Via Video Conference**  
**Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, 8 p.m. ET**

**Present – Voting Members**

Samuel Auxier (President), Jackie Chang, Janis Engel, Rachael Flatt, Victoria Hildebrand, Jenna Longo, Kristina Lundgren, Colin McManus, Kimberley Moore, Heather Paige, Kevin Rosenstein, Matthew Slatos, Amanda Will, Kym Worthy, Felicia Zhang

**Present – Non-Voting Members**

Ramsey Baker (Executive Director), Todd Bromley, Anne Cammett (Past President), Troy Goldstein (ISU Representative), Pilar Helm, Lauren O'Toole, Elise Preston, Simon Shnapir (alternate USOPC AAC representative)

**Absent**

None

**Guests**

None

**Staff**

John Anderson, Juliet Newcomer, Mario Rede and Kelly Vogtner

**I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting**

- A. Auxier called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Moore took roll call, and a quorum was confirmed.

**II. Approval of Agenda/Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

- A. The agenda was adopted as presented.
- B. Auxier asked the members to disclose any conflicts based on tonight's agenda. Preston and McManus disclosed potential conflicts with the U.S. Ice Rink discussion. No other conflicts were disclosed.

**III. Approval of Minutes and Reports of Action**

- A. The June 18 minutes were approved as presented.
- B. Moore reviewed the results of two eBallot motions that were sent to the board on July 22 as follows:

**MOTION 1:** to approve the selection procedures for the 2023 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships. **APPROVED via eBallot.**

**MOTION 2:** to approve the selection procedures for the 2023 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. **APPROVED via eBallot.**

**IV. President's Update**

- A. Auxier discussed the National Qualifying Series so far and addressed the ongoing challenges with having enough officials to staff competitions. (See Working Groups and Task Force Updates for more information.)
- B. Auxier provided an update on a recent meeting of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation. Auxier also provided information on the search for a new executive director. Cammett and Baker then provided information on DEI training that's going to be done with the Foundation's Board of Trustees.
- C. Auxier notified the board that three members of the U.S. Ice Rink Association board – Rockne Brubaker, Isabella Cannuscio, and Leticia Moreno Enos – are finishing their terms and need to be re-appointed or replaced. McManus recused himself. Flatt then made the following motion:

**MOTION:** to approve the president's re-appointment of Rockne Brubaker and Isabella Cannuscio and the president's new appointment of Alex Chang as U.S. Figure Skating representatives to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Ice Rink Association. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

**V. Financial Update**

- A. Rede reviewed the Statement of Activities through June 30, 2022, including the year-end numbers for membership.
- B. Rede then reviewed membership for the 2022-23 season as of Aug. 4, 2022.

- C. Rede notified the board that audit field work is scheduled to take place in October.

<Rede left the meeting.>

#### **VI. Club Connections & Education**

- A. Vogtner provided information on the new Club Connections & Education program that will be replacing the previous Vice Presidents' Calls beginning on Aug. 18.
- B. The board discussed the timing of the Friday coffee chat sessions.

<Vogtner left the meeting.>

#### **VII. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

- A. Zhang reviewed the work completed by the DEI Task Force to date.
- B. Zhang also reminded people to incorporate the DEI Action Plan into their work throughout the year.
- C. Baker asked the group coordinators to make sure that every committee has a DEI advocate/champion.

#### **VIII. Music Rights and Clearance Process**

Baker provided information on Click-N-Clear, including feedback received from coaches, and discussed next steps. Anderson and Baker provided additional information.

#### **IX. Executive Director's Report**

- A. Baker notified the board that NBCU has announced that they will be shuttering the Olympic Channel and discussed how this affects U.S. Figure Skating. Baker also informed the board that our television schedule is being finalized for this season.
- B. Baker provided information on Gene Sykes, who will be replacing Susanne Lyons as chair of the USOPC on Jan. 1, 2023.
- C. Baker provided updates on 2022 Skate America and the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- D. Baker reviewed the updated Travel and Expense Policy. Lundgren then made the following motion:

**MOTION:** to approve the updates to the Travel and Expense Policy dated Aug. 1, 2022, and to be released on Sept. 1, 2022. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

- E. Baker provided information on Ice Network, LLC, and reviewed documents that were sent to the board in advance of the meeting.

**MOTION:** to ratify the Second Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Ice Network, LLC, and approve the Consent to Action by the Sole Member of Ice Network, LLC. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

#### **X. Working Groups and Task Force Updates**

- A. Auxier provided information on the IT working group. Auxier notified the board that clarification is needed on the purpose of the group.
- B. Auxier notified the board that he has asked Newcomer to co-lead the innovation group for officials' growth with Vogtner and Leslie Gianelli. Auxier also informed the board that he has added Jenna Longo and Pooja Kalyan as the "next gen" members. The hope is to get the group rolling over the next few weeks.

#### **XI. ISU Update**

- A. Goldstein reviewed the Grand Prix selection process and the actual selections.
- B. Goldstein notified the board that the International Committee is creating a strategy for the Challenger Series events.
- C. Goldstein reviewed the international competitions being held in the United States this summer.
- D. Goldstein provided an update on officials' selections along with information on Champs Camp and Synchronized Champs ISP Camp.

#### **XII. Athletes Advisory Committee and Group Coordinator Reports**

Note: The Athlete Services Group coordinator and Technical & Officials Group coordinator provided written reports in advance of the meeting. Those reports can be found at the end of these minutes.

- A. Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC): McManus provided an update on the work of the AAC and the topics planned for an upcoming in-person meeting being held in conjunction with Champs Camp.
- B. Administrative/Legal Group:
  - 1. Helm provided information on a recent Administrative/Legal Group call.

2. Helm reviewed a request for action to add new rule GR 1.08. This is a requirement of S.2330, passed by the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress and enforced by the USOPC through the NGB Certification Program. The certification program requires that this language is included in Board approved policies/bylaws/rules to be compliant with USOPC Audit Standards. Helms then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to add new rule GR 1.08 as presented. (See the corresponding report of action for the specific changes.) **Seconded. Approved.**

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

C. Athlete Services Group:

1. O'Toole informed the board that 120 athletes and 65 coaches participated in Jump On It Camp.
2. O'Toole reviewed the proposed minimum total element score. O'Toole then made the following motion:

**Motion:** to approve the following required minimum total element scores (TES) to compete in the championship (senior) events at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

- Men
  - o Short Program: 25.0
  - o Free Skate: 48.0
- Women
  - o Short Program: 24.0
  - o Free Skate: 40.0
- Pairs
  - o Short Program: 22.0
  - o Free Skate: 40.0
- Ice Dance
  - o Rhythm Dance: 23.0
  - o Free Dance: 42.0

**SECONDED. APPROVED.**

3. O'Toole reviewed proposed changes for clothing rules, and the board provided feedback.
4. O'Toole reviewed a rulebook revision proposal. The board discussed concerns but agreed to have the Athlete Services Group move forward with the project.

D. Membership Development Group:

1. Preston talked about 222K day to celebrate the banner year of membership. Preston then announced that full membership is up 5 percent and Learn to Skate USA membership is up 20 percent year over year for the start of the 2022-23 season.
2. Preston reviewed the work of the Membership Development Group committees.
3. Preston also reviewed the Excel National Festival and National Showcase which were held recently, along with the upcoming National Solo Dance Final.

E. Technical & Officials Group:

1. Bromley provided information on the NQS along with the sectional singles finals, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final.
2. Bromley provided information on work being done toward appointing more officials.

Auxier made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded. Approved. Newcomer left the meeting.

**XIII. Executive Session**

Music rights and additional legal discussions

Anderson and Baker left the meeting.

Auxier provided an update, and the board discussed the ongoing executive director search process.

Auxier made a motion to come out of executive session. Seconded. Approved.

**XIV. New Business – None**

**XV. Closing Announcements and Adjournment**

Auxier moved to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the board will be via video conference on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at 8 p.m. ET.

Meeting concluded at 10:39 p.m. ET

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley C. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'M'.

Kimberley Moore, Secretary

## **Athlete Services Group Board Report: Special Projects and Spotlights**

Submitted by: Lauren O'Toole, Athlete Services Group Coordinator

August 8, 2022

### **Trouser Language Proposal**

- The language below will be balloted in the committees pending board feedback.
- All language related to costumes is listed for context.
- Strikethrough represents the language that is proposed to be removed as it is currently written.
- Underline represents the proposed text.

The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen. The skating clothing worn in actual competition may not bear any form of advertising. However, warm-up suits may bear the name of a sponsor when a skater is on the ice. The sponsor's name must not exceed 4.65 square inches (30 square centimeters).

Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline. Accessories and props are not permitted.

~~Men must wear full length trousers.~~

~~Ladies are permitted to wear trousers.~~ (Ice Dance only)

For domestic competitions and tests, costume requirements are gender neutral. There are no restrictions on attire. If a competitor/team is participating in an ISU sanctioned event, they must follow the ISU Rule(s) for their respective discipline.

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

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

### **Gender Based Rules/Language Removal Timeline**

- August 2022 BOD Meeting: Share draft RFA with BOD for feedback.
- November 2022 BOD Meeting: Present RFA for BOD approval.

## **Athlete Services Spotlight**

### ***Dance Camp* – update provided by Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Dance Development and Technical Committee Chair**

- Dance Camp was held at the Chesapeake Open June 24-26.
- 50 teams participated at the juvenile – senior levels.
- Teams attended classes and participated in one to one feedback sessions.
- Jenny Mast presented the new program components to skaters and coaches.
- Classes included – acrobatics, acting, mental training, dance and skating skills.
- One of the highlights was a yoga class with Kieffer Hubbell.

### ***Synchronized Coaches College* – update provided by Felicia Haining-Miller, Synchronized Development and Technical Committee Chair**

Part 1 of Synchronized Virtual Coaches College took place virtually July 19 - 20. There were 174 coaches who registered for live and on demand sessions.

Live sessions included: Mental Training with Dr. Caroline Silby; a 2022-2023 domestic and international rules update; a session dedicated to building cohesion & trust on your team; a deep dive into no hold elements due to this element being added to our lower levels as well as the element experiencing a great deal of change following congress; and a DREAM panel focused on how the DREAM athletes can support our coaches and teams.

In addition to the live classroom sessions, we also hosted breakout sessions by level to open the lines of conversations and provide an intimate setting for questions. These sessions proved to be inspiring for both our coaches and faculty. The connection and knowledge sharing were mutually beneficial.

We will host part 2 of Synchronized Virtual Coaches College August 16 and 17. Part 2 will continue the education on mental training and on domestic and international rules. We will also offer a session on components and disrupting everyday bias. Our DREAM athletes will return to present initiatives for this season coming out of their panel discussion during Coaches College part 1. We will once again offer breakout sessions by level.

All live sessions have been or will be recorded and shared along with pre-recorded content for our coaches.

Initial feedback on Coaches College has been positive from both coaches and faculty. Surveys will go out to our coaches following part 2 to gather feedback to continue to enhance programming for our coaches.

Special thanks to Kyleigh Gaff and the Synchronized Development & Technical Committee members for their time and dedication in supporting our coaches.



**U.S. Figure Skating  
BOD Meeting – August 8, 2022  
Technical and Officials Group Coordinator Report – Todd Bromley**

**Competitions Committee (Kathleen Krieger, Chair)**

The Competitions Committee implemented a new qualifying competition structure, the National Qualifying Series. The series was designed to be athlete centric to allow athletes multiple opportunities to compete and retain their highest score for advancement to the Sectional Single Challenges and Pairs and Dance Finals. The series has allotted for 24 entries at the juvenile through novice levels and 18 entries for junior and senior levels. The series is currently in progress. As of 08/05/2022, the following entries have been received:

	NE	NA	SA	East	UGL	EGL	SW	MID	NWP	SWP	CP	PC	Totals
Juv Boys	11	8	13	32	3	6	5	14	1	3	5	9	55
Juv Girls	22	28	46	96	22	17	28	67	10	26	12	48	211
Juv Dance				9				4				3	16
Juv Pairs				1				2				2	5
Int. Men	6	4	14	24	9	6	8	23	2	8	5	15	62
Int. Ladies	27	39	67	133	69	28	44	141	20	46	26	92	366
Int. Dance				6				5				6	17
Int. Pairs				2				3				3	8
Nov. Men	8	4	6	18	8	4	6	18	3	7	5	15	51
Nov. Ladies	20	18	42	80	35	21	39	95	6	28	18	52	227
Nov. Dance				5				5				4	14
Nov. Pairs				1				1				1	3
Jr. Men	5	3	6	14	8	3	4	15	3	3	3	9	38
Jr. Ladies	15	16	28	59	17	14	12	43	5	21	8	34	136
Jr. Dance				9				5				5	19
Jr. Pairs				2				7				1	10
Sr. Men	4	2	4	10	4	3	2	9	2	5	3	10	29
Sr. Ladies	9	16	12	37	12	11	12	35	11	21	10	42	114
Sr. Dance				6				9				5	20
Sr. Pairs				5				7				4	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1417</b>

Notes, best practices and feedback are being kept for each event. A debriefing will be held at the conclusion of the season with possible tweaks for the 2023-2024 season such as: reduce the total number of individual events, extend events one week into October, schedule the Sectional Challenges on different weekends and start the bid process in early December 2022.

Biweekly conference calls have begun with the new Competitions Committee RVC's and SVC's to update sanction templates and standardize competition announcements.

Conference calls continue to be held with the host LOC's for the 2023 Sectional Singles Challenges and Sectional Dance and Pair Finals. The events will be held at the below locations:

- 2023 Eastern Sectional Singles & U.S. Ice Dance Final
- Tuesday, November 8 – Saturday, November 12, 2022
- Norwood, Massachusetts – The Skating Club of Boston (CR – Aristeo Brito and CDR - Holly Cole)
  
- 2023 Midwestern Sectional Singles & U.S. Pairs Final
- Monday, November 7 – Thursday, November 10, 2022
- Lansing, Michigan – Lansing Skating Club (CR – Todd Bromley)

- 2023 Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final
- Tuesday, November 8 – Sunday, November 13
- San Francisco, California – The Skating Club of San Francisco (CR – Rick Perez)

A town hall was scheduled for June 13, 2022, with athletes and coaches to review the National Qualifying Series Handbook and key dates for registration of the series and individual events.

The Competitions Committee will partner with the various programs (Excel Series, Solo Dance Series, etc.) when new technical rules will start. A common date needs to be established to eliminate confusion.

The Synchronized Skating Competitions Committee is looking at the increasing the number of teams entered at sectionals and U.S. Synchronized Championships before the need to have initial rounds.

Several other competition rules are being reviewed and will be balloted by the Competitions Committee as the season progresses.

### **Domestic Selections Committee (DSC – Kim Heim, Chair)**

The Domestic Selections Committee (DSC) has finalized selections for the 2023 Sectional Single Challenges and Pairs and Dance Finals. Invites will be sent out by mid-August.

The DSC has received the availability requests and is now working on the assignments for the 2023 Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships and the 2023 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

The DSC is partnering with the Competitions Committee in approving the schedules and final list of officials for the 2023 NQS events. A process was set-up that 30 days out from a competition, DSC will review the list of qualified officials submitted by the host LOC. Recommendations and changes have a 72-hour turnaround back to the LOC. The official schedule (104) is sent to the Competitions Committee for approval ten days out from the competition start date. The DSC is also partnering with the Technical Panel Subcommittee in selecting technical panel captains for each event.

As of July 28, the DSC leadership team has approved 12 NQS officials' lists with an average of 24 hours or less turnaround approval time. One competition, DuPage Open, was initially denied approval and needed extra officials which the committee aided the club in finding additional officials. Additionally, the DSC leadership team have been involved in helping both clubs hosting NQS events find officials and officials looking for activity at NQS events.

The DSC has removed two officials from the approved list of officials for the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships and replaced them with alternates.

## **Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management (DORM – Leslie Gianelli, Chair))**

DORM held its first committee meeting on August 1. It was lightly attended due to vacations but we will be planning a more robust meeting for right after Labor Day. Meetings will take place on or as close to the first Monday of each month going forward. All NVCs have carried over from last season, with the exception of Linda Chihara, who has replaced Lynn Bell as head of Judges Management. Linda is well experienced and is off to a fast start. Recruitment will be a focus for the committee across the board this season.

### **Event Management (Aristeo Brito, NVC)**

- **Accounting Subcommittee (Mike Meyer, VC):** Working on source code since Swiss Timing is no longer supporting IJSCalc.
- **Announcing Subcommittee (Wendy Sheridian, VC):** The committee is still working on a new application for appointment and developing a process for selecting trial announcers (similar to trial judges) for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- **Music Coordinators (Nancy Ginkus-O'Connor, VC):** No updates to report.
- **Referees Subcommittee (Hal Marron, VC):** One National Referee appointment has been submitted which will be presented to the BOD at the Spring BOD Meeting. Peer reviews have been positive and candidate has completed the exam.

### **Judges Management Subcommittee (Linda Chihara, NVC)**

On July 6, 2022, an e-blast was sent from OTC to judges and prospective judges that the 2022-2023 Rules Review was available. RVC's and SVC's of the Judges Management Subcommittee submitted questions. If a judge is judging at a NQS competition, then the Rules Review should be completed prior to the competition. For those judging a sectional, U.S. Final, or the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the deadline will be September 20, 2022.

Partnered with Juliet Newcomer to generate an automatic report to track applications for trial judging. At all approved competitions.

On July 13, 2022, notified all judges and prospective judges via eblast about upcoming webinars for Singles & Pairs and for Dance on Program Components.

An eblast was sent to judges and prospective judges about an opportunity to trial judge free dances for test credit at the Silicon Valley Open competition. As of today, 6 judges have requested to take advantage of this trial judge opportunity.

There are currently 10 judges requesting to trial judge at the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships: 7 singles and pairs trial judges and 3 dance trial judges.

### **Test Appointments:**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>Dance</b>
Gold	6	n/a
Silver	3	5
Bronze	3	1
Totals	12	6

### **Officials Development and Assessment Subcommittee (Vickie Hildebrand, NVC)**

Accomplishments since July 1, 2022:

Referee's questionnaire was completed and posted. Technical panel questionnaires were completed and put on Formsite for all technical panel captains to use for the 2023 NQS series, the Sectional Singles Challenges and Pairs and Dance Finals and 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Judges' questionnaire is done. Judges' reviews will be done at the Sectional Singles Challenges and Pairs and Dance Finals and 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Form still needs to be put on Formsite.

All 2021-2022 review feedback has been stored in Sharepoint at USFS HQ.

Verbiage was developed and sent to DORM. Hoping that the DORM or Group Chair will send a communication to all competition officials to introduce the concept of reviews this season.

Technology improvements and automatic anomaly reporting is still pending due to the many rule changes this season and delay in Swiss Timing updating our IVR coding.

The committee is working on how to address letters submitted to the subcommittee regarding weak officials. A proposed process is being developed with the Ethics Chair.

The next scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for early September. The exact date is TBD.

### **Officials Recruitment Subcommittee (Sherrie Redmond, NVC)**

For the recruitment subcommittee, the committee is currently promoting the Virtual Test judge school coming up on October 7-9, 2022. A steady flow of inbound official's interest forms continues to come in. The Recruitment Committee received 16 interest forms in June and 19 forms in July.

Conversations are taking place with potential trial judges who are currently in high school. We're trying to encourage them to work towards their bronze test appointments before leaving for college and while they have the time available.

## **Technical Panel Subcommittee (Scott Brown, NVC)**

The Technical Panel Subcommittee continues to work, review and comment on pending projects for 2022-2023 season. The committee is currently reviewing the merging of all data appointments that mimic the ISU appointments. Also being reviewed are the following: TPER compliance, advancement pathways for data operators outside of a seminar setting, tracking technical panel activity, peer evaluations and certification for technical specialists and technical controllers. The committee has partnered with OTC on technical panel officials' education. The committee has also partnered with DSC in the selection of technical panel captains at each qualifying event. The strengthened partnership with DSC has made the Technical Panel selection of assignments much smoother this year.

## **Officials Training Committee (OTC – Lori Osborne, Chair)**

### **Judges Training Subcommittee (Kerry Jennings-Cooper, NVC)**

Rules Review annual exams for singles/pairs, and dance were sent out on July 6, 2022. All officials at NQS events, Sectionals, and U.S. Figure Skating Championships are required to complete these prior to officiating at any of these events. Synchronized Skating Rules Reviews are being prepared.

Judging reminders have been posted for singles/pairs and dance. Synchronized skating reminders are in process.

Updated the Trial Judges singles and pairs element identification process (EID) and working with the Judges Management Subcommittee under DORM to finalize potential changes to new passing criteria and percentages. The committee is also working on finalizing dance and synchronized skating EID.

Zoom calls were held on July 18 and 19, 2022, to prepare singles, pairs and dance officials for the new Program Components implemented by the ISU. Updated documentation was posted on Members Only.

A full comprehensive review of the new components will be held with Paolo Pizzocari, ISU moderator, is scheduled for August 19 and 20, 2022 for all competition level singles, pairs and dance officials. Similar presentations is also being planned for synchronized skating. The sessions will be recorded and made available to all officials.

A virtual school for Test Judges has been scheduled for Oct. 7-9, 2022. Applications are coming in now and final planning is underway.

2 JETS were assigned to 2 NQS events (Glacier Falls and Cranberry Open).

Planning is underway for a virtual international dance certification seminar.

Early planning is underway for the next in-person judges' school. The tentative date is to be scheduled in April 2023.

### **Technical Panel Training Subcommittee (Lisa May, NVC)**

The committee is currently reviewing the ISU technical panel changes from the 58<sup>th</sup> ISU Congress. Training is being developed to capture the changes with several webinars to be scheduled.

A webinar was scheduled for June 21, 2022, with Fabio Bianchetti, ISU Singles and Pair Skating Chair, to cover the recent ISU rules changes from the 58<sup>th</sup> ISU Congress. In addition, a second webinar took place for all technical panel officials on July 13, 2022. This webinar will be facilitated by Leena Laaksonen, ISU Singles and Pairs Committee Member.

TPERs will go out on September 12, 2022, and must be completed by October 1, 2022, for anyone assigned to Sectionals or Nationals.

The technical panel school that was going to be held during the Lake Placid Junior Challenge has been cancelled due to low attendance.

The Technical Panel Team is working to host monthly coffee talks with technical panel officials in the fall. These will be optional meetings that will have a specific focus for each month.

### **Announcing and Music Officials Training Subcommittee (Bill Goen, NVC)**

Currently reviewing and updating announcer scripts for the season.

Development of eLearning class continues.

### **Accountants and Technical Accountants Training Subcommittee (Valerie Berger, NVC)**

A question bank is being created for the 2022-2023 accounting tests (6.0, IJS and Rules Review).

National accounting exam has been written and should be available shortly.

Website updates are in progress, including updates to the Accounting Central pages in Members Only.

Planning is underway for Technical Accounting schools to be held at the Sectional Championships.

Tentatively planning to host an in-person school on Figure Skating Manager at Governing Council (if the software is ready).

Working to develop a mentor handbook and development path for accountants.

### **Referees Training Subcommittee (Rick Perez)**

No additional updates at this time. A referee school is still being planned. Dates are TBD.

## **eLearning (Heather Feinstein)**

Accounting 6.0 class is in production and expected to launch in August 2022.

Accounting TA content is being prepared.

Tentative list of courses planned for October 2022

- GOE Overview – Chapters 1-3 are in progress
- Skating Skills Test – 1st level (Pre-Bronze)
- Pairs Lift ID
- Music training – in progress and working to finalize timing

## **Tests Committee (Reed Hastings, Chair)**

The Tests Committee worked with the Judges Management Subcommittee to update the chart for rule 4534 to make it more apparent that only pairs test judges may judge pairs tests.

Members of the Test Committee help provide questions for the annual Rules Review.

Initial conversations with the Pairs Development Committee have begun to allow partners for pair tests to be chosen without regard to gender.

The Test Committee is also starting conversations to review the content of the skating skills tests. This is a collaboration with the Tests Committee and individual discipline committees.

On August 15, 2022, a test chair roundtable meeting is scheduled via Zoom.

The Test Committee has a kick-off meeting to start working on e-learning training for test chairs

Conversations and brainstorming have begun regarding ways to increase the number of dance test judges with international dance certification.

11 requests for foreign skater test credit were processed and 158 tests have been awarded based on IJS IJS protocols since June 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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