

U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors
Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 10, 8 p.m. ET
via Zoom video conference

- 1. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting**
 - a. Welcome & call to order
 - b. Roll call/establishment of quorum
 - c. Approval and adoption of agenda
 - d. Conflict of interest disclosure
 - e. Acceptance of June 12, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- 2. President's Report**
 - a. General
 - b. ISU Grand Prix Selection Meeting
- 3. Chief Executive Officer's Report**
 - a. General
 - b. Membership Announcement
 - c. Athlete Advocacy
 - d. ISU Meeting Presentation
- 4. Financial Report**
 - a. Review of activities ending June 30, 2023
- 5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update**
 - a. Status on Strategic Diversity Initiatives (SDI) project
- 6. Strategic Plan Focus**
 - a. Review of the Operating Plan
- 7. Grievance Update**
- 8. Media Issues / Discussion**
- 9. Coaches Integration Update**
 - a. Coaches Council Handbook and process for selection
- 10. Connection with our Membership / Section Liaisons**
- 11. Request for Action**
 - a. Trophy Request – Championship Adult Solo Dance
 - b. Amendments to Competitions Rules
- 12. New Business**
- 13. Adjourn**

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Via Video Conference
Monday, July 10, 2023, 8 p.m. ET**

Present – Voting Members

Samuel Auxier (President), Jackie Chang, Jennifer Hartley, Victoria Hildebrand, Pooja Kalyan, Jenna Longo, Kristina Lundgren, Colin McManus, Heather Paige, Kevin Rosenstein, Matthew Slatius; Amanda Will, Kym Worthy, Felicia Zhang

Present – Non-Voting Members

Todd Bromley, Anne Cammett (Past President), Troy Goldstein (ISU Representative), Pilar Helm, Tracy Marek (Chief Executive Officer), Lauren O’Toole, Elise Preston

Absent

Kimberley Moore, Simon Shnapir (alternate USOPC AAC representative)

Guests

Kristin Arneson Cutler

Staff

John Anderson, Eric Fehr, Juliet Newcomer, Kadari Taylor-Watson and Kelly Vogtner

I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting

- A. Auxier called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. In Moore’s absence, Newcomer confirmed attendance and a quorum using the participant list in Zoom.
- C. The agenda was adopted as amended.
- D. The June 12 minutes and report of action were approved as presented.
- E. Auxier asked the members to disclose any conflicts based on tonight’s agenda. No conflicts were disclosed.

II. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update

Taylor-Watson provided an update on the DEI Climate Assessment and answered questions.

<Preston joined the meeting during the DEI Update.>

<Taylor-Watson left the meeting.>

III. President’s Report

- A. Auxier notified the board that he and Marek have been working with others to define what “athletes first” means.
- B. Auxier reviewed the Grand Prix selection meeting that was held in Switzerland at the end of June.
- C. Auxier turned it over to Goldstein to notify the board that Newcomer will be sharing the selection criteria for the Youth Olympic Games following tonight’s meeting and will ask people to send Goldstein any objections by Wednesday at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

IV. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

- A. Marek provided an update on the organizational structure.

<Rosenstein joined the meeting during the Chief Executive Officer’s Report.>

- B. Marek turned it over to Preston to announce record-breaking numbers for Learn to Skate USA, introductory and total membership for the 2023-24 season.
- C. Marek reviewed the latest information on the More Than Medals campaign. Auxier notified the board that the Court of Arbitration for Sport is scheduled to meet at the end of September, but we should not expect a decision immediately.
- D. Marek, Goldstein and Auxier provided information on a marketing meeting that was held in conjunction with the Grand Prix selection meeting.

Auxier made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded. Approved.

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

V. Strategic Plan Focus

Cutler presented a proposal to have a small group come together with athletes to talk about how the association can make the shift to a true “athlete first” organization and report back to the board on Sept. 11. The board then discussed areas of concern and what needs to be addressed as the organization moves forward.

<Cutler left the meeting.>

VI. Financial Report

- A. Hildebrand provided an update on where they are in the process to close out the 2023 Fiscal Year.
- B. Hildebrand also provided an update in the process to find a new auditor.
- C. Fehr reviewed the statement of activities through May 2023.

<Fehr left the meeting.>

Auxier made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded. Approved.

VII. Grievance Update

Auxier made the following motion:

MOTION: To concur with the resolution of the Stipulation of a Grievance Matter from the chair of the Grievance Committee. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

VIII. Media Issues / Discussion

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

IX. Connection with our Membership / Section Liaisons

Vogtner and Auxier thanked the board members who have volunteered so far and notified the board that this topic will continue to be discussed on Basecamp.

X. Coaching Integration

This item was tabled for Basecamp and/or a future meeting.

XI. Requests for Action

- A. Bromley reviewed a trophy request for the new championship adult solo dance event and then made the following motion:

MOTION: to approve a new trophy for the championship adult solo dance event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships donated by Julie Gidlow. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

- B. Bromley reviewed a request for action from the Competitions Committee regarding Call to Start rules and then made the following motion:

REQUEST FOR ACTION: to approve the proposed amendments to **rule 1322 (C)** as amended to make it clear that a competitor/team can miss a warm-up and still compete. **SECONDED. APPROVED.** Please see the July 10 Report of Action for full details.

- C. Bromley reviewed an additional request for action from the Competitions Committee to amend rule 2120 (B)(1)(g) and then made the following motion:

REQUEST FOR ACTION: to approve the proposed amendments to **rule 2120 (B)(1)(g).** **SECONDED. APPROVED.** Please see the July 10 Report of Action for full details.

XII. New Business

Auxier provided information regarding a survey that is going to be sent to accountants to assess their experiences in the field. Bromley provided additional information on steps that are being taken to help alleviate the staffing concerns.

XIII. 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. 11, at 8 p.m. ET. A board work session (no actions taken) will be held on Monday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m. ET.

Meeting concluded at 10:40 p.m. ET

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kimberley C. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "M".

Kimberley Moore, Secretary

Athlete Services Group Board Report

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

July 6, 2023

Overview

- The committees are waiting for confirmation on their approved rosters. Meetings have not been scheduled as they are waiting for this information.
- Singles Committee continuing to receive positive feedback on the key points and Spin feedback on protocols.
- New staff liaisons: Heidi Thibert and Juliet Newcomer
- Meetings of all committee chairs occur the same week as Board of Director Meetings. Next meeting: July 11th with staff liaisons, competitions committee chair, test committee chair, and Megan Romeo.
- Athletes Services will include the competitions, test, and giving committees in meetings throughout the season when relevant.

Work for 2023-2024 Season

- Age banding and level compression in Singles.
 - Singles committee currently looking at compressing no test and pre-preliminary.
- Calendar for upcoming seasons.
 - With the removal of the well balanced program requirements from the USFS rulebook, there is flexibility to when the new season's rules can begin. Will share with the BOD when a recommendation is ready.

Membership Development Group Coordinator Report, submitted by Elise Preston
Board of Directors Meeting, July 10, 2023

Overall membership total for 2022-23 season:

- 242,451 – new all-time record, 8.7% increase over last year
- 20,000 member gain

Here are the specific membership categories that also broke records:

- 184,511 Learn to Skate USA – new all-time record, 10% increase over last year
- 7,079 introductory members – new all-time record, 26.7% increase over last year
- 5,476 collegiate members – new all-time record, 4.5% increase over last year

2022-23 is a year full of new records made!

- Highest total membership
- highest Learn to Skate USA numbers
- highest introductory
- highest collegiate membership
- We have increased by over 20,000 members over last year's record
- Skating Club of New York is our largest club for the second year in a row
- The Los Angeles Skating Academy (affiliate of the LA Kings) is the largest Learn to Skate USA program.
- The following skating programs have also experienced unprecedented growth and participation - high school teams, intercollegiate competitive numbers, National Showcase entries, Excel Series participation and number of synchronized skating teams.

Solo Dance Series Update:

- We are now more than halfway through our Series which began in Denver and Atlanta March 9th, and ends August 12th in Salt Lake City.
- 2023 Series Registrations are up 40% over 2022, and most of the 27 Series events are experiencing considerably higher entries this year than last.
- The 2023 NSD Final will be hosted by the Skating Council of Illinois September 14-17 in the north Chicago suburb of Glenview, Illinois, at a brand new 2-1/2 surface facility.
- Wesley Chapel, Florida, is the site of our 2024 NSD Final September 12-15.
- Our Solo Dance community is excited by the prospect of the ISU holding International Solo Dance competitions, perhaps as early as this year.
- In February, the Dallas FSC hosted the 4th annual Solo Dance Camp and a Solo Dance Tech Seminar at which five new SD technical officials were approved.

Excel Series Update:

- Series Registration topped over 1,900 skaters for 2023 Season
- Series wrapped up mid-June
- Over 600 skaters will compete this week at Excel Final (~200 more than last year)
- Excel Final will be held this week in Austin, Texas

National Showcase

- Also seeing record-breaking registration numbers
- Will be held at Skating Club of Boston the first week of August

National Theatre On Ice

- Was held June 27-30 in Frasier Michigan
- Hosted by Ice House Skating Academy
- Committee held a meeting with coaches to review choreographic elements and international developments in TOI
- Team #s have bounced back following pandemic pause.

Adult Skating Committee

- Stephanie Roth, new chair is getting acclimated and setting priorities for the season.
- Will form small groups tasked with taking a fresh look at Adult competitive pipeline & competition rules
- Also looking at easing some of the scheduling restrictions currently in place for Adult Nationals

Membership Development Group

- Full leadership team meeting held in June to encourage cross-discipline collaboration
- Aligning season goals with strategic plan discussed
- Developing a working calendar for all existing programs

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Technical and Officials Report (Group Coordinator - Todd Bromley)

With the start of the new competitive season starting, all committees under the Technical and Officials umbrella have been very busy.

Out of the five National Chairs from the 2022/2023 season, three National Vice Chairs roll off the committee. For the three new National Vice Chairs the transition has been rather seamless due to proper succession planning conversations in 2022/2023. With the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee (DORM), there are eight new Vice Chairs.

There is still a heavy emphasis on officials' recruitment of all types of officials. All committees under Technical and Officials are aware of this and work to continue to break down barriers and reevaluate appointment guidelines.

-Todd Bromley, Group Coordinator for Technical and Officials

Listed below are individual committee updates.

Competitions – Brenda Kickert

The competitions committee has been involved in many areas for the 2023-24 season. Team members including athlete representation have been selected for all committee positions. A large focus has been on the National Qualifying Series. The committee has worked closely with USFS Staff to ensure that the registration process has gone smoothly. Weekly meetings have been held with the Local Organizing Committees to provide education and support. Entries are currently in the third phase and EMS Series Applications opened on July 5th.

As a result of feedback from the previous season, a review of the policy on critiques/feedback was made. Written guidelines were developed with input from the discipline chairs and Athlete Services. These guidelines are part of the NQS Handbook. In addition, the NQS competition referees and the LOCs received information on the implementation. Bye criteria and advancement through the qualifying series structure have been finalized.

The competitions committee has been working in coordination with athlete services to review minimum scores for IJS protocol test credit.

In collaboration with the Tests Committee, multiple foreign skaters have been granted credit for tests. In addition, the following foreign skaters have been granted permission to participate in the qualifying season:

- Sebastian Malzyk (Czech Republic) – Novice Pairs
- Jakub Galbavy (Slovakia) – Junior Pairs
- David Goldshteyn (returning US Citizen) – Junior Dance
- An additional senior pairs skater and junior dance skater have applied for test credit but have not completed their CC-01 yet.

The technology subcommittee has completed updates to the software for new rule implementation and did testing at several non-qualifying competitions in June.

The National Theatre on Ice competition recently took place, and the Excel Final will be held the week of July 10, 2023.

Number of NQS entries through Phase Two:

2024	Total Athletes/Teams	Phase 1	Phase 2	Total Registrations
JUV. BOYS	61	61	43	104
JUV. GIRLS	227	227	170	397
JUV. DANCE	14	14	11	25
JUV. PAIRS	5	5	3	8
INT. MEN	60	60	44	104
INT. WOMEN	340	340	211	551
INT. DANCE	11	11	10	21
INT. PAIRS	7	7	11	11
NOV. MEN	45	45	32	77
NOV. WOMEN	183	183	123	306
NOV. DANCE	15	15	9	24
NOV. PAIRS	6	6	2	8
JUNIOR MEN	38	38	28	66
JUNIOR WOMEN	156	156	96	252
JUNIOR DANCE	19	19	10	29
JUNIOR PAIRS	6	6	2	8
SENIOR MEN	24	24	12	36
SENIOR WOMEN	93	93	55	148
SENIOR DANCE	9	9	3	12
SENIOR PAIRS	4	4	1	5
Total:	1323	1323	876	2192

Domestic Selections Committee – Kim Heim

The Domestic Selections Committee (DSC) began the 2023-24 season with an addition to the team. Kathleen Harmon joined USFS staff as project support for DSC with duties of sending out availability, managing responses, as well as coordinating NQS staffing approvals between DSC and NQS host clubs and managing NQS LOC requests for additional official support. Kathleen has been a tremendous help to the committee as our committee workload has grown with the addition of the NQS qualifying system. With a heavy workload this summer/fall assigning officials for 2024 U.S. Championships, Sectional Finals and U.S. Pair and U.S. Dance Finals, Synchronized Sectionals, U.S. Synchronized Championships, U.S. Adult Championships and with the addition of weekly approvals of the 20 NQS competitions staffing models beginning mid-June, a calendar was coordinated and created to keep the committee and headquarters on task for the remainder of the year.

2024 U.S. Figure Skating Championships availability was sent out on April 24th with responses due back by May 14th. Recommendations were received from the International Officials Management Subcommittee; as well as input from all subcommittees of DORM and DSC VC's to aid in the assignments of the 2024 U.S. Figure Skating

Championships. Assignments were completed and balloted on June 5th and invites to the 2024 U.S. Figure Skating Championships were sent out on June 15th. The committee was pleased to assign four first time National level dance officials encompassing the technical panel and judging assignments this year.

A chief referee was also selected for the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

The Sectional Finals and U.S. Pair and Dance Finals availability was sent out on June 5th with a due date of June 19th. With input from the International Officials Management Subcommittee, DORM and DSC VC's, the DSC leadership has been working on finalizing the assignments with a goal to send out official invitations on July 24th.

NQS Availability was collected in June from all qualified officials. A database has been created to help NQS LOC's find available officials. Additionally, recommendations for activity for newly appointed officials and those needing activity are communicated and taken into consideration when NQS LOC's are looking for additional officials. Beginning on June 14th, completed staffing models for NQS competitions being held within 30 days are due into HQ each Wednesday which are then sent out in a google doc to DSC leadership (Chair: Kim Heim; NVC Event Management: Rick Perez; NVC Tech Panel: Allison Duarte; and NVC Judges: Gretchen Bonnie) for approval as well as DORM to select technical panel captains. This year, we are trying a new approval system with a toggle button to approve each NQS staffing model which has thankfully reduced an unnecessary amount of email communication. NQS staffing models are generally approved within a 24-48-hour window. The Officials Training Committee has access to these staffing models through google docs and has started monitoring the compliancy of NQS officials having completed Rules Review.

2024 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and Synchronized Sectionals availability was sent out on June 26th with responses due back on July 10th which will keep our committee busy through September 11th.

Domestic Officials Recruit and Management (DORM) – Lynn Bell

June saw the ongoing transitioning and introduction of many new faces on the various National Subcommittees and their teams, which will bring fresh, new energy and ideas to DORM. Four of the five National Vice Chairs on the DORM team will be new: VC for Recruitment, VC for Technical Panel Management, VC for Event Management and VC for Officials Review.

JUDGES MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Linda Chihara

The members of the Judges Management Subcommittee are busy preparing for the upcoming season. The RVC's and SVC's who are stepping down from their position have transferred all work to their successors.

Recommendations for judges were provided to DSC for consideration for all qualifying events.

The Synchronized Skating SVC's are compiling a list of non-qual competitions that will be approved for trial judging. Four competitions have been identified in the East and Midwest and are hoping to have at least 1 on the Pacific Coast.

The ad hoc Honorary Judge Committee voted to recommend Charlie Cyr as an Honorary International and National Official. On a sad note, Charlie passed away on June 22, 2023.

The RVCs assisted the Officials Training Committee (OTC) by submitting questions for the promotional singles and dance tests exams.

The April 2023 in-person Chicago seminar resulted in 15 singles/pairs, 2 dance and 2 synchronized skating competition appointments. There were 13 singles/pairs and 5 dance test appointments granted. Two exams are still outstanding.

Several situations involving judges have arisen where follow up actions need/needed to be addressed. These include inappropriate marking at competitions (i.e. failing to take mandatory deductions in short programs), issues at test sessions, etc. These are handled on an individual basis by the Judges Subcommittee, Tests Committee and/or Officials Review Subcommittee, depending on the infraction.

EVENT MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Wendy Sheridan

ACCOUNTING – Michael Meyer

VC's and accounting leadership are working on updates to the FSM software, scoring system from Swiss Timing. Bugs are still being found and system is currently unstable for events lower than the junior level. A survey is being developed to send to all accounting officials. The goal is to find out how many hours accountants are working on a daily basis during competitions. There is concern about burnout and accounting officials leaving or doing less.

The SVC's are ensuring that all accountants have completed their officials compliance and tracking CEU's..

ANNOUNCING – Jeff Rendel

The Announcing team is currently updating announcement documents in Members Only, new scripts hub and leadership changes.

Actively developing a National Announcer Appointment Training Program that explores the criteria, requirements, timeline, outline of events and expectations of a candidates. There will be monthly meetings for this initiative.

Members of the Music and Announcing Officials Training Subcommittee are exploring ways to help with the pronunciation of competitors' and officials' names. The team is looking at a software program that can support this task ("Namedrop") or to have USFS add a feature to EMS and require all skating members and officials to provide a written or recorded version of their first and last name.

Closely monitoring USFS Officials Directory to ensure that all Announcers have completed their official's compliance.

The Announcing Committee had Mike McGuire resign his National Announcing appointment. His name has been put forward for Honorary National Official.

MUSIC- Allen Krawiec

Currently reviewing and updating: USFS Music documents, (policies, procedures, manuals, references, contact lists etc.), USFS Music computer build and computer updates for EMS, and the list of USFS Music officials and getting documents ready for personnel updates etc.

Also, developing a comprehensive overall strategy for all Music officials and discussing software platforms that will assist in opening better lines of communication with music officials (i.e. Basecamp).

REFEREES – Kathleen Krieger

The Referee Subcommittee has been realigned to be more reflective of our sport, going from a geographical to a discipline driven structure. Previously there was a National Vice Chair of Referees and 3 Sectional Vice Chairs, all were National S/P Referees. Under the new structure there is a National Vice Chair and a Vice Chair for each discipline: Single/Pairs, Dance, Synchro, and Theatrical. This initiative will be balloted soon.

The Referee Subcommittee is currently assisting Domestic Selections in identifying candidates to fill chief refereeing duties at all qualifying events.

One Sectional Synchronized Referee appointment was approved and one 6.0 referee appointment was approved.

TECHNICAL ACCOUNTANTS – Valerie Berger

One Technical Accountant level 2(T2) appointment was approved during the month of June.

Three Technical Accountant Seminars will be held in conjunction with the Sectional Championships this season. To date there are five participants that have registered for the seminars.

TECHNICAL PANEL MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Stephanie Lab

The deadline for the completion of the universal data operator (DEO) exam has been reached. Except for one, all DEO officials passed this exam with the required 100%. The one individual who did not complete this exam will be notified that their DEO appointment is now inactive. These data appointments are being updated in the Officials Directory.

As a result of the February Solo Dance seminar, five qualifying technical specialists and qualifying technical controllers were appointed.

The Technical Panel team is currently assisting the Domestic Selections Committee, in assigning technical panel captains at all NQS events this season, keeping with the precedent set last year. The letter to the proposed technical panel captains is being updated, along with the link for officials to submit their conflicts and the link for the assigned captain to review these conflicts. The letter template for the technical panel captains to send to their teams is also being updated to ensure that the links are accurate for this season's current documents.

A budget was approved for the alternate pathway for the advancement of DEO, this project is moving forward. The next step will be to determine the number of officials that are eligible for this opportunity and the interest level of these officials. From there, the number of opportunities and specific competitions to be used will be determined. This promotion opportunity will utilize the same rubric that was used to assess candidates at the Technical Panel Training and Testing site in March 2023 to ensure a consistent standard of evaluation.

In conjunction with the PSA, a review of the rule changes (ISU and domestic clarifications) will be delivered to coaches on June 28, 2023.

A meeting will be held with all discipline vice chairs for the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee to discuss the priority areas for the 2023/2024 season. These initiatives include tracking of technical panel officials' activity, evaluation of international ISU official for domestic certification, continuing education for long term NQ officials, update training for officials with inadequate performance in the field, review of all NQ level technical panel officials, and revision of element read back policy after printing of event results.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Alyssa Liverette

The Recruitment Subcommittee updated the USFS Official's Interest form to better reflect the committee's role as the front line for recruitment. It is hoped that the changes will decrease confusion between the interest form and the trial judge registration form. The new interest form has now been deployed with questions focusing on readiness levels and applicant's plan of action.

The subcommittee has seen an active increase in coaching interest forms. As a result, a FAQ sheet was developed and when approved will be placed on the USFS website.

The team will continue to develop interest outreach protocols and define the role of front line in recruiting potential incoming officials.

Interest forms received for the month of June include 3 for Announcing, 2 for Music, 5 for Accounting/Technical Accounting, 11 for Singles Test Judge, 8 for Dance Test Judge, 11 for S/P Competition Judge, 8 for Dance Competition Judge, 7 for Synchronized Skating Judge, 6 for Showcase Judge, 5 for TOI Judge, 7 for Technical Panel Data, 8 for TS/TC S/P, 6 for TS/TC for Dance and 5 for TS/TC Synchro. Seven of those that submitted interest forms for test judging have already registered as a trial judge.

OFFICIALS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE – Matt O'Toole

The Officials Review Subcommittee has had a busy start to the 2023-2024 season with various complaints assigned to the subcommittee for evaluation. The recent addition of questions regarding officials' performances in referee reports has provided an influx of issues to be addressed.

The complaints about officials' performances at numerous competitions and test sessions across the country resulted in at least 15 actions (primarily letters of concern) taken by the Officials Review Subcommittee. The Officials Review team also assisted the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee, Tests Committee, as well as verbal

notification by other officials at the venue when addressing some issues. The infractions include inappropriate marks for components by certain judging officials, judges not taking the mandatory deductions in S/P Short Programs for elements deemed “not according to requirements”, conflicts of interest on the technical panel, chief referees not following standard protocol when assigning technical panel officials, and judges officiating tests which they are not authorized to judge.

Upcoming projects include scheduling a subcommittee meeting to decide which competitions will be subject to a formal review and to map out a process for tracking letters of concern to ensure that officials continually receiving assessments are performance managed appropriately.

Officials Training Committee (OTC) – Lori Osborne

The Officials Training Committee is off to a great start to the 2023-2024 season.

Accounting and Technical Accounting – Valerie Berger

Monthly drop-ins for accountants will continue this year. There are plans for Technical Accounting schools to be held in conjunction with the Sectional championships.

Announcing and Music – William Goen

The Music team is working on updates to the eLearning modules for EntryEeze Downloads and Arena Hookups. The Announcing team is finalizing the initial documentation for their eLearning courses and updating their announcer scripts. There is one candidate working on year 2 training for a National Music Coordinator appointment.

eLearning – Heather Feinstein

A kickoff meeting was held with the writing teams for the Skating Skills. There are 8 teams, each focused on a specific level of Skating Skills. The first course, Pre-Bronze, is in development, along with the 6.0 Accounting course. The GOE course is under final review.

Judges – Kerry Jennings-Cooper

Singles, Pairs and Dance competition rules reviews were sent to all officials on June 30. These are required to be completed one week prior to officiating at any NQS, Sectional, or National qualifying competition. Test rules reviews and Synchronized Skating competition rules reviews will be available in late August. Judging reminders are being finalized and should be posted next week. NQS prep calls are set for July 12 (Dance) and July 13 (S/P).

Technical Panel – Lisa May

Preparations are underway for the technical panel rules reviews. These will be sent in late August/early September. Anyone officiating at a sectional or national qualifying competition must complete this by October 1, 2023. An NQS prep call is set for July 11, 2023, with special guest Leena Laaksonen from the ISU Technical Committee. Leena will review the latest ISU Tech Panel rule updates/discussions.

Referees – Lynn Goldman

Referee reminders will be sent to all referees next week. Plans are underway for setting up a virtual referee's roundtables for all referees. The team is investigating options for referee training either virtually or in conjunction with an upcoming skating competition.

For the referees' training, the Accounting Leadership Team has been invited to participate in providing recommendations that a chief referee could implement to help the scheduling and putting a competition together more efficiently.

Test – Anthony Iarriccio

The Test Committee hosted a seminar at the 2023 Governing Council with Reed Hastings. Topics included virtual testing updates and virtual trial judging guidance. Worked with Linda Chihara (Judges Subcommittee) and Lyn Bell (DORM) to prepare guidelines for virtual trial judging. Virtual trial judging became effective on Sunday May 7, 2023. A Tests Leadership meeting was conducted on June 26th and full committee meeting on June 28th. Prepared goals for the 2023-2024 Season and introduced new members of the committee.

Sixty-eight tests (68) were awarded via IJS Test Credit in 1Q 2023, and 210 tests were awarded in 2Q 2023, for a total of 279 tests via IJS Test Credit. Eight (8) requests for Foreign Test Credit have been received since the beginning of May. Six (6) have been processed, and 2 are awaiting translation of documentation.

- Nicolai Balabardin – Canada – Singles – Pre-Silver (Intermediate) Credit
- Mia Koeppel – Finland – Synchronized – Pre-Silver (Intermediate) Credit
- Danila Saveliev – Russian Federation – Ice Dance – Pre-Gold (Junior) Credit
- Daniil Parkman – Georgian Federation – Pairs – Gold (Senior) Credit
- Sebastian Malczyk – Czech Republic – Pairs – Silver (Novice) Credit
- Mihana Nakajima – Japanese Federation – Ice Dance – Pre-Silver (Intermediate) Credit