

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING  
REPORT OF ACTION  
taken by the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 7, 2019**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. **APPROVED** the updated Travel and Expense Policy, dated October 2019.
2. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2019 California Cup; Nov. 7-9, 2019; Irvine, California; U.S. Figure Skating.
3. **APPROVED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee**  
Amend **rule 2823 (page 139, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2823** In each qualifying competition a team ~~may~~ must skate the number of members ~~permitted~~ required for its level as specified in rules 9400 through 9530. If a team does not start or complete its program with the minimum number of required skaters per rules 9400-9530, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn. However, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition, subject to adherence to rules 2821 and 2828.

**Implementation date:** October 14, 2019

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

**9461 Elements for Open Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate**

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

**9471 Elements for Pre-Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate**

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

**9481 Elements for Preliminary Synchronized Free Skate**

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

**9496 Elements for Open Collegiate Synchronized Free Skate**

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

**Implementation date:** Immediate

**5. APPROVED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee**

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

**9000 Synchronized Rules**

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

**Implementation date:** May 4, 2020

- 6. APPROVED** the selection procedures for the 2020 World Junior Synchronized Skating Team and the 2020 World Synchronized Skating Team.
- 7. APPROVED** San Jose as the host of the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Championships