

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING
REPORT OF ACTION
taken by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8511 (A) (page 275, Rulebook)** to adjust the pattern dance rotation as follows:

8511 Selection of Championship Adult Pattern Dances

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

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| 1. 2021-22 Group 4 | Initial Round – Kilian, Westminster Waltz
Final Round – free dance |
| 2. 2022-23 Group 1 | Initial Round <u>Dance 1</u> – Blues, <u>Argentine Tango Quickstep</u>
Final Round – free dance |
| 3. 2023-24 Group 2 | Initial Round – <u>Viennese Waltz, Silver Samba Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz</u>
Final Round – free dance |
| 4. 2024-25 Group 3 | Initial Round – <u>Starlight Waltz, Rhumba Blues, Silver Samba</u>
Final Round – free dance |

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

2. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8512 (page 276, Rulebook)** to add a choreographic element requirement to the partnered free dance events:

8512 Elements for Championship Adult/Adult Gold/Adult Pre-Gold/Masters Open Free Dance

In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance in accordance with rule 8095. The draw for the starting order of the couples will be made in accordance with rules section 2730.

CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT/ADULT GOLD/ADULT PRE-GOLD/MASTERS OPEN FREE DANCE	
3:10 maximum time	
Must contain the following elements in any order	
DANCE LIFTS	<i>No change from current rules</i>
DANCE SPINS	<i>No change from current rules</i>
STEP SEQUENCES	<i>No change from current rules</i>
TWIZZLES	<i>No change from current rules</i>
<u>CHOREOGRAPHIC ELEMENT</u>	One choreographic element chosen from: <u>Choreographic lift</u> <u>Choreographic spinning movement</u> <u>Choreographic twizzling movement</u> <u>Choreographic sliding movement</u> <u>Choreographic character step sequence</u>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<i>No change from current rules</i>

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

3. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 8521 (A), 8531 (A) and 8541 (A)** and delete **rules 8522, 8532 and 8542 (page 276-277, Rulebook)** to change from three pattern dances to two pattern dances at each level, remove references to rounds, and eliminate the free dance as follows:

8521 Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances

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

1. 2021-22 Group 4 Initial Round Dance 1 – Paso Doble, Westminster Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Westminster Waltz free dance
2. 2022-23 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Kilian Quickstep, Argentine Tango
Final Round Dance 2 – Argentine Tango free dance
3. 2023-24 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Blues Kilian, Starlight Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Viennese Waltz free dance
4. 2024-25 Group 3 Initial Round Dance 1 – Starlight Waltz Viennese Waltz, Silver Samba
Final Round Dance 2 – Quickstep free dance

~~8522 Adult Gold Free Dance~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

8531 Selection of Adult Pre-Gold Pattern Dances

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

1. 2021-22 Group 4 Initial Round Dance 1 – Rocker Foxtrot, Kilian
Final Round Dance 2 – Kilian free dance
2. 2022-23 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – American Waltz Blues, Starlight Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Blues free dance
3. 2023-24 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Tango American Waltz, Paso Doble
Final Round Dance 2 – Starlight Waltz free dance
4. 2024-25 Group 3 Initial Round Dance 1 – Rocker Foxtrot Tango, Blues
Final Round Dance 2 – Paso Doble free dance

~~8532 Adult Pre-Gold Free Dance~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

8541 Selection of Masters Open Pattern Dances

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

1. 2021-22 Group 3 Initial Round Dance 1 – Kilian Westminster Waltz, Rhumba
Final Round Dance 2 – Westminster Waltz free dance
2. 2022-23 Group 4 Initial Round Dance 1 – Blues Quickstep, Tango Romantica
Final Round Dance 2 – Argentine Tango free dance
3. 2023-24 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Viennese Waltz Starlight Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado
Final Round Dance 2 – Silver Samba free dance
4. 2024-25 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Starlight Waltz Silver Samba, Viennese Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Rhumba free dance

~~8542 Masters Open Free Dance~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

Note: Rule 8512 will also need to be amended to delete references to adult pre-gold and masters open levels. Adult gold free dance was approved as a stand-alone event in Item 4.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

4. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 8520 to 8522 (page 276, Rulebook)** to add a stand-alone adult gold free dance event to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

8520 Adult Gold Dance Events

~~Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event. (Move to rule 8521.)~~

~~**8521 Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances**~~ **Adult Gold Pattern Dance Event**

~~Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event. (Moved from rule 8520.)~~

~~**8522 Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances**~~

~~Balance of pattern dance rule remains unchanged for the purpose of this proposal.~~

8525 Adult Gold Free Dance Event

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

Note: for determining competition eligibility for this rule, a Starlight Waltz test passed prior to Sept. 1, 2003, is considered a pre-gold dance, not an international dance.

~~**8526**~~ **Elements for Adult Gold Free Dance**

~~Each of the couples will present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

Note: Rule 2055 (B) will be modified accordingly.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

5. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2401 (B)(3) (page 122-123, Rulebook)** as follows:

2401 B. All skaters'/teams' entries must include the appropriate entry fee and an administrative fee. Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. Administrative fees are not refundable.

3. If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. In the case of qualifying in a championship dance event, competitors may withdraw from either the 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.

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6. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8501 (D) (page 275, Rulebook)** as follows:

8501 Adult dance events:

- D. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance, or senior dance:
1. May not compete in the adult gold, adult pre-gold, adult silver, adult pre-silver, adult bronze, or adult pre-bronze pattern dance events.
 2. May compete in the championship adult, masters open pattern, ~~and~~ centennial pattern, and adult gold free dance events.

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7. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 8561 (A), 8571 (A), 8581 (A), 8591 (A) and 8601 (A) (page 278-279, Rulebook)** to change to two pattern dances each, remove references to rounds and provide four dance group rotations for all levels as follows:

8561 Selection of Adult Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances ~~following groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Foxtrot, American Waltz~~
Final Round Dance 2 – American Waltz, Blues
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Fourteenstep, European Waltz, Tango~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Tango, Rocker, Foxtrot
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – European Waltz, Rocker, Foxtrot, Fourteenstep~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Rocker, Foxtrot, Tango
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Fourteenstep
Dance 2 – American Waltz

8571 Selection of Adult Pre-Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances ~~following groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Foxtrot
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Willow Waltz, Ten-Fox, European Waltz~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Fourteenstep
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Ten-Fox
Dance 2 – European Waltz
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Willow Waltz
Dance 2 – Foxtrot

8581 Selection of Adult Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances ~~following groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Cha Cha, Ten-Fox~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Hickory Hoedown
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango~~
Final Round Dance 2 – Willow Waltz
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Swing Dance
Dance 2 – Ten-Fox
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Fiesta Tango
Dance 2 – Hickory Hoedown

8591 Selection of Adult Pre-Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues~~
 ~~Final Round Dance 2 – Fiesta Tango~~
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Rhythm Blues Canasta Tango, Swing Dance~~
 ~~Final Round Dance 2 – Cha Cha~~
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango
 Dance 2 – Swing Dance
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
 Dance 2 – Cha Cha

8601 Selection of Centennial Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot~~
 ~~Final Round Dance 2 – Rocker Foxtrot Blues~~
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – American Waltz Foxtrot, Tango~~
 ~~Final Round Dance 2 – Blues Paso Doble~~
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Fourteenstep, American Waltz~~
 ~~Final Round Dance 2 – Tango Rocker Foxtrot~~
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Foxtrot
 Dance 2 – Paso Doble

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8. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Add **adult preliminary dance event** to rules as follows:

8610 Adult Preliminary Partnered Pattern Dance Event

Note: Adult preliminary partnered pattern dance will not be offered at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and is held at nonqualifying events only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed the complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered preliminary dance test; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered preliminary dance.
- B. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8611 Selection of Preliminary Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
 Dance 2 – Canasta Tango
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango
 Dance 2 – Rhythm Blues
 3. 2023-24 Group 1 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
 Dance 2 – Canasta Tango
 4. 2024-25 Group 2 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango
 Dance 2 – Rhythm Blues
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
- C. Draw for the skating order of the couples will be made in accordance with rule 8074.
- D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

Note: Adult solo dance competition rules 8610-8661 will be renumbered accordingly.

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