

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING
REPORT OF ACTION
taken by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 6, 2021**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. **APPROVED** the selection procedures for the 2022 World Junior Synchronized Skating Team and the 2022 World Synchronized Skating Team.

2. **APPROVED – Athletes Advisory Committee**

Amend **rules AACR 1.11 and AACR 2.01 (page 71, Rulebook)** to bring the Athletes Advisory Committee rules into accordance with the bylaws and NGB certification program of the Olympic and Paralympic Committee, as follows:

AACR 1.00 Authority

AACR 1.01 The Athletes Advisory Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

AACR 1.10 Organization

AACR 1.11 The Athletes Advisory Committee consists of 50 members, equally divided among the disciplines of ladies, men, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating, with each discipline having a vice chair selected from among its 10 members.

A. The chair and the board members will be included in the Athletes Advisory Committee as follows:

1. Athletes meeting the definition of an athlete, per Article XXII, Section 1, paragraph A, will elect four athlete members to the Board of Directors, one each representing singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating.
2. These four athlete members, in addition to U.S. Figure Skating’s athlete representative and alternate athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will serve on the Athletes Advisory Committee.
3. U.S. Figure Skating’s alternate representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will serve as an additional non-voting member of the Board of Directors, if they are not selected to also serve in one of the discipline spots.
4. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be elected from the pool of five athletes elected as voting members of the Board of Directors.

BA. Athletes meeting the definition of Article XXII, Section 1, paragraph A, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws will elect those athletes meeting the definition in Article XXII, Section ~~2~~ 1 paragraph A, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to serve as additional members of the Athletes Advisory Committee for a period of one year.

CB. Athletes elected

1. Must be at least 18 years of age;
2. Must not have competed for another country within the prior two years;
3. Will serve as delegates to the Governing Council held the year after the annual election.

DC. The process and conduct of the annual elections of members of the Athletes Advisory Committee and those persons who will serve as athlete members of the Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and permanent committees specified in rule AACR 2.01 (C) will be determined by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters in conjunction with the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee and presented to the Athletes Advisory Committee for approval annually. The approved election procedures will be posted on the Members Only site by March 1 each year. Approved procedures will include, at minimum, the methods of notification, voting, tie breaking, audit and the schedule.

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, from among the elected members of the Athletes Advisory Committee those persons who will serve as the athlete members of the Board of Directors, as 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 ~~2-1, 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 Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, International Committee and International Officials Committee pursuant to procedures established in rule AACR 1.11 (C).
- D. ~~Elect USOPC athlete representatives who will serve until the next quadrennial meeting or until their successors are elected. The Athletes Advisory Committee shall finalize the USOPC athlete representative election process by Dec. 1 Jan. 1., one year before the new Olympic Quadrennial starts. This process will be incorporated into the annual athlete election cycle, when applicable.~~
- E. 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.
- F. Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for carrying out Athletes Advisory Committee functions.
- G. Approve appointment of athlete members to committees where athlete members are not elected.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

3. APPROVED the following national appointments:

- National Singles/Pairs Judge
 - Pine Kopka-Ross, Seattle, Wash.
- National Showcase Judges
 - Aristeo Brito, Springfield, Va.
 - Brianne Hoppes, Westminster, Colo.
 - Lori Osborne, Overland Park, Kan.
 - Tiffany Shipley, Blue Springs, Mo.
- National Showcase Referees
 - Aristeo Brito, Springfield, Va.
 - Todd Bromley, Carrollton, Texas
 - Ann Buckley, Essex, Mass.
 - Devon Hensel, Westfield, Ind.
 - Lori Osborne, Overland Park, Kan.
 - Richard Perez, Mountain View, Calif.

4. ACCEPTED the following national resignations:

- Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, Mich. (National Dance Referee, National Dance, Singles/Pairs and Synchronized Judge)
- Elinor Houk, Spokane Valley, Wash. (National Dance Judge)
- Cassy Papajohn, Monument, Colo. (National Singles/Pairs Judge and National Singles Technical Controller only; keeping data, video and technical specialist appointments as allowed by rule)
- David Santee, Park Ridge, Ill. (National Synchronized Data Operator only)
- Barry Slawter, Studio City, Calif. (National Music Coordinator)
- Patricia Vicary, Pleasanton, Calif. (National Announcer)

5. ACKNOWLEDGED the following vacated national appointments:

- Virginia Jamison, Mohawk, Mich. (National Synchronized Judge)
- Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y. (National Synchronized Judge and Referee)
- Colette Nygren, Sudbury, Mass. (National Synchronized Technical Controller only)

6. APPROVED the following honorary national appointments:

- Wilhelm A.C. Appeltofft, Marblehead, Mass. – Honorary National Judge*
- Dorothy Dodson, Alexandria, Va. – Honorary National Judge*
- Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, Mich. – Honorary National Referee and Honorary National Judge
- Doris Heinold, Wellesley Hills, Mass. – Honorary National Judge*
- Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y. – Honorary National Referee and Honorary National Judge*
- Carole Ludlow, Venice, Fla. – Honorary National Judge*
- Bonnie McLauthlin, Denver, Colo. – Honorary National Judge*
- Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio – Honorary National Judge*
- Lee Ann Miele, Narragansett, R.I. – Honorary National Judge*
- Bette Todd, Edwards, Colo. – Honorary National Judge*
- Patricia Vicary, Pleasanton, Calif. – Honorary National Announcer

*Honored posthumously

7. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8311 (page 255, Rulebook)** to remove the partnered free dance test prerequisite from the intermediate partnered free dance test to be consistent with other levels:

8300 Free Dance Test Requirements

See rules 8412-8452 later in this section for the standard partnered free dance test elements.

8310 Classification of Partnered Free Dance Tests

8311 The standard partnered free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Partnered Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Juvenile partnered free dance	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Intermediate partnered free dance	Complete bronze partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+) and the juvenile partnered free dance test
Novice partnered free dance	Complete pre-silver partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)
Junior partnered free dance	Complete silver partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)
Senior partnered free dance	Complete gold partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)

- A. ~~With the exception of the intermediate free dance test, a~~ A lower level free dance test is not a prerequisite for a higher level free dance test.
- B. Any partnered free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required partnered pattern dance tests as listed in the prerequisite column above. No free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- C. A candidate who completed the preliminary partnered free dance test and no higher prior to Sept. 2, 2000, may bypass the juvenile partnered free dance test and continue with the intermediate partnered free dance test.

Implementation Date: Nov. 15, 2021

8. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8312 (page 255, Rulebook)** to remove the partnered free dance test prerequisite from the adult bronze free dance tests to be consistent with other levels:

8312 The adult partnered free dance tests are divided into four classes each:

Adult Partnered Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance	N/A	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Adult bronze partnered free dance	Adult 21+	Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ passing average) plus one standard or One standard or adult bronze partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) plus one One standard or adult bronze partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult silver partnered free dance	Adult 21+	One standard or adult pre-silver partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One standard or adult pre-silver partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult gold partnered free dance	Adult 21+	One standard or adult pre-gold partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One standard or adult pre-gold partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

- A. The passing of a lower level adult partnered free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard partnered free dance test. The passing of a lower level adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard partnered free dance test.
- B. To qualify for any adult partnered free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must have passed the required prerequisites shown above. To qualify for any adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older and must have passed the required prerequisites shown above.
- C. A candidate who meets the age requirements in rule 8312 (B) who would like to take an adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate must specify this when registering to take the test. If the candidate does not so specify, it will be assumed that the candidate is taking the test as an adult 21+ candidate, regardless of the candidate's age.

Implementation Date: Nov. 15, 2021

9. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8361 (page 250, Rulebook)** to remove moves in the field (MITF) and free dance tests as allowed prerequisites and adjust the pattern dance test prerequisites for standard solo free dance tests:

8360 Classification of Solo Free Dance Tests

8361 The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Solo Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Juvenile solo free dance	Complete One preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MITF test
Intermediate solo free dance	Complete One bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or intermediate MITF test (standard) or juvenile free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Novice solo free dance	Complete One pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or novice MITF test (standard) or intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Junior solo free dance	Complete One silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or junior MITF test (standard) or novice free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Senior solo free dance	Complete One pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or senior MITF test (standard) or junior free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)

- A. Any standard solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the corresponding level required prerequisites as shown above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- B. Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

Implementation date: Feb. 1, 2022

10. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8362 (pages 259-260, Rulebook)** to remove moves in the field (MITF) and free dance tests as allowed prerequisites and adjust the pattern dance test prerequisites for adult solo free dance tests:

8362 The adult solo free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Adult Solo Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult juvenile solo free dance	Adult 21+	Complete One preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MITF test or adult gold MITF test (adult 21+ passing average) or adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test
	Adult 50+	Complete One preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MITF test or adult gold MITF test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test

Adult Solo Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult intermediate solo free dance	Adult 21+	Complete One bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average) or intermediate MITF test (standard or adult 21+ passing average) or juvenile free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard or adult 21+ passing average) or adult bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Complete One bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or intermediate MITF test (standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or juvenile free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or adult bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult novice solo free dance	Adult 21+	Complete One pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average) or novice MITF test (standard or adult 21+ passing average) or intermediate free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard or adult 21+ passing average) or adult partnered silver free dance test (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Complete One pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or novice MITF test (standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or intermediate free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or adult partnered silver free dance test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult junior solo free dance	Adult 21+	Complete One silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average) or junior MITF test (standard or adult 21+ passing average) or novice free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard or adult 21+ passing average) or adult gold partnered free dance test (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Complete One silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or junior MITF test (standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or novice free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or adult gold partnered free dance test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

Adult Solo Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult senior solo free dance	Adult 21+	Complete One pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average) or senior MITF test (standard or adult 21+ passing average) or junior free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard or adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Complete One pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or senior MITF test (standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or junior free dance test (partnered standard, or solo standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

- A. The passing of a lower level adult solo free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard solo free dance test. The passing of a lower level adult solo free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard solo free dance test.
- B. To qualify for any adult solo free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard prerequisite test listed above. To qualify for any adult solo free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or standard prerequisite test listed above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- C. A candidate who meets the age requirements in rule 8362 (B) who would like to take an adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate must specify this when registering to take the test. If the candidate does not so specify, it will be assumed that the candidate is taking the test as an adult 21+ candidate, regardless of the candidate's age.
- D. Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

Implementation date: Feb. 1, 2022, lower pattern dance pre-requisite requirements
 July 1, 2023, remove options for moves in the field and free dance test pre-requisites

11. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Delete rule 2828 (page 137, Rulebook) as follows:

~~2828 In divisions which specify that a majority of skaters must meet an age requirement, the majority requirement applies to both the full roster of skaters submitted for the competition, including alternates, and the total number of skaters competing.~~

Implementation date: November 15, 2021

12. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend rules 2823 and 2826 (pages 136 and 137, Rulebook) as follows:

2823 For qualifying competitions teams must skate the number of skaters required for the level as specified in rules 9400, through 9530. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters 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. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821, and 2828.

2826 An individual skater may skate on more than one, but not more than two, synchronized skating teams, as long as the respective teams are in different levels. All the stipulations of rules 2056, 2827 and 9400–9530 must be met.

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13. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend rule 2921 (page 142, Rulebook) as follows:

2920 Draws for Starting Orders and Resurface Groups – Synchronized Skating Competitions

2921 At the synchronized sectional championships, ~~all draws for starting order will be closed. See rule 2723.~~

- A. All draws for starting order in the first segment of each event will be drawn 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.
- B. Draws following the short program for the senior and junior levels may be an open draw at the discretion of the chief referee. Promptly following these draws, the starting order for the free skate will be posted.

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