

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING
REPORT OF ACTION
taken by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sept. 11, 2023**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee

Amend **rule DOR 5.03 (page 59 of 2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook)** to reinstitute the rules that allow judges to coach group lessons as part of a learn-to-skate program and also allow coaching and judging for full-time college students.

DOR 5.03 Judging and Coaching

- A. U.S. Figure Skating members who are coaches may earn appointments as test judges and judge tests as a one-judge minority of a three-judge panel in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and the Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Officials. Coaches cannot serve as a single-judge panel.
- B. U.S. Figure Skating appointed test and competition judges may instruct skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or higher tests. Such instruction must be as part of a learn-to-skate or Learn to Skate USA group lesson program and cannot include private lessons. Judges who instruct under these guidelines maintain their eligibility to judge tests and competitions and are not subject to the limitations in paragraph A of this rule DOR 5.03.
- C. U.S. Figure Skating judges who are full-time college students may coach and judge concurrently. These judges must apply to the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee and provide documentation that confirms their status as a full-time college student. Judges who coach under these guidelines maintain their eligibility to judge tests and competitions and are not subject to the limitations in paragraph A of this rule DOR 5.03.

Implementation date: Retroactive to July 1, 2023

2. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8362 and 8392 (page 249 and 253 of 2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook)** to change the names of the adult solo free dance tests to medal colors.

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

Adult Solo Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult juvenile <u>bronze</u>	Adult 21+	One standard preliminary pattern dance (partnered or solo)
	Adult 50+	One standard preliminary pattern dance (partnered or solo)
Adult intermediate <u>pre-silver</u>	Adult 21+	One bronze pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+)
	Adult 50+	One bronze pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult novice <u>silver</u>	Adult 21+	One pre-silver pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One pre-silver pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult junior <u>pre-gold</u>	Adult 21+	One silver pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One silver pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult senior <u>gold</u>	Adult 21+	One pre-gold pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard or adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One pre-gold pattern dance (partnered or solo; standard, adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

8392 Adult Solo Free Dance Tests

A. Adult ~~Juvenile~~ Bronze Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: The purpose of this test is to encourage beginning dancers to learn the fundamentals of free dance. General requirements outlined for the preliminary pattern dance test apply equally to the adult ~~juvenile~~ bronze solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display fairly good edges and some evidence of good form. For adult 50+ candidates, see rule 8384. An adult ~~juvenile~~ bronze solo free dance must include the following required elements:

B. Adult ~~Intermediate~~ Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the pre-bronze pattern dance test apply equally to the adult ~~intermediate~~ pre-silver solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display fairly good edges and some evidence of good form. For adult 50+ candidates, see rule 8384. An adult ~~intermediate~~ pre-silver solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

C. Adult ~~Novice~~ Silver Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the bronze pattern dance test apply equally to the adult ~~novice~~ silver solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program should display moderately good edges and moderately good form. For adult 50+ candidates, see rule 8384. An adult ~~novice~~ silver solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

D. Adult ~~Junior~~ Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the pre-silver pattern dance test apply equally to the adult ~~junior~~ pre-gold solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. While technically a basic program demonstrating fundamental dance moves, it should have good edges and flow, good timing, some expression and display good form. A refined presentation is not expected but can be rewarded and reflected in the judges' program mark. For adult 50+ candidates, see rule 8384. An adult ~~junior~~ pre-gold solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

E. Adult ~~Senior~~ Gold Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the pre-gold pattern dance test apply equally to the adult ~~senior~~ gold solo free dance test. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. It must be moderately difficult, contain a good variety of movements, and be well composed and well placed on the ice surface. For adult 50+ candidates, see rule 8384. An adult ~~senior~~ gold solo free dance test must include the following required elements:

Proviso: Any other references to these tests within the rules will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: Oct. 2, 2023