



## 2022-23 Qualifying Season Informational Call



# Call Agenda

A Quick Look Back....

What Will the 2022-23 Qualifying Season Look Like?

Athlete Recognition & Qualifying Advancement

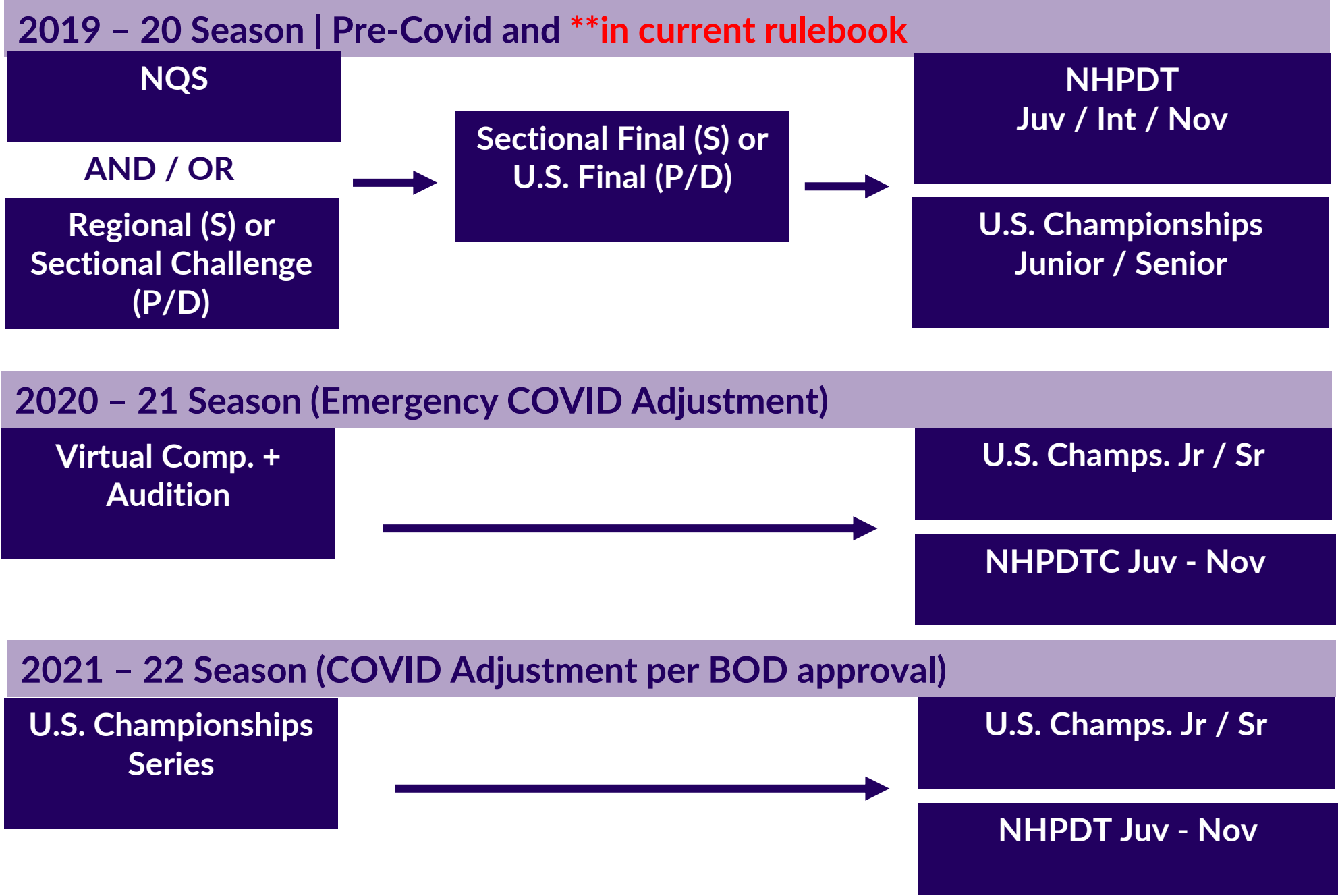
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Resource Links: [Call Recording](#), [Approved NQS Competitions](#)

# A Quick Look Back...



# 2022-23 Qualifying Season Proposal



REG/SEC Challenges are **BUILT INTO** the National Qualifying Series (NQS)

*Juvenile – Senior Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance*

**Season Timeline Shift | mid-July through end of September**

*"later start" aligns with new membership season and adoption of ISU rule changes; flexible registration*

**Establishing an Elastic Season Structure**

*Empowering athletes, coaches and parents to make decisions based on training needs/priorities, school/family schedules or potential return to play from injuries*

# 2022-23 QUALIFYING CHECKLIST

**#1 RENEW MEMBERSHIP**

**#2 IDENTIFY QUALIFYING LEVEL/ELIGIBILITY**

**#3 COMPLETE SERIES APPLICATION**

**#4 REGISTER FOR NQS COMPETITION(S)**

**#5 COMPETE!**



**NOTE: you cannot begin registration (via Series Application) for the National Qualifying Series until July 1, 2022!**

# Qualifying Checklist & Timeline

**#1 RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022-23 SEASON THROUGH HOME CLUB  
BEGINNING JUNE 1; you cannot “pass go” without this step**

**#2 IDENTIFY LEVEL FOR QUALIFYING SEASON**

**AGE – as of September 1**

**TESTING– current level or skate up ONE level (but only one level)**

**What are the options for a 14-year-old athlete who  
is currently age and test eligible for Intermediate?**

The athlete can choose to complete the Series Application for Intermediate  
OR skate up to Novice. Test criteria for Novice must be met by the end of  
September in order to advance (can submit competition IJS test credit).

# Qualifying Checklist & Timeline

## #3 QUALIFYING REGISTRATION = SERIES APPLICATION VIA EMS

**BEGINNING JULY 1 – rolling entry through September 20**

**\*\*CANNOT REGISTER PRIOR TO THIS DATE**

**Early Bird (\$35) – July 1 – July 15**

**Standard (\$70) – July 16 – September 1**

**Late (\$105) – September 2 – September 20**

If an athlete/team competes in an approved NQS competition prior to completing and paying for their Series Application, the scores will NOT count in the Series – no exceptions!

If an athlete competes at Glacier Falls at the end of July but doesn't complete their Series Application until August, their scores do NOT count and will not count at ANY point.



# Qualifying Checklist & Timeline

## #4 REGISTER FOR AN APPROVED NQS COMPETITION(S) VIA EMS

Register for preferred competitions ASAP; may have cap on entries – this may be before #3

## # 5 COMPETE – IN AT LEAST ONE APPROVED NQS EVENT

Singles: 20  
10 Pairs: 10  
Ice Dance: 5



Eastern: 7  
Midwestern: 9  
Pacific Coast: 8

July: 6  
August: 10  
September: 8



# Recognition, Awards & Advancement

Digital series certificates will be provided to all participants who post a score with their final ranking(s) and pins will be sent to the home club of each participant for local recognition:

- Top 25% nationally – gold pin
- Top 26-50% nationally – silver pin
- Below top 50% will receive a “competitor” pin

## SINGLES AWARDS

Regional Medals – awarded to top four highest scores per level, per region

Trophy – awarded to the gold medalist for each level, per region

## PAIRS & ICE DANCE AWARDS

Sectional Medals – awarded to top four highest scoring teams per level, per section

Trophies – awarded to the gold medalist team for each level, per section

National Qualifying Series medals and trophies will be presented in-person, onsite at the November Finals. If unable to attend the November Finals, awards will be sent to each recipient's home address.

**Athlete/teams final rankings is based only on highest Total Score earned at an approved NQS competition. Series Standings will be updated after each competition and maintained on EMS.**

# NQS → 2022-23 November Finals

## SINGLES

**Juvenile – Novice: 24 skaters per level**

Top 4 overall scores from each region

Next best 12 overall scores from the section

**Junior – Senior: 18 skaters per level plus byes**

Top 4 overall scores from each region

Next best 6 overall scores from the section



## PAIRS

**Juvenile – Novice: 24 teams per level**

Top 4 overall scores from each section

Next best 12 overall scores from nation

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Next best 6 overall scores from nation



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Next best 6 overall scores from nation



# 2022-23 November Finals

## **2023 Eastern Sectional Singles & U.S. Ice Dance Final**

*Tuesday, November 8 – Saturday, November 12, 2022*

*Norwood, Massachusetts – The Skating Club of Boston*

## **2023 Midwestern Sectional Singles & U.S. Pairs Final**

*Tuesday, November 8 – Friday, November 11, 2022*

*Lansing, Michigan – Lansing Skating Club*

## **2023 Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final**

*Tuesday, November 8 – Sunday, November 13*

*San Francisco, California – The Skating Club of San Francisco*



# National High Performance Dev. Team

## National High Performance Development Team Camp San Jose, California • January 2023, Exact Dates Coming Soon

### **SINGLES – 12 skaters per level**

Top 4 athletes per section, per level in Juvenile, Intermediate & Novice

### **PAIRS – 9 teams overall**

Top 6 teams from the U.S. Pairs Final in Novice

- Plus, 3 additional teams (Juvenile – Novice) per criteria approved by the Pairs Development and Technical Committee

### **ICE DANCE – 9 teams per level**

Top 9 teams per level from the U.S. Ice Dance Final in Juvenile, Intermediate & Novice

# 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

## SINGLES

**Junior: 18 skaters plus byes**

Top 4 athletes per section from Sectional Singles Final

Top 2 Novice athletes per section invited to skate up to Junior

Plus, any athletes who qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final of Figure Skating who are registered to compete Junior domestically

**Senior: maximum of 18 skaters**

Athletes receiving a bye per the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook or approved bye criteria (will be published no later than June 1, 2022)

Top 2 athletes per section from Sectional Singles Final

Plus, next best scores nationwide until maximum is met

*Proposal: re-instate alternates in senior competition (removed in 2019)*

*Bye criteria is approved on an annual basis as will be published no later than June 1, 2022*



# 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

## ICE DANCE

**Junior: 12 teams plus byes**

Top 12 teams from U.S. Ice Dance Final

Plus, any teams who qualify for the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final of Figure Skating who are registered to compete Junior domestically

**Senior: maximum of 15 teams**

Teams receiving a bye per the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook or approved bye criteria

Plus, next best teams from U.S. Ice Dance Final until maximum is met

## PAIRS

**Junior: 12 teams plus byes**

Top 12 teams from U.S. Pairs Final

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**Senior: maximum of 12 teams**

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Plus, next best teams from U.S. Pairs Final until maximum is met



# NQS Non-Negotiables

**Athletes/Teams MUST complete/pay for Series Application prior to competing at approved NQS Competition (application opens July 1, 2022)**

## **Standardized Official's Requirements**

*Align with U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook requirements for SPD qualifying competitions  
All approved LOCs agree to meet requirements in order to participate in Series*

## **No Qualifying or Final Rounds**

*All athletes/teams can post a final score in NQS (no more "FNR" on standings)  
For large events, referees have discretion to establish groups (same for SP/FS)*

## **NO Critiques at NQS Competitions (at any level)**

## **LOC Commitment to Athlete Safety**

*SkateSafe Compliance & Standardized Event Medical Coverage*

**Coach Compliance → NQS events, PSA membership IS required!**

# Registration Reminders & FAQ

Qualifying Registration = Series Application via EMS  
Opens on July 1

## Series Application Timeline

Early Bird (\$35) → July 1 – July 15

Standard (\$70) → July 16 – September 1

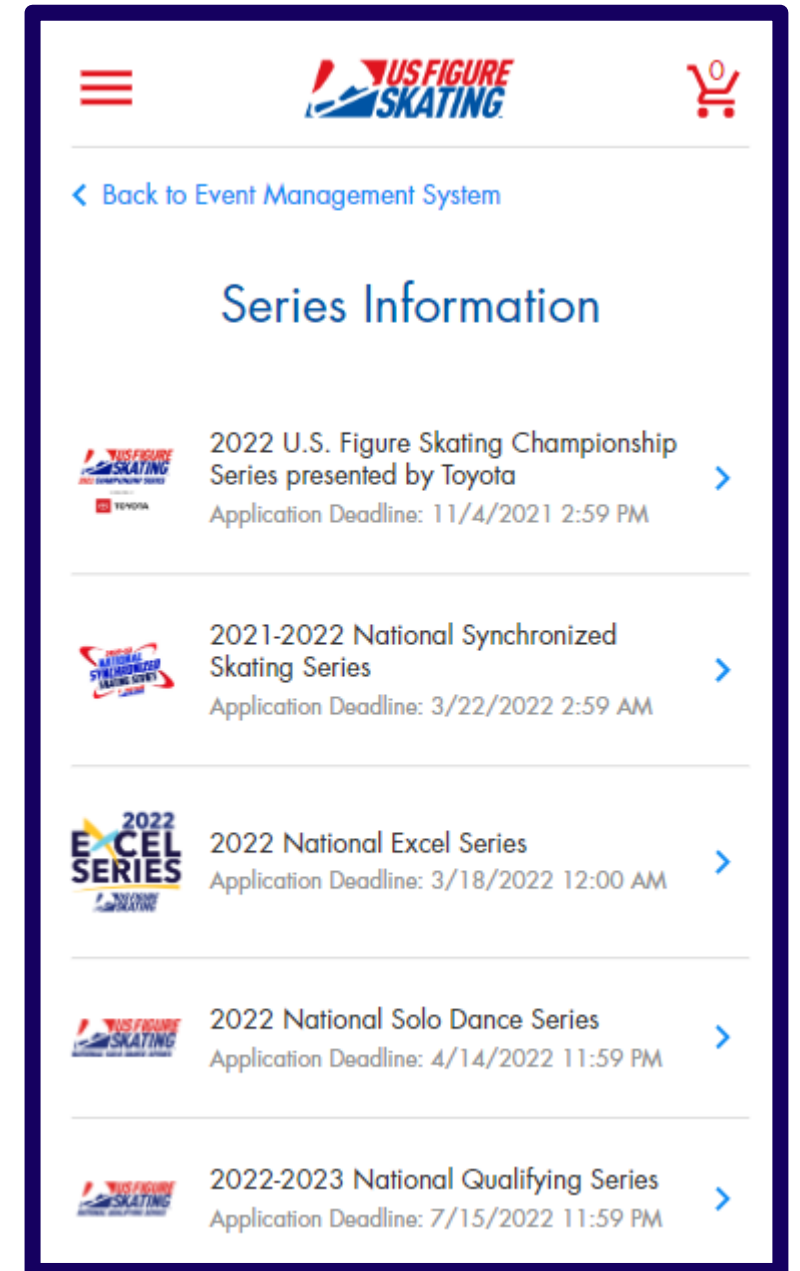
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Regional/Sectional Challenges = consolidated into NQS,  
NO stand-alone competitions in October

Athletes **MUST** compete in at least one NQS comp.

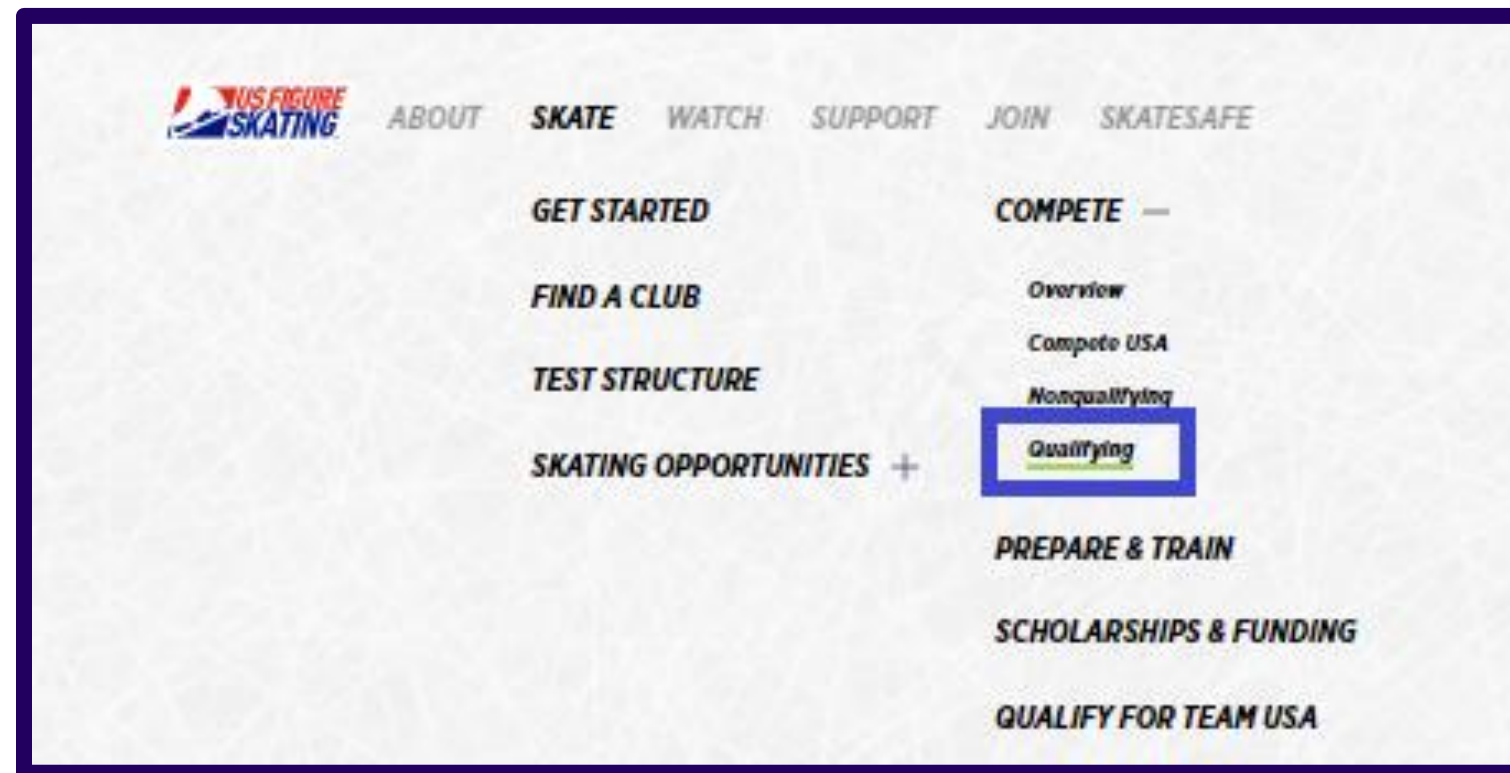
There is no limit on how many an athlete may register for  
Coach and Athlete's decision on what works BEST

**\*U.S. Figure Skating will review the data for refinement next season**



# Series Application Opens July 1

For additional information, visit [www.USFigureSkating.org](http://www.USFigureSkating.org)  
Skate → Compete → Qualifying



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