

JUDGES MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES
SYNCHRONIZED COMPETITION JUDGES
Effective Jan. 1, 2024

Synchronized Competition Judge Trial Judge Tracks

Trial judges are not required to have a skating background; however, trial judges with a competitive background may advance quicker than those who do not.

Track	Advanced Track	Accelerated Track	Standard Track
Skating or Coaching Requirements	Have competed in a junior, collegiate, senior elite 12 or senior event at a U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships Or Have competed in a junior or senior event at an international synchronized competition Or Have the equivalent competitive experience with another ISU member federation	Have competed in an intermediate, novice or adult event at a U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	None

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Certified 6.0 Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Prospective synchronized competition judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be registered with headquarters as a prospective judge or hold another appointment to have access to eLearning courses. ● Must be 16 years of age or older. (This is an exception to Rule DOR 1.03.)
eLearning	Required courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compliance for Officials ● Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* ● Judging with 6.0 Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count. *Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.
Trial Judging Activity	None required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Once all required eLearning courses have been completed, proof should be sent to the sectional vice chair for synchro on the Judges Management Subcommittee. ● Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. ● Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee. 	

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Nonqualifying Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Prospective or certified 6.0 synchronized competition judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be registered with headquarters as a prospective judge or hold another appointment to have access to eLearning courses. 		
eLearning	Required courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compliance for Officials ● Professionalism for Officials ● Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion* ● How to Become a Synchronized Competition Judge ● Judging with 6.0 (waived if judge holds certified 6.0 appointment) ● GOEs in Synchronized Skating* ● ISU Program Component Training Videos ● Turn Identification Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count. *Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.		
Trial Judging Activity	Advanced Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one in-person competition of any level using IJS 	Accelerated Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one in-person competition of any level using IJS 	Standard Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one in-person competition of any level using IJS
Turn ID	Turn ID Exam must be taken online or in person. Must earn 80 percent or better to pass. A passing score only has to be achieved once.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience. ● Trial papers and eLearning courses must be dated within two years of application for promotion. ● The trial judge assessment must be included for all competitions trial judged. ● Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. ● Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee. 			

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Sectional Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Nonqualifying synchronized competition judge		
eLearning	<p>Required courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Officials Philosophy ● Leadership Foundations ● Importance of Team ● Communication and Feedback ● Reflection and Learning <p>Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count.</p> <p>*Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.</p>		
Competition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must demonstrate a commitment to being an active judge in the competition system. ● Should judge nonqualifying competitions throughout the year and not limit this activity only to competitions that offer trial judging opportunities. All competition activity should be tracked and submitted with application for appointment. ● Only IJS activity counts toward promotion. 		
	Advanced Candidates	Accelerated Candidates	Standard Candidates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must judge at least two in-person competitions that include juvenile, intermediate and novice events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must judge at least three in-person nonqualifying competitions that include juvenile, intermediate and novice events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judge at least four in-person nonqualifying competitions that include juvenile, intermediate and novice events
Trial Judging Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one sectional synchronized championship ● Trial judge at least one additional in-person competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one sectional synchronized championship ● Trial judge at least two additional in-person competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial judge at least one sectional synchronized championship ● Trial judge at least two additional in-person competitions
Turn ID	<p>Turn ID Exam must be taken online or in person. Must earn 85 percent or better to pass. A passing score only has to be achieved once.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful completion of a promotional school conducted by the Judges Training Subcommittee may be substituted for trial judging experience. ● Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity. Summary sheets must be included for all nonqualifying competitions trial judged (link to online results and electronic copies are acceptable). ● Judging activity, trial papers and eLearning must be dated within the two years preceding the date of the application for promotion. ● The trial judge assessment must be included for all competitions trial judged. ● Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. ● Guidelines may be modified by the applicable sectional vice chair or the national vice chair of the Judges Management Subcommittee. 			

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National Synchronized Competition Judge Appointment – Minimum Requirements

Present Grade	Sectional synchronized competition judge		
eLearning	<p>Required course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Pre-Event and Post-Event Meetings* <p>Each eLearning course may count toward more than one appointment, if applicable. Courses that include an assessment require a minimum score of 80 percent to count.</p> <p>*Some courses are still being written and produced. Applicants are only required to complete courses that are available prior to their application.</p>		
Competition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must demonstrate a commitment to being an active judge in the competition system. Should judge nonqualifying and qualifying competitions throughout the year. All competition activity should be tracked and submitted with application for appointment. Only IJS activity counts toward promotion. 		
	<p>Advanced Candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge at least one synchronized sectional championships Judge at least one additional competition that includes juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior synchronized events 	<p>Accelerated Candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge at least one synchronized sectional championships Judge at least one additional competition that includes juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior synchronized events 	<p>Standard Candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge at least one synchronized sectional championships Judge at least two additional competitions that include juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior synchronized events
Trial Judging Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial judge at least two U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial judge at least two U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial judge at least two U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
Turn ID	<p>Turn ID Exam must be taken online or in person.</p> <p>Must earn 90 percent or better to pass.</p> <p>A passing score only has to be achieved once.</p>		
Exam	<p>A pre-assessment must be taken online.</p> <p>No minimum score required.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial judge is responsible for maintaining record of events judged at nonqualifying competitions. Keep and submit protocols and assignment sheets as proof of competition judging activity. Summary sheets must be included for all nonqualifying competitions trial judged (link to online results and electronic copies are acceptable). Trial papers and eLearning must be dated within the three years preceding the date of the application for promotion. Applicants cannot have any open professional standards or ethics complaints or violations. Guidelines may be modified by the national vice chair on the Judges Management Subcommittee or the chair of the Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee. Recommendations for national appointments must be approved by the Board of Directors. Such recommendations can be presented by the Technical & Officials Group Coordinator at an in-person meeting of the Board of Directors (rule DOR 3.03). 			