

**Technical Panel Official Certification & Advancement Procedures
November 19, 2021**

The Technical Panel Management Subcommittee has established the guidelines outlined in this document, to be met by candidates prior to testing for either an initial appointment or for advancement in a given discipline.

Eligibility to Apply for a Seminar or School to Test for a Technical Panel Appointment

- A. Must be at least 18 years of age as required by rule DOR 1.02.
- B. Must meet all the requirements of rules DOR 1.01 and DOR 2.00-2.05.*
- C. Must have the highest technical knowledge of the skating discipline in which one serves.
- D. Must be able to take directions and work well in a team environment.

*Guest officials from other ISU Members may be approved to test without having to become a U.S. Figure Skating member but must be in good standing with their own federation.

Testing Opportunities

Testing opportunities for initial certification and for promotion will be offered according to the table below:

	Nonqualifying (NQ) and all initial appointments	Regional	Sectional	Qualifying	National
Technical Panel Continuing Education School	None	Singles	Singles Pairs Ice Dance	S/P/D Data	None
National Technical Panel Seminar	All disciplines, all levels* <i>*Testing for synchronized controller, specialist and data operator testing may not be offered every year.</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Technical Panel Seminar occurs each year, usually in March or April. • All schools, seminars and testing opportunities are subject to sufficient participant registrations and faculty availability for given disciplines. • Continuing education schools may offer education only (no testing) for certain disciplines and levels. • School and seminar announcements and testing locations are listed on the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site under Officials→Official Info→Tech Panel. 					

Application Process

- U.S. Figure Skating will provide an application online for all candidates.
- All officials applying for **initial certification** must complete the official application and include a letter stating their reason and intent for applying to become a technical panel official.
- All officials applying for **advancement** must complete the official application and include records (names and dates of competitions and events) of all technical panel activity including 104's (officials' schedule) with your event segments highlighted, and any other supporting documents such as a certificate of attendance from a technical panel seminar or school. **(All technical panel officials interested in seeking advancement are expected to maintain such records.)**
- Full consideration will be given to all completed applications submitted by the registration deadline.

- Approval to attend and test will be determined by the national vice chair and the applicable discipline vice chair of the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee.
- All applicants will be notified regarding their acceptance.
- Following the seminar, the appointment decision will be sent to the candidate. This is the final step in the process for all candidates except those seeking national level appointments.
- Recommendations for national appointments will be submitted to the Board of Directors by the national vice chair of the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee at either the fall or spring in-person meeting for approval.

Retesting Procedure

- A candidate who does not receive an appointment must wait a period of approximately 12 months before being eligible to retest. A slightly shorter waiting period may be allowed depending on the schedule of schools and seminars.
- Additional activity including a minimum of two nonqualifying, or qualifying competitions including a total of six event segments is required for current nonqualifying, regional and sectional officials.
- A new application to test for advancement must be submitted according to the application process.
- If after two attempts to test for advancement to a particular level the candidate is not successful, no further attempts will be considered.

How is your performance evaluated?

- **Data operator** candidates are evaluated on accuracy and pacing of element entry; ability to stay focused and calm; professionalism; ability to follow directions and work with a team; ability to find clips and edit calls quickly and accurately; ability to read back the elements clearly; and knowledge of rules.
- **Technical controllers** are evaluated on element ID and accuracy of calls – including identification of turns and steps in step sequences, identification of spin features in spins, and identification of jump types, rotation and edge; professionalism and ability to work with a team; decisiveness, strength of voice and clear diction when speaking; ability to accurately and efficiently direct the review process; ability to stay focused and calm; and knowledge of rules.
- **Technical specialists** are evaluated on element ID and accuracy of calls – including identification of turns and steps in step sequences, identification of spin features in spins, and identification of jump types, rotation and edge; professionalism and ability to work with a team; ability to identify review issues quickly and analyze the elements accurately, concisely and decisively; ability to stay focused and calm; and knowledge of rules.

SINGLES TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying singles technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating regional singles/pairs competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 1. View the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 2. Complete the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.

4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a regional singles technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or Technical Panel School. To be accepted, one:
 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating regional singles/pairs competition judge or higher.
 2. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying singles technical controller for approximately 12 months.
 3. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 4. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 5. Must have served as a singles technical controller at three nonqualifying competitions, with a total of 10 event segments, including three at the intermediate level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a sectional singles technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or Technical Panel School. To be accepted, one:
 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating sectional singles/pairs competition judge or higher, or sectional singles/pairs referee or higher.
 2. Must have held an appointment as a regional singles technical controller for approximately 18 months.
 3. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 4. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 5. Must have served as a singles technical controller at four competitions including one Regional Singles Challenge or NQS competition with a total of 12 event segments, including four at the novice level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national singles technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating national singles/pairs competition judge or higher, or national singles/pairs referee or higher.
 - 2. Must have held an appointment as a sectional singles technical controller for approximately 24 months.
 - 3. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 4. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 5. Must have served as a singles technical controller at six competitions including one Regional Singles Challenge or NQS, and one Sectional Singles Final with a total of 12 event segments including five at the novice level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 - 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

SINGLES TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying singles technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must be either:
 - a. A former novice competitor at a sectional championship / final in a singles event,
 - b. A former junior or senior competitor at a regional championship / challenge or higher in a singles event,
 - c. A former masters junior-senior competitor at an adult sectional championship in a singles event, or
 - d. A former junior or senior competitor at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a pairs event;
 - e. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in paragraphs a-d above; or
 - f. A current sectional singles/pairs competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. View the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 2. Complete the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 - 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a regional singles technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or Technical Panel School. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying singles technical specialist for approximately 12 months.

2. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 3. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 4. Must have served as a singles technical specialist at three nonqualifying competitions, with a total of 10 event segments including three at the Intermediate level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a sectional singles technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or Technical Panel School. To be accepted, one:
1. Must have held an appointment as a regional singles technical specialist for approximately 18 months.
 2. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 3. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 4. Must have served as a singles technical specialist at four competitions including one Singles Regional Challenge or NQS competition with a total of 12 event segments, including four at the novice level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national singles technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
1. Must be an individual identified as possessing the qualifications of a sectional singles technical specialist promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee.
 2. Must have held an appointment as a sectional singles technical specialist for approximately 24 months.
 3. Must have completed the Singles Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 4. Must have viewed the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.

5. Must have served as a singles technical controller at six competitions including one Regional Singles Challenge or NQS, and one Sectional Singles Final with a total of 12 event segments including five at the novice level or above in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

SINGLES/PAIRS/DANCE DATA OPERATORS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying singles/pairs/dance data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
1. Must have good computer skills and be familiar with the data entries corresponding to the called elements.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. View the singles technical panel webinar for the current season.
 2. Complete the Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a qualifying singles/pairs/dance data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar or Technical Panel School. To be accepted, one:
1. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying singles/pairs/dance data operator for approximately 12 months.
 2. Must have completed the Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to the seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 3. Must have viewed the singles, pairs and ice dance technical panel webinars for the current season.
 4. Must have served as a data operator in singles, pairs or ice dance events at four competitions with a total of 12 event segments in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national singles/pairs/dance data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
1. Must have held an appointment as a qualifying singles/pairs/dance data operator for approximately 24 months.

2. Must have completed the Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to the seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 3. Must have viewed the singles, pairs and ice dance technical panel webinars for the current season.
 4. Must have served as a data operator in singles, pairs or ice dance events at six competitions including one Regional Singles Challenge or NQS, and one Sectional Singles Final with a total of 12 event segments in the last 24 months. Event segments must include six or more competitors in the juvenile level or above.
 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

PAIRS TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying pairs technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating regional singles/pairs competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. View the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 2. Complete the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a sectional pairs technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating sectional singles/pairs competition judge or higher, or sectional singles/pairs referee or higher.
 2. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying pairs technical controller for approximately 18 months.
 3. Must have completed the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 4. Must have viewed the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 5. Due to the limited number of domestic pairs events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national pairs technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating national singles/pairs competition judge or higher, or national singles/pairs referee or higher.
 - 2. Must have held an appointment as a sectional pairs technical controller for approximately 24 months.
 - 3. Must have completed the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 4. Must have viewed the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 5. Due to the limited number of domestic pairs events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 - 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

PAIRS TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying pairs technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must be either:
 - a. A former junior or senior pairs competitor at a sectional championship (prior to the 2020 season) / U.S. Pairs Final or higher;
 - b. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in paragraph a above; or
 - c. A current sectional singles/pairs competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. View the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 2. Complete the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 - 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a sectional pairs technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying pairs technical specialist for approximately 18 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 3. Must have viewed the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 4. Due to the limited number of domestic pairs events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.

- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national pairs technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a sectional pairs technical specialist for approximately 24 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Pairs Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 3. Must have viewed the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 4. Due to the limited number of domestic pairs events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 - 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

DANCE TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying ice dance technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating sectional dance competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. View the dance technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 2. Complete the Dance Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 - 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a sectional ice dance technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating sectional dance competition judge or higher, or sectional dance referee or higher.
 - 2. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying dance technical controller for approximately 18 months.
 - 3. Must have completed the Dance Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 4. Must have viewed the pairs technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 5. Due to the limited number of domestic dance events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.

- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national ice dance technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating national dance competition judge or higher, or national dance referee or higher.
 - 2. Must have held an appointment as a sectional dance technical controller for approximately 24 months.
 - 3. Must have completed the Dance Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 4. Must have viewed the dance technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 5. Due to the limited number of domestic dance events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 6. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 - 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

DANCE TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying ice dance technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must be either:
 - a. A former junior or senior dance competitor at a sectional championship (prior to the 2020 season) / U.S. Ice Dance Final or higher;
 - b. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in paragraph a above; or
 - c. A current sectional dance competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. View the dance technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 2. Complete the Dance Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 - 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 4. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

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- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying dance technical specialist for approximately 18 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Dance Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.

3. Must have viewed the dance technical panel webinar for the current season.
 4. Due to the limited number of domestic dance events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

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SYNCHRONIZED TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying synchronized technical controller:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
1. Must be a U.S. Figure Skating sectional synchronized competition judge or higher.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. View the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.
 2. Complete the Synchronized Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.
 3. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
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 4. Must have viewed the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.

5. Due to the limited number of domestic synchronized events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
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- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
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- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
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 2. Must have held an appointment as a sectional synchronized technical controller for approximately 24 months.
 3. Must have completed the Synchronized Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
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 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national synchronized technical specialist:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a sectional synchronized technical specialist for approximately 24 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Synchronized Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 3. Must have viewed the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 4. Due to the limited number of domestic synchronized events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 - 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

SYNCHRONIZED DATA OPERATORS:

To be appointed as a nonqualifying synchronized data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted one:
 - 1. Must have good computer skills and be familiar with the data entries corresponding to the called elements.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. View the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 2. Complete the Synchronized Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER). No minimum score is required.

To be appointed as a qualifying synchronized data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a nonqualifying synchronized data operator for approximately 12 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Synchronized Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to the seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 3. Must have viewed the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 4. Due to the limited number of domestic synchronized events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar or school.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.

To be appointed as a national synchronized data operator:

- A. Apply to test at a National Technical Panel Seminar. To be accepted, one:
 - 1. Must have held an appointment as a qualifying synchronized data operator for approximately 24 months.
 - 2. Must have completed the Synchronized Data Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) and the All Officials Technical Panel Education Requirement (TPER) each with a score of 85% or higher; completed before applying to the seminar. If score is less than 85%, the candidate will have the opportunity for a retake.
 - 3. Must have viewed the synchronized technical panel webinar for the current season.
 - 4. Due to the limited number of domestic synchronized events, education requirements must be met, and seminar acceptance will be determined on an individual basis.
 - 5. Must receive favorable peer evaluations.
- B. If accepted to the seminar, one must meet the following requirements to earn an appointment:
 - 1. Pass the practical and written exams at the seminar.
 - 2. Be recommended for appointment by the faculty.
 - 3. Be approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

These guidelines are subject to periodic review by the Technical Panel Management Subcommittee. Attendance at a technical panel seminar or school will be considered when evaluating officials for advancement. Those attending will receive a certificate of activity to acknowledge attendance.