

JUDGES MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Effective Jan. 1, 2024

Dance Trial Judge Tracks

Trial judges are not required to have a skating background; however, trial judges who have passed a minimum level of test, achieved certain competitive accomplishments and/or earned a coaching accreditation will qualify for a “fast track” at the accelerated or advanced level.

Track	Advanced Track	Accelerated Track	Standard Track
Skating or Coaching Requirements	Have competed in a novice, junior or senior ice dance event at one of the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Ice Dance Final• Sectional figure skating championships Or Have competed in a championship solo or partnered dance event at a U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Or Have competed in a junior or senior combined event at a National Solo Dance Final. Or Have earned a coach accreditation at the senior or masters level for ice dance Or Have the equivalent competitive experience with another ISU member federation.	Have passed, at minimum, one of the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete standard pre-silver pattern dance test (lead or follow, partnered or solo)• Complete adult silver pattern dance test (lead or follow, partnered or solo) Or Have earned a coach accreditation at level 1 or level 2 for ice dance	None

Trial judges may trial any test regardless of the track in which they are registered.

Trial judges who pass higher-level tests, earn a higher-level coach accreditation and/or who compete for the first time in one of the required competition events after beginning to trial judge may contact officialsmanagement@usfigureskating.org to have their track updated.

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Singles/Pairs Trial Judge Tracks

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Track	Advanced Track	Accelerated Track	Standard Track
Skating or Coaching Requirements	Have competed in a novice, junior or senior singles or pairs event at one of the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sectional singles final• U.S. Pairs Final• Sectional figure skating championships Or Have competed in a junior or senior singles event at the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships. Or Have competed in a championship masters singles or championship pairs event at a U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Or Have earned a coach accreditation at the senior or masters level for singles or pairs Or Have the equivalent competitive experience with another ISU member federation.	Have passed, at minimum, one of the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silver singles• Silver pairs• Adult gold singles• Adult gold pairs Or Have earned a coach accreditation at level 1 or level 2 for singles or pairs	None

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Synchronized Trial Judge Tracks

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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

Trial judges who pass higher-level tests and/or who compete for the first time in one of the required competition events after beginning to trial judge may contact officialsmanagement@usfigureskating.org to have their track updated.