

U.S. Figure Skating
2021-22 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION
Board of Directors — Via Video Conference and Electronic Ballots — May 1, 2021, through April 27, 2021
Governing Council — Via Video Conference — April 29-30, 2022

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2022 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 18, 2021

1. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the 2021-22 Compensation Committee: Kristin Arneson Cutler (chair), Janis Engel, Colin McManus (athlete), and Troy Goldstein (ex officio as treasurer).
2. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the 2021-22 Audit Committee: Winston Burbank, Sharon Hatcherson, Kimberley Moore, Alexander Johnson (athlete) and Troy Goldstein (ex officio as treasurer). The committee will select its own chair.
3. **APPROVED** the following persons as members of the 2021-22 Nominating Committee: Heather Nemier, Patricia St. Peter and Sharon Watson. Nemier and Watson are each elected for a two-year term. St. Peter is elected for a one-year term.
4. **APPROVED** temporarily passing the signing authority of the executive director to the chief marketing officer through June 30, 2021, or upon the return of the executive director, whichever is sooner. In addition to the current policy wherein the president must sign for purchase orders over \$50,000, during this duration the president and treasurer are to be notified and must authorize check and cash disbursement requests over \$50,000.

JUNE 12-13, 2021

5. **APPROVED** the Antlers Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the site for the 2022 Governing Council, April 27-May 1, 2022, and the Tropicana in Las Vegas as the site for the 2023 Governing Council, May 4-7, 2023.
6. **APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee**
Change the implementation date of Items 103 and 104 in the 2020-21 Combined Report of Action from Nov. 1, 2021, to Dec. 1, 2021, with the proviso that the final U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series events are currently scheduled to conclude on Nov. 20, 2021. Should any series events be delayed for any reason, the implementation date for this change will be delayed to the second Wednesday (a week and a half) following the final event.

6471 Elements for the Preliminary Boys and Girls Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PRELIMINARY BOYS & GIRLS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE& FREE SKATE TEST
2:00 +/- 10 seconds

One step sequence (choreographic step sequence)

- Must utilize the full ice surface
- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater
- Moves in the field sequences and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements

Implementation date: ~~November~~ December 1, 2021, or the second Wednesday following the final U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series event; whichever is later

7. **APPROVED** the [athlete bye and advancement criteria](#) for the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

AUGUST 5, 2021

8. **APPROVED** the revised [athlete selection procedures](#) for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

AUGUST 9, 2021

9. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of Elise Preston as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Ice Rink Association.
10. **APPROVED** the selection procedures for the [2022 World Figure Skating Team](#), [2022 Four Continents Figure Skating Team](#), and [2022 World Junior Figure Skating Team](#).

AUGUST 12, 2021

11. **APPROVED** the following required minimum total element scores (TES) to compete in the championship (senior) events at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships:
- Men
 - o Short Program: 23.0
 - o Free Skate: 50.0
 - Ladies/Women
 - o Short Program: 20.0
 - o Free Skate: 38.0
 - Pairs
 - o Short Program: 20.0
 - o Free Skate: 37.0
 - Ice Dance
 - o Rhythm Dance: 22.0
 - o Free Dance: 43.0

Athletes/teams must earn the minimum TES in the short program/rhythm dance and the free skate/free dance at an eligible competition as defined in [Technical Notification 266](#), but do not need to earn them at the same competition.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

12. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of Rockne Brubaker as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Ice Rink Association, contingent on his acceptance of the appointment.

OCTOBER 11, 2021

13. **APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 8511 (A) (page 275, Rulebook)** to adjust the pattern dance rotation as follows:

8511 Selection of Championship Adult Pattern Dances

A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:

1. 2021-22 Group 4 Initial Round – Kilian, Westminster Waltz
Final Round – free dance
2. 2022-23 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Blues, Argentine Tango Quickstep
Final Round – free dance
3. 2023-24 Group 2 Initial Round – Viennese Waltz, Silver Samba Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz
Final Round – free dance
4. 2024-25 Group 3 Initial Round – Starlight Waltz, Rhumba Blues, Silver Samba
Final Round – free dance

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

14. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 8512 (page 276, Rulebook) to add a choreographic element requirement to the partnered free dance events:

8512 Elements for Championship Adult/Adult Gold/Adult Pre-Gold/Masters Open Free Dance

In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance in accordance with rule 8095. The draw for the starting order of the couples will be made in accordance with rules section 2730.

CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT/ADULT GOLD/ADULT PRE-GOLD/MASTERS OPEN FREE DANCE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
DANCE LIFTS	<i>No change from current rules</i>
DANCE SPINS	<i>No change from current rules</i>
STEP SEQUENCES	<i>No change from current rules</i>
TWIZZLES	<i>No change from current rules</i>
<u>CHOREOGRAPHIC ELEMENT</u>	One choreographic element chosen from: <u>Choreographic lift</u> <u>Choreographic spinning movement</u> <u>Choreographic twizzling movement</u> <u>Choreographic sliding movement</u> <u>Choreographic character step sequence</u>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<i>No change from current rules</i>

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

15. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 8521 (A), 8531 (A) and 8541 (A) and delete rules 8522, 8532 and 8542 (page 276-277, Rulebook) to change from three pattern dances to two pattern dances at each level, remove references to rounds, and eliminate the free dance as follows:

8521 Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances

A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following ~~groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:

1. 2021-22 Group 4 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Paso Doble, Westminster Waltz~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Westminster Waltz free dance~~
2. 2022-23 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Kilian Quickstep, Argentine Tango~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Argentine Tango free dance~~
3. 2023-24 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Blues Kilian, Starlight Waltz~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Viennese Waltz free dance~~
4. 2024-25 Group 3 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Starlight Waltz Viennese Waltz, Silver Samba~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Quickstep free dance~~

~~**8522 – Adult Gold Free Dance**~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

8531 Selection of Adult Pre-Gold Pattern Dances

A For each competitive season, the pattern dances following ~~groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:

1. 2021-22 Group 4 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Rocker Foxtrot, Kilian~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Kilian free dance~~
2. 2022-23 Group 1 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – American Waltz Blues, Starlight Waltz~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Blues free dance~~
3. 2023-24 Group 2 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Tango American Waltz, Paso Doble~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Starlight Waltz free dance~~
4. 2024-25 Group 3 ~~Initial Round Dance 1 – Rocker Foxtrot Tango, Blues~~
~~Final Round Dance 2 – Paso Doble free dance~~

~~**8532 – Adult Pre-Gold Free Dance**~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

8541 Selection of Masters Open Pattern Dances

A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:

1. 2021-22 Group 3 Initial Round Dance 1 – Kilian Westminster Waltz, Rhumba
Final Round Dance 2 – Westminster Waltz free dance
2. 2022-23 Group 4 Initial Round Dance 1 – Blues Quickstep, Tango Romantica
Final Round Dance 2 – Argentine Tango free dance
3. 2023-24 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Viennese Waltz Starlight Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado
Final Round Dance 2 – Silver Samba free dance
4. 2024-25 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Starlight Waltz Silver Samba, Viennese Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Rhumba free dance

~~8542 Masters Open Free Dance~~

~~In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

Note: Rule 8512 will also need to be amended to delete references to adult pre-gold and masters open levels. Adult gold free dance was approved as a stand-alone event in Item 16.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

16. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 8520 to 8522 (page 276, Rulebook)** to add a stand-alone adult gold free dance event to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

8520 Adult Gold Dance Events

~~Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event. (Move to rule 8521.)~~

8521 Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances Adult Gold Pattern Dance Event

~~Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event. (Moved from rule 8520.)~~

~~8522~~ Selection of Adult Gold Pattern Dances

Balance of pattern dance rule remains unchanged for the purpose of this proposal.

8525 Adult Gold Free Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered pre-gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) partnered silver dance. Note: for determining competition eligibility for this rule, a Starlight Waltz test passed prior to Sept. 1, 2003, is considered a pre-gold dance, not an international dance.

~~8526~~ Elements for Adult Gold Free Dance

~~Each of the couples will present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. In the final round, each of the couples shall present a free dance to be skated in accordance with the provisions of rule 8512. The draw for the starting order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules section 2730.~~

Note: Rule 2055 (B) will be modified accordingly.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

17. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2401 (B)(3) (page 122-123, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2401 B.** All skaters'/teams' entries must include the appropriate entry fee and an administrative fee. Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. Administrative fees are not refundable.
3. If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. In the case of qualifying in a championship dance event, competitors may withdraw from either the pattern dance or free dance, but not both. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

18. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 8501 (D) (page 275, Rulebook)** as follows:

8501 Adult dance events:

- D. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance, or senior dance:
1. May not compete in the adult gold, adult pre-gold, adult silver, adult pre-silver, adult bronze, or adult pre-bronze pattern dance events.
 2. May compete in the championship adult, masters open pattern, and-centennial pattern, and adult gold free dance events.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

19. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rules 8561 (A), 8571 (A), 8581 (A), 8591 (A) and 8601 (A) (page 278-279, Rulebook)** to change to two pattern dances each, remove references to rounds and provide four dance group rotations for all levels as follows:

8561 Selection of Adult Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances ~~following groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round~~ Dance 1 – Foxtrot, American Waltz
~~Final Round~~ Dance 2 – American Waltz Blues
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round~~ Dance 1 – Fourteenstep European Waltz, Tango
~~Final Round~~ Dance 2 – Tango Rocker Foxtrot
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 ~~Initial Round~~ Dance 1 – European Waltz Rocker Foxtrot Fourteenstep
~~Final Round~~ Dance 2 – Rocker Foxtrot Tango
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Fourteenstep
Dance 2 – American Waltz

8571 Selection of Adult Pre-Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances ~~following groups of initial round dances~~ will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 ~~Initial Round~~ Dance 1 – Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown
~~Final Round~~ Dance 2 – Foxtrot
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 ~~Initial Round~~ Dance 1 – Willow Waltz Ten-Fox, European Waltz
~~Final Round~~ Dance 2 – Fourteenstep
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Ten-Fox
Dance 2 – European Waltz
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Willow Waltz
Dance 2 – Foxtrot

8581 Selection of Adult Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Cha Cha, Ten-Fox
Final Round Dance 2 – Hickory Hoedown
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango
Final Round Dance 2 – Willow Waltz
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Swing Dance
Dance 2 – Ten-Fox
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Fiesta Tango
Dance 2 – Hickory Hoedown

8591 Selection of Adult Pre-Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues
Final Round Dance 2 – Fiesta Tango
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – Rhythm Blues Canasta Tango, Swing Dance
Final Round Dance 2 – Cha Cha
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango
Dance 2 – Swing Dance
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
Dance 2 – Cha Cha

8601 Selection of Centennial Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances following groups of initial round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 Initial Round Dance 1 – European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Final Round Dance 2 – Rocker Foxtrot Blues
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 Initial Round Dance 1 – American Waltz Foxtrot, Tango
Final Round Dance 2 – Blues Paso Doble
 3. 2023-24 Group 3 Initial Round Dance 1 – Fourteenstep, American Waltz
Final Round Dance 2 – Tango Rocker Foxtrot
 4. 2024-25 Group 4 Dance 1 – Foxtrot
Dance 2 – Paso Doble

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

20. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Add **adult preliminary dance event** to rules as follows:

8610 Adult Preliminary Partnered Pattern Dance Event

Note: Adult preliminary partnered pattern dance will not be offered at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and is held at nonqualifying events only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed the complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered preliminary dance test; the other partner must have passed at least one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered preliminary dance.
- B. Any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice dance, junior dance or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

8611 Selection of Preliminary Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2021-22 Group 1 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
Dance 2 – Canasta Tango
 2. 2022-23 Group 2 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango
Dance 2 – Rhythm Blues
 3. 2023-24 Group 1 Dance 1 – Dutch Waltz
Dance 2 – Canasta Tango

4. 2024-25 Group 2 Dance 1 – Canasta Tango

Dance 2 – Rhythm Blues

B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.

C. Draw for the skating order of the couples will be made in accordance with rule 8074.

D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

Note: Adult solo dance competition rules 8610-8661 will be renumbered accordingly.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

21. APPROVED the selection procedures for the 2022 World Junior Synchronized Skating Team and the 2022 World Synchronized Skating Team.

22. APPROVED – Athletes Advisory Committee

Amend **rules AACR 1.11 and AACR 2.01 (page 71, Rulebook)** to bring the Athletes Advisory Committee rules into accordance with the bylaws and NGB certification program of the Olympic and Paralympic Committee, as follows:

AACR 1.00 Authority

AACR 1.01 The Athletes Advisory Committee is a permanent committee pursuant to Article XVI, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

AACR 1.10 Organization

AACR 1.11 The Athletes Advisory Committee consists of 50 members, equally divided among the disciplines of ladies, men, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating, with each discipline having a vice chair selected from among its 10 members.

A. The chair and the board members will be included in the Athletes Advisory Committee as follows:

1. Athletes meeting the definition of an athlete, per Article XXII, Section 1, paragraph A, will elect four athlete members to the Board of Directors, one each representing singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating.
2. These four athlete members, in addition to U.S. Figure Skating’s athlete representative and alternate athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will serve on the Athletes Advisory Committee.
3. U.S. Figure Skating’s alternate representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will serve as an additional non-voting member of the Board of Directors, if they are not selected to also serve in one of the discipline spots.
4. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be elected from the pool of five athletes elected as voting members of the Board of Directors.

BA. Athletes meeting the definition of Article XXII, Section 1, paragraph A, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws will elect those athletes meeting the definition in Article XXII, Section 2 1 paragraph A, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to serve as additional members of the Athletes Advisory Committee for a period of one year.

CB. Athletes elected

1. Must be at least 18 years of age;
2. Must not have competed for another country within the prior two years;
3. Will serve as delegates to the Governing Council held the year after the annual election.

DC. The process and conduct of the annual elections of members of the Athletes Advisory Committee and those persons who will serve as athlete members of the Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and permanent committees specified in rule AACR 2.01 (C) will be determined by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters in conjunction with the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee and presented to the Athletes Advisory Committee for approval annually. The approved election procedures will be posted on the Members Only site by March 1 each year. Approved procedures will include, at minimum, the methods of notification, voting, tie breaking, audit and the schedule.

AACR 2.00 Responsibility

AACR 2.01 The Athletes Advisory Committee will:

- A. Act as a collecting base for the viewpoints and ideas of individuals who are actively engaged in athletic competition in figure skating or who have represented the United States in international athletic competition in figure skating within the preceding 10 years, and conduct informational meetings from time to time in implementation thereof;
- B. Elect from the athletes elected to the Board of Directors, from among the elected members of the Athletes Advisory Committee those persons who will serve as the athlete members of the Board of Directors, as the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, and from the elected members of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the athlete members of the Nominating Committee;
- C. Elect from among the athletes defined in Article XXII, Section 2-1, paragraphs A or B, in accordance with Article XXII, Section 2, paragraph A, section ii, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, the athlete members of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Grievance Committee, International

Committee and International Officials Committee pursuant to procedures established in rule AACR 1.11 (C).

- D. Elect USOPC athlete representatives who will serve until the next quadrennial meeting or until their successors are elected. The Athletes Advisory Committee shall finalize the USOPC athlete representative election process by Dec. 1 Jan. 1., one year before the new Olympic Quadrennial starts; This process will be incorporated into the annual athlete election cycle, when applicable.
- E. Make recommendations for the nomination of the figure skating members of U.S. Figure Skating and ISU, as well as for the selection of staff personnel of teams to represent U.S. Figure Skating in international competition.
- F. Establish rules, procedures and guidelines for carrying out Athletes Advisory Committee functions.
- G. Approve appointment of athlete members to committees where athlete members are not elected.

Implementation date: Dec. 1, 2021

23. APPROVED the following national appointments:

- National Singles/Pairs Judge
 - Pine Kopka-Ross, Seattle, Wash.

- National Showcase Judges
 - Aristeo Brito, Springfield, Va.
 - Brianne Hoppes, Westminster, Colo.
 - Lori Osborne, Overland Park, Kan.
 - Tiffany Shipley, Blue Springs, Mo.

- National Showcase Referees
 - Aristeo Brito, Springfield, Va.
 - Todd Bromley, Carrollton, Texas
 - Ann Buckley, Essex, Mass.
 - Devon Hensel, Westfield, Ind.
 - Lori Osborne, Overland Park, Kan.
 - Richard Perez, Mountain View, Calif.

24. ACCEPTED the following national resignations:

- Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, Mich. (National Dance Referee, National Dance, Singles/Pairs and Synchronized Judge)
- Elinor Houk, Spokane Valley, Wash. (National Dance Judge)
- Cassy Papajohn, Monument, Colo. (National Singles/Pairs Judge and National Singles Technical Controller only; keeping data, video and technical specialist appointments as allowed by rule)
- David Santee, Park Ridge, Ill. (National Synchronized Data Operator only)
- Barry Slawter, Studio City, Calif. (National Music Coordinator)
- Patricia Vicary, Pleasanton, Calif. (National Announcer)

25. ACKNOWLEDGED the following vacated national appointments:

- Virginia Jamison, Mohawk, Mich. (National Synchronized Judge)
- Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y. (National Synchronized Judge and Referee)
- Colette Nygren, Sudbury, Mass. (National Synchronized Technical Controller only)

26. APPROVED the following honorary national appointments:

- Wilhelm A.C. Appeltofft, Marblehead, Mass. – Honorary National Judge*
- Dorothy Dodson, Alexandria, Va. – Honorary National Judge*
- Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, Mich. – Honorary National Referee and Honorary National Judge
- Doris Heinold, Wellesley Hills, Mass. – Honorary National Judge*
- Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y. – Honorary National Referee and Honorary National Judge*
- Carole Ludlow, Venice, Fla. – Honorary National Judge*
- Bonnie McLauthlin, Denver, Colo. – Honorary National Judge*
- Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio – Honorary National Judge*
- Lee Ann Miele, Narragansett, R.I. – Honorary National Judge*
- Bette Todd, Edwards, Colo. – Honorary National Judge*
- Patricia Vicary, Pleasanton, Calif. – Honorary National Announcer

*Honored posthumously

27. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8311 (page 255, Rulebook)** to remove the partnered free dance test prerequisite from the intermediate partnered free dance test to be consistent with other levels:

8300 Free Dance Test Requirements

See rules 8412-8452 later in this section for the standard partnered free dance test elements.

8310 Classification of Partnered Free Dance Tests

8311 The standard partnered free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Partnered Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Juvenile partnered free dance	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Intermediate partnered free dance	Complete bronze partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+) and the juvenile partnered free dance test
Novice partnered free dance	Complete pre-silver partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)
Junior partnered free dance	Complete silver partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)
Senior partnered free dance	Complete gold partnered pattern dance test (standard or adult 21+)

- A. ~~With the exception of the intermediate free dance test, a~~ A lower level free dance test is not a prerequisite for a higher level free dance test.
- B. Any partnered free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required partnered pattern dance tests as listed in the prerequisite column above. No free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- C. A candidate who completed the preliminary partnered free dance test and no higher prior to Sept. 2, 2000, may bypass the juvenile partnered free dance test and continue with the intermediate partnered free dance test.

Implementation date: Nov. 15, 2021

28. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8312 (page 255, Rulebook)** to remove the partnered free dance test prerequisite from the adult bronze free dance tests to be consistent with other levels:

8312 The adult partnered free dance tests are divided into four classes each:

Adult Partnered Free Dance Test	Candidate	Prerequisite
Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance	N/A	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Adult bronze partnered free dance	Adult 21+	Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ passing average) plus one standard or <u>One standard or</u> adult bronze partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	Adult pre-bronze partnered free dance test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) plus one standard or <u>One standard or</u> adult bronze partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult silver partnered free dance	Adult 21+	One standard or adult pre-silver partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One standard or adult pre-silver partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Adult gold partnered free dance	Adult 21+	One standard or adult pre-gold partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ passing average)
	Adult 50+	One standard or adult pre-gold partnered pattern dance (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

- A. The passing of a lower level adult partnered free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard partnered free dance test. The passing of a lower level adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard partnered free dance test.
- B. To qualify for any adult partnered free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must have passed the required prerequisites shown above. To qualify for any adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older and must have passed the required prerequisites shown above.
- C. A candidate who meets the age requirements in rule 8312 (B) who would like to take an adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate must specify this when registering to take the test. If the candidate does not so specify, it will be assumed that the candidate is taking the test as an adult 21+ candidate, regardless of the candidate's age.

Implementation date: Nov. 15, 2021

29. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8361 (page 250, Rulebook)** to remove moves in the field (MITF) and free dance tests as allowed prerequisites and adjust the pattern dance test prerequisites for standard solo free dance tests:

8360 Classification of Solo Free Dance Tests

8361 The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Solo Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Juvenile solo free dance	Complete <u>One</u> preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MITF test
Intermediate solo free dance	Complete <u>One</u> bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or intermediate MITF test (standard) or juvenile free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Novice solo free dance	Complete <u>One</u> pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or novice MITF test (standard) or intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Junior solo free dance	Complete <u>One</u> silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or junior MITF test (standard) or novice free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)
Senior solo free dance	Complete <u>One</u> pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo, standard) or senior MITF test (standard) or junior free dance test (partnered or solo, standard)

A. Any standard solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the corresponding level required prerequisites as shown above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.

B. Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

Implementation date: Feb. 1, 2022

30. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8362 (pages 259-260, Rulebook)** to remove moves in the field (MITF) and free dance tests as allowed prerequisites and adjust the pattern dance test prerequisites for adult solo free dance tests:

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

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

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

- A. The passing of a lower level adult solo free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard solo free dance test. The passing of a lower level adult solo free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard solo free dance test.
- B. To qualify for any adult solo free dance test as an adult 21+ candidate, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult (adult 21+ passing average) or standard prerequisite test listed above. To qualify for any adult solo free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older and must have passed the preceding adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) or standard prerequisite test listed above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- C. A candidate who meets the age requirements in rule 8362 (B) who would like to take an adult partnered free dance test as an adult 50+ candidate must specify this when registering to take the test. If the candidate does not so specify, it will be assumed that the candidate is taking the test as an adult 21+ candidate, regardless of the candidate's age.
- D. Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

Implementation date: Feb. 1, 2022, lower pattern dance pre-requisite requirements
July 1, 2023, remove options for moves in the field and free dance test pre-requisites

31. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Delete **rule 2828 (page 137, Rulebook)** as follows:

~~**2828**—In divisions which specify that a majority of skaters must meet an age requirement, the majority requirement applies to both the full roster of skaters submitted for the competition, including alternates, and the total number of skaters competing.~~

Implementation date: November 15, 2021

32. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rules 2823 and 2826 (pages 136 and 137, Rulebook)** as follows:

2823 For qualifying competitions teams must skate the number of skaters required for the level as specified in rules 9400, ~~through 9530~~. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters due to onsite illness or injury which has been confirmed by onsite medical staff, the team will be permitted to compete. If the minimum number of skaters on a team is not met for any other reason, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn; however, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821, ~~and 2828~~.

2826 An individual skater may skate on more than one, but not more than two, synchronized skating teams, as long as the respective teams are in different levels. All the stipulations of rules 2056, 2827 and 9400~~–9530~~ must be met.

Implementation date: November 15, 2021

33. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend **rule 2921 (page 142, Rulebook)** as follows:

2920 Draws for Starting Orders and Resurface Groups – Synchronized Skating Competitions

2921 At the synchronized sectional championships, ~~all draws for starting order will be closed. See rule 2723.~~

A. All draws for starting order in the first segment of each event will be drawn in a closed draw by the chief referee or chief accountant in the presence of at least two other officials at any convenient time after the closing of entries. The drawn starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first event of the competition.

B. Draws following the short program for the senior and junior levels may be an open draw at the discretion of the chief referee. Promptly following these draws, the starting order for the free skate will be posted.

Implementation date: November 15, 2021

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

34. APPROVED the Nov. 11, 2021, updates to [Technical Notification 271](#) which:

1. Change the implementation date for adding a choreographic element to the adult free dance events from Dec. 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022.
2. Adjust the free dance events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and adult sectional championships to include adult pre-gold free dance and masters open free dance in addition to the adult gold free dance that was approved on Oct. 11, 2021. The three events will continue to have the same required elements, and level prerequisites will match the corresponding pattern dance events and be the same as they were for the previous season.

35. APPROVED amending all applicable U.S. Figure Skating rules to rename showcase events from dramatic performance to emotional performance at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and adult sectional championships.

DECEMBER 1, 2021

36. APPROVED the nomination of John Misha Petkevich for a new three-year term to continue serving on the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees.

DECEMBER 6, 2021

37. CONCURRED with the trustees' election and reappointment of Paul George for a new three-year term to continue serving on the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees.

38. CONCURRED with the trustees' election and reappointment of Bob Anderson for a new three-year term to continue serving on the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees.

39. APPROVED amending **rule NCR 4.06 (F) (page 75, rulebook)** regarding the publication of the slate of nominees for 2022 only as follows:

NCR 4.06 Annually, the committee will

F. ~~By March 1~~ No later than March 8, publish on usfigureskating.org the slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee for election by the Governing Council as referred to in Article XV, Section 2 (A) and (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and for appointment as U.S. Figure Skating committee chairs.

Implementation date: Immediate, and for 2022 only

40. CONCURRED with the Grievance Committee’s recommendation to permanently ban Tawna Klopf from U.S. Figure Skating.

41. APPROVED a memorial resolution for Charles “Chuck” Foster”, past president and honorary member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors, who recently passed away.

JANUARY 14, 2022

42. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

For events in which all teams entered will advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships due to fill-up (rule 2833), teams may request to receive a bye to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and elect to not compete at their respective Synchronized Skating Sectional Championship event.

This would affect the following qualifying events (full advancement chart [HERE](#)):

- Eastern
 - o Junior
 - o Collegiate
 - o Masters
- Midwestern
 - o Junior
 - o Adult
 - o Masters
- Pacific
 - o Novice
 - o Juvenile
 - o Adult
 - o Masters

Implementation date: Immediate (expiring June 30, 2022)

43. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

If a synchronized team is unable to compete in a sectional championship due to the inability to meet COVID-19 Protocol requirements for negative tests, and if that team is entered in a division in which all teams entered in that division at that sectional championship would advance, the team will still advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships due to the Fill-Up Rule (Rule 2833) and will automatically receive a bye to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships from the chair of the Competitions Committee in consultation with the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee.

Implementation date: Immediate (expiring June 30, 2022)

44. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

A positive test as a result of the COVID-19 protocol for attendance at the synchronized skating qualifying competitions constitutes as an onsite illness under Rule 2823.

2823 For qualifying competitions teams must skate the number of skaters required for its the level as specified in rules 9400 through 9530. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters due to onsite illness or injury which has been confirmed by onsite medical staff, the team will be permitted to compete. If the minimum number of skaters on a team is not met for any other reason, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn; however, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821.

Note: It will be at the discretion of each coach to determine how many skaters must be healthy for the team to be able to compete safely and present a good program.

Implementation date: Immediate (expiring June 30, 2022)

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

45. **SUPPORTED** submitting the bylaw amendments recommended by the Governance Working Group to the 2022 Governing Council from the Board of Directors as a whole.

46. APPROVED – Rules Committee

Amend **rules RCR 4.00-4.08 (page 91, Rulebook)** to streamline the information, institute a specific deadline for rule changes for the fall board meeting and remove a deadline for special board meetings that is out of alignment with Article IX, Section 2.

Rules Committee (Group 4)

RCR 4.00 Procedure

The procedure to be followed for the submission to the Rules Committee for action on the specific language of changes to the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and official rules is set forth in RCR 4.01 through 4.096. *[Moved from 4.02]*

RCR 4.01 Proposals for ~~changes in~~ amendments to the bylaws or ~~in~~ these official rules may be initiated by:

- A. ~~the~~ chair of a committee specified in Article XV, Section 1, or Article XVI, Sections 1 and 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws,
- B. ~~by~~ ~~three~~ members of the Board of Directors, or
- C. ~~by a~~ A permanent member club in good standing. ~~A proposal from a member club must be signed by three of the club's officers.~~

RCR 4.02 ~~A.~~ Proposals must be in writing and directed as follows:

- A. For an amendment to the bylaws, to the chair of the Rules Committee;
- B. For an change in amendment to these official rules, to the chair of the committee under whose jurisdiction the rule is applied. *[Moved from RCR 4.01]*
- B. Final action will be taken by the Governing Council at its annual meeting pursuant to Article IX and/or Article XXIX of U.S. Figure Skating bylaws. *[Moved to RCR 4.06]*

~~**RCR 4.02**~~ The procedure to be followed for the submission to the Rules Committee for action on the specific language of changes to the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and official rules is set forth in RCR 4.01 through 4.06. *[Move 4.02 to introductory under 4.00; renumber remainder]*

RCR 4.035 The services of the Rules Committee will ~~shall~~ be available to member clubs and committees of U.S. Figure Skating for the purpose of preparing the specific language of proposals for changes in the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and official rules to be submitted for a vote to the Governing Council, Board of Directors or a committee of U.S. Figure Skating. *[Moved from 4.05]*

RCR 4.043 With respect to the bylaws, the proposed changes will be submitted to ~~shall be in the hands of~~ the Rules Committee no later than:

- A. Feb. 15 for the annual meeting of the Governing Council;
- B. Forty-five days prior to any special meeting of the Governing Council.

RCR 4.054 With respect to these official rules, the proposed changes will be submitted to ~~shall be in the hands of~~ the Rules Committee no later than:

- A. March 1 for the spring meeting of the Board of Directors;
- B. Sept. 1 ~~for~~ Fifty days prior to the annual (fall) meeting of the Board of Directors;
- C. ~~Thirty days prior to any special meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

~~**RCR 4.05** The services of the Rules Committee shall be available to member clubs and committees of U.S. Figure Skating for the purpose of preparing the specific language of proposals for changes in the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and official rules to be submitted for a vote to the Governing Council, Board of Directors or a committee of U.S. Figure Skating. If such proposals are for the purpose of obtaining committee approval of proposed changes to the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and these rules, they must be in the hands of the Rules Committee for action not less than 10 days in advance of the deadlines set forth in RCR 4.03 and 4.04. [First sentence moved to 4.03. Second sentence deleted.]~~

~~**RCR 4.06 B**—Final action will be taken by the Governing Council at its annual meeting pursuant to Article IX and/or Article XXIX of U.S. Figure Skating bylaws. [Moved from RCR 4.01]~~

~~**RCR 4.076** The foregoing rules will ~~shall~~ not prevent the receipt for action by the Rules Committee of proposed changes to the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and these rules at any time, but such changes are received without any assurance by the Rules Committee to the submitting member club or committee of action in time for any particular meeting of the Governing Council or Board of Directors unless the deadlines set forth in RCR 4.043 and 4.054 are observed by the submitting member club or committee.~~

~~**RCR 4.087** Changes in the wording of the rules of the association, which in no way affect the intent of such rules, may be made by the Rules Committee for the purpose of clarification; when preparing the rules for printing.~~

~~**RCR 4.098** Headquarters will post nNew rules and rule changes will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating its website.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

47. **ADOPTED** the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

48. **APPROVED** the 2022-23 final budget for presentation to the 2022 Governing Council.

49. **APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 1000 (page 97, Rulebook)** to delete paragraph C:

1000 Competition Season

The competition season begins on July 1 of each year. Technical requirements for all levels take effect on that date.

A. Competitions held after the U.S. Championships (and through June 30) may specify either the just concluding or the new (upcoming commencing July 1) requirements.

B. Changes to requirements occurring after the Governing Council will be posted on the website in Technical Notifications.

C. ~~The National Qualifying Series will begin on or around June 1, as published in the current year National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook, and will use new requirements.~~

50. **APPROVED** new perpetual trophies for the collegiate team champion and the masters team champion at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

51. **APPROVED – Collegiate Skating Subcommittee**

Amend **rule 2054 (A) and (B) (page 115, Rulebook)** to remove intermediate and novice singles as well as pairs and dance events from the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, and add provisions for holding a nonqualifying competition in conjunction with the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships:

2054 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships – Events

The U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships will consist of the following events:

A. Senior (championship) ladies singles, men’s singles, ~~pairs and ice dance; and~~ junior ladies singles, men’s singles; ~~pairs and ice dance, novice ladies singles and men’s singles, and intermediate ladies singles and men’s singles.~~

B. ~~Age restrictions for intermediate events and t~~ Technical elements in the singles short program and free skate may differ from those adopted by U.S. Figure Skating and the ISU Congress. These changes will be published annually in the announcement of the U.S. Collegiate Championships.

C. The U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Invitational will be held in conjunction with the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships. Requirements for and conduct of the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Invitational will be posted on the Members Only site.

Implementation date: Immediate

52. APPROVED – Domestic Officials Recruitment & Management Committee

Amend rule DOR 6.02 (page 59, Rulebook) as follows:

DOR 6.02 During the period of inactive status an official is not subject to the requirements of rule DOR 5.01. However, an official must maintain a current membership with U.S. Figure Skating and continue to adhere to the bylaws, rules, standards, codes and policies of U.S. Figure Skating as delineated in rule DOR 2.03. An official will remain on file at U.S. Figure Skating headquarters as an inactive official and receives all communications directed to officials of the same type. An official is not eligible to officiate at competitions or tests while registered in inactive status.

Implementation date: Immediate

MARCH 14, 2022

53. APPROVED the Convention Standing Rules for the 2022 Governing Council meeting as presented.

54. APPROVED the updated mask policy for all U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events and activities.

55. APPROVED submitting the candidate recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotion to ISU singles/pairs judge in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September 2022.

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APRIL 4, 2022

57. APPROVED nominating Patricia St. Peter to be a candidate for president of the ISU at the 59th Ordinary Congress 2022 in Phuket, Thailand.

58. APPROVED submitting the candidates recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotions at the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt, Germany, in July 2022.

59. APPROVED submitting the candidate recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotion in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September 2022.

60. APPROVED Items 101-113 from the 2022 Governing Council Meeting Book (pages 57-74) as presented.

61. APPROVED Items 201-214 from the 2022 Governing Council Meeting Book (pages 75-84) as presented.

62. APPROVED Items 301-316 from the 2022 Governing Council Meeting Book (pages 85-115), including the amendments to Items 301 and 315.

63. APPROVED Item 401 from the 2022 Governing Council Meeting Book (page 116) as presented.

64. CONCURRED with the disciplinary action recommended by the Grievance Committee chair.

65. APPROVED a sanction for the 2022 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic to be held in Lake Placid, N.Y., Sept. 12-16, 2022. The event will be hosted by U.S. Figure Skating.

66. APPROVED a sanction for 2022 Skate America to be held in Norwood, Mass., Oct. 21-23, 2022. The event will be hosted by U.S. Figure Skating.

67. APPROVED a policy, effective with the 2022-23 membership season, that background checks (paid for by the individual) and SafeSport™ Training are mandatory for anyone recognized as a chair by a U.S. Figure Skating club, including but not limited to membership chairs, sanction chairs, test chairs and competition chairs.

APRIL 13, 2022

68. APPROVED submitting a bid to the ISU on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating to host the 2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships at TD Garden in Boston, Massachusetts, March 23-30, 2025.

APRIL 27, 2022

- 69. APPROVED** the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the United States Figure Skating Foundation presented on Dec. 3, 2021, and April 14, 2022.
- 70. ACCEPTED** the Audit Report as presented by Stockman Kast Ryan & Co. for the 2021 FY Financials through June 30, 2021.
- 71. APPROVED** a sanction for the 2022 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships to be held in Richfield, Minnesota, in conjunction with Skate St. Paul, July 18-24, 2022, with exact dates still to be determined. The event will be hosted by the St. Paul FSC.
- 72. APPROVED** a sanction for the 2023 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in _____, March 1-4, 2023. The event will be hosted by U.S. Figure Skating at the _____. *(Note: The location for this competition will be updated upon the public announcement of the decision.)*
- 73. APPROVED** the following national promotions:
- **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Michelle Meyer, Frisco, Texas
 - **National Synchronized Judge:** Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.
 - **National Singles/Pairs Referees:** Susan Miller, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Matthew O’Toole, West Palm Beach, Fla.
 - **National Accountants:** Valarie Berger, Peoria, Ariz.; Beth Roberts, Strongsville, Ohio
 - **National Music Coordinator:** Elizabeth Allen, Council Bluffs, Iowa
 - **National Singles Technical Controller:** Alexandria Newman, Atlanta, Ga.
 - **National Dance Technical Specialist:** Joel Dear, New York, N.Y.
 - **National Synchronized Technical Specialist:** Melissa Christensen, Bow, N.H.
 - **National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operators:** Karen Anderson, Peoria, Ariz.; Kristen Belcourt, Houston, Texas; Scott Cudmore, Boca Raton, Fla.; Reed Hastings, Kansas City, Mo.; Lori Osborne, Overland Park, Kan.; Cassy Papajohn, Monument, Colo.; Laura Patterson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Scheherezade Redmond, Oak Park, Mich.
 - **National Synchronized Data Operators:** Summer Nagy, Evanston, Ill.; Laura Patterson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.
- 74. ACCEPTED** the following national resignations:
- Lisa-Marie Allen, Sun Valley, Idaho, National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator only
 - David Kimmel, Prescott, Ariz., National Music Coordinator
 - Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa, Wis., National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator only
 - Eugene Thielman, Long Beach, Calif., National Music Coordinator
- 75. ACKNOWLEDGED** the following national vacated national appointments:
- Kristy Kasapis, Birmingham, Mich., National Synchronized Judge and National Theatre On Ice Judge
 - Elisabeth Vaughn, Richardson, Texas, National Showcase Judge
- 76. APPROVED** the following honorary national appointments:
- David Kimmel, Prescott, Ariz. – Honorary National Music Coordinator
 - Eugene Thielman, Long Beach, Calif. – Honorary National Music Coordinator

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- 77.** The president **APPOINTED** the Minutes Committee for this 2022 Governing Council meeting of Veronica Nebb (chair), Lisa Erle (Rules Committee chair) and Tiffany Vise Baldwin (athlete member).
- 78. ADOPTED – Exhibit A – Ethics, Grievance and SkateSafe Committees**
Amend **Article XXV, Section 1 (B)(ii) (page 34, Rulebook) and conforming rules ECR 3.01, ECR 3.02 and ECR 3.03, and add new rule ECR 3.05 (page 85, Rulebook)** as follows:

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Section 1 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings. All grievance and disciplinary procedures must be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

B. *Disciplinary Proceedings* (Except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport under Section 2 of this Article XXV):

(ii) Review: Upon referral of the matter by the vice president or the chair of the Grievance Committee, the chair of the Ethics Committee has 30 days to review the matter. The chair of the Ethics Committee may designate the chair of the SkateSafe Committee or the Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator to review the matter if the chair is unable to do so for any reason.

(a) If the chair of the Ethics Committee or the chair's designee, determines that further proceedings are not warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee will so advise, in writing, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance.

(b) If the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair's designee, determines that further proceedings are warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair's designee, will so advise, in writing, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and indicate either:

1. That such person or the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance may file a Grievance Statement (in which case the person who files the Grievance Statement will be the "Grievant") or
2. Alternatively, and at the discretion of the chair of the Ethics Committee, that the chair of the Ethics Committee, or chair's designee, has decided to file a Grievance Statement (in which case U.S. Figure Skating will be the "Grievant" with the chair of the Ethics Committee, or chair's designee, acting on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating).

ECR 3.00 Disciplinary Proceedings

ECR 3.01 The chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair's designee, shall review all matters referred by the U.S. Figure Skating president or the U.S. Figure Skating vice president involving an alleged violation of U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct.

ECR 3.02 After review of any such matter, the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair's designee, may, if it is determined that further proceedings should be conducted, initiate a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

ECR 3.03 The chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair's designee, shall deliver a copy of the Grievance Statement to the Respondent(s), the chair of the Grievance Committee and the vice president. Such notice shall be by any expeditious delivery system that provides reasonable evidence of delivery to the addressee.

ECR 3.05 The chair of the Ethics Committee may designate the chair of the SkateSafe Committee or the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator to review the matter, initiate a disciplinary proceeding, and/or deliver a copy of the Grievance Statement if the chair is unable to do so for any reason.

Implementation date: Immediate

79. ADOPTED – Exhibit B – Board of Directors

Amend **Article VIII, Section 10, (page 20, Rulebook)** as follows:

Article VIII Board of Directors

Section 10 Reports of Action. All actions of the Board of Directors taken in response to proposed changes to the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating will be reported to the Governing Council no later than the next ensuing meeting of said Council and will be subject to alteration or cancellation by the Governing Council, provided that the proposed action, its alteration or cancellation does not adversely affect the ~~no~~ rights or acts of third parties ~~are adversely affected thereby~~, or in any manner contradict applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of a regulatory body or organization with jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: May 1, 2022

80. ADOPTED – Exhibit C – Board of Directors

Amend **Article XVII, Section 4, (page 29, Rulebook)** as follows:

Article XVII

Duties and Jurisdiction of Permanent Committees and the Nominating Committee

Section 4 Reports of Action. All actions of all committees proposing a change to the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, once approved by the appropriate committee, will be reported to the Board of Directors and to the Governing Council at the next ensuing meeting thereof. Such actions are subject to alteration or cancellation by the Board of Directors or by the Governing Council, provided that the proposed action, alteration or cancellation does not adversely affect the ~~no~~ rights or acts of third parties will be adversely affected thereby; or in any manner contradict applicable law, rule, regulation or policy of a regulatory body or organization with jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: May 1, 2022

81. ADOPTED – Exhibit D – Board of Directors

Amend **Article IX, Section 2, (page 21, Rulebook)** as follows:

Article IX

Meetings of the Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 2 Special Meetings of the Governing Council. Special meetings of the Governing Council may be called at any time:

~~A.~~ Upon the written request of 10 percent of the full member clubs;

~~DA.~~ At the request of a majority of the Board of Directors;

~~BB.~~ At the request of the president, or

C. At the request of a majority of the delegates to the Governing Council or which must include at least a majority of the currently registered athlete delegates. Proxies may not be included.

Implementation date: May 1, 2022

82. ADOPTED – Exhibit E – Board of Directors

Amend **Article XV, Section 4 (B), (page 27, Rulebook)** as follows:

ARTICLE XV

Nominations and Elections

Section 4 Elections.

B. The 10 Year Athlete Representatives, as defined in Article XXII, Section 1 (A), of these bylaws ~~Athletes Advisory Committee~~ elects ~~five~~ four athlete voting members of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2 of these bylaws for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3, of these bylaws commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Governing Council at which elections under paragraph A of this Section 4 occur, or until their respective successors are elected and assume office. ~~The elected chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee and U.S. Figure Skating’s athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will always be included in the five athlete voting members of the Board of Directors. The fifth athlete on the Board of Directors will be the elected USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee from the five members of the Board of Directors.~~

Implementation date: May 1, 2022

83. ADOPTED AS AMENDED – Exhibit F – Board of Directors

Amend **Article XXIX (page 37, Rulebook)** as follows:

ARTICLE XXIX

Amendments to Bylaws

Section 1 Procedure for Amendments. Amendments proposed to these bylaws may be acted upon at any annual or special meeting of the Governing Council, provided that the notice of the meeting states the specific text of the proposed amendments.

Section 2 Effective Date. Amendments to these bylaws become effective only upon publication in an edition of the rulebook or upon such specific date as may otherwise be stated in the motion of adoption thereof.

Section 3 Necessary Vote. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council members present in person or by proxy at the meeting of the Governing Council at which the proposed amendment is acted upon is

necessary for the adoption of any amendment to these bylaws, except for those amendments required for compliance with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, federal or state law, rule, regulation or policy, or any other regulatory body or organization that has jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating, pursuant to Section 4, of this Article XXIX.

Section 4 Amendments Required for Regulatory Compliance. Amendments proposed to these bylaws that are required to be in compliance with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, federal or state law, rule, regulation or policy, or any other regulatory body or organization that has jurisdiction over U.S. Figure Skating may be adopted by the Board of Directors without action by the Governing Council.

Implementation date: May 1, 2022

84. ADOPTED – Exhibit G – Board of Directors

Add a new **Section 3** to **Article IX** of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (page 21, Rulebook) and amend **Article IX, Sections 1, 3, 9-12, and 18-19** (pages 21-23, Rulebook); **Article XXIV** (page 33, Rulebook); **Article XXV** (page 33, Rulebook); and amend conforming rules **NCR 4.02-4.03** (pages 35, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

Section 1 Annual Meeting of the Governing Council. The annual meeting of the Governing Council:

- A. Will be held during the months of April or May at on the date; at the time, and at the place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors not later than the preceding annual meeting of the Board of Directors, subject, however, to a decision by the Board of Directors that the annual meeting will be held by remote communication, rather than in person, if the Board of Directors determines that circumstances warrant, as referred to in Section 3 of this Article IX.

Section 3 Method of Conducting Meetings of the Governing Council.

- A. The Annual Meeting of the Governing Council will be conducted in person by the attendance and physical presence of delegates at the location identified as the place of the meeting, and delegates must be in attendance and present in person to be counted for the determination of a quorum and to be able to cast votes, including votes using proxies. However, the Board of Directors has the authority to direct that the Annual Meeting of the Governing Council, as well as any special meeting of the Governing Council, be held by remote communication (i.e., telecommunication or electronic communication), if the board determines that circumstances warrant.
- B. If a meeting of the Governing Council is to be conducted by remote communication, the Board of Directors will determine the form of remote communication to be used. Such method of remote communication must allow for verification that each delegate participating remotely as a delegate is a duly qualified delegate eligible to vote and provide the delegates a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and vote on matters submitted to the delegates, including an opportunity for all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other during the meeting, communicate, and read or hear the proceedings of the meeting, substantially concurrent with the proceedings. A person participating in a duly called meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in person at the meeting for determination of a quorum and for purposes of casting votes, including votes using proxies.

Section 3 4 Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council.

- A. An announcement of the date and other relevant information regarding place of each annual meeting will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website no fewer than four months prior to the date of the meeting. Once posted, an email will be sent to all member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated members, honorary members, individual members, athlete delegates, committee chairs and to all members of the Board of Directors informing them that the information is available and of its location.
- B. Notice of meetings of the Governing Council will be posted on the Members Only site no fewer than 20 days or more than 60 days before the date of the meeting.
- C. The notices of meetings of the Governing Council will state:
- (i) The date; time and place of the meeting (or, if the Board of Directors decides that the meeting will be conducted by remote communication, rather than in person, information about the format of the meeting),
 - (ii) The general character of the business proposed to be transacted, and
 - (iii) A description of any matter for which approval of members is sought.
- D. The exact wording of any proposed action need not be stated, except that the specific text of any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be stated, and the names and locations of all clubs to be proposed for provisional and full club membership will be stated.

Section 9 10 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors is to be an in-person meeting and is held during the months of October or November at the date, and time, as well as the format or and place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the board, subject to a determination by the board that

the meeting will be held by remote communication (i.e., telecommunication or electronic communication), rather than in-person, if the board determines that circumstances warrant.

Section ~~10~~ 11 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. In addition to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, an in-person meeting of the board will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Governing Council, unless a determination is made by the board to hold such meeting by remote communication. The Board of Directors will hold up to 10 other regular meetings during the year, ~~anticipated to be on a monthly basis,~~ either by ~~telephone conference call or~~ in person or by remote communication using of any form of telecommunication or electronic communication, as determined by the president.

Section ~~11~~ 12 Special Meetings of the Board of Directors:

- A. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called upon the request of three members thereof or by the president
- B. A special meeting must be preceded by at least two days' notice which states the date, time and place of the meeting (or, if the meeting is to be conducted by remote communication, information about the format of the meeting), but need not describe the purpose of the meeting.

Section ~~12~~ 13 Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Board of Directors.

- A. An announcement of the date and place (or, if the meeting is to be conducted by remote communication, information about the format of the meeting) of each annual meeting will be emailed to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members) of the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the date of the meeting.
- B. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors will be emailed to all members (including ex-officio and honorary members) thereof:
 - (i) At least 20 days before the date of the meeting,
 - (ii) Stating the date, time and place of the meeting (or, if the meeting is to be conducted by remote communication, information about the format of the meeting) and the general character of the purposes of the meeting.

Section ~~18~~ 19 Telephonic Participation in Meetings of by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may permit any director to participate in an annual, regular or special meeting thereof through the use of any means by remote communication using any form of telecommunication or electronic communication by which that allows all directors can hear persons participating in the meeting to audibly communicate with each other contemporaneously and vote during the meeting. A person participating in a duly called meeting in this manner is deemed to be present in person at the meeting for determination of a quorum.

Section ~~19~~ 20 Action by the Governing Council Without a Meeting. Between meetings, votes of the Governing Council may be taken by ~~mail,~~ email or other form of ~~wire or wireless~~ electronic communication, ~~and/or by facsimile~~ at the direction of the president, if a written ballot is delivered by U.S. Figure Skating to every member entitled to vote on the matter.

Section ~~20~~ 21 Action by the Board of Directors Without a Meeting. Between meetings, votes of the Board of Directors may be taken at the direction of the president in the following manner:

- D. Any writing by a director under this Section 20 must be in a form sufficient to inform U.S. Figure Skating of the identity of the director, the vote, abstention, demand or revocation of the director, and the proposed action to which such vote, abstention, demand or revocation relates. All communications under this Section 20 may be transmitted or received by ~~electronically transmitted facsimile,~~ email or other form of ~~wire or wireless~~ electronic communication at the direction of the president.

Remaining sections of Article IX would be renumbered accordingly.

ARTICLE XXIV

Resignations

Any member club, collegiate club, school-affiliated member or synchronized skating/Theatre On Ice team member may resign from U.S. Figure Skating after payment of all dues and other fees then due, including those for the fiscal year in which the resignation is tendered, by ~~mailing~~ providing written notice of resignation to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings

Section 1 Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings. All grievance and disciplinary procedures must be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

- C. *Appeal from Regular Grievance or Disciplinary Proceedings* (Except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport under Section 2 of this Article XXV):

(For appeals from Expedited Hearings, refer to this Article XXV, Section 1 (D), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).)

- (iii) *Appeal Guidelines:*

- (c) The Appellate Panel members will each receive a copy of the record of the hearing and, within 30 days of receipt of the record of hearing, the Appellate Panel will meet ~~in person or by telephone conference call~~ to review the appeal. The meeting can be held in person or by remote communication using of any form of telecommunication or electronic communication that allows all persons participating in the meeting to audibly communicate with each other contemporaneously during the meeting.

D. *Expedited Proceedings:*

- (iii) Expedited hearings may be conducted at the site of the athletic competition, at a site convenient to the parties as designated by the chair of the Grievance Committee or ~~by telephone conference if necessary~~ by remote communication using of any form of telecommunication or electronic communication that allows all persons participating in the meeting to audibly communicate with each other contemporaneously during the meeting.

Nominating Committee (No Group)

NCR 4.00 Procedures

NCR 4.02 At least two meetings will be held prior to the next annual meeting of the Governing Council. Additional meetings will be held as necessary as determined by the committee. When practical, in-person meetings are preferred; however, a meeting can be held by remote communication using any form of telecommunication or electronic communication that allows all persons participating in the meeting to audibly communicate with each other contemporaneously and vote as eligible during the meeting preferable to telephone conferences. A meeting may be called by the chair, or by any five members, with suitable notice.

NCR 4.03 The presence of six members, including the chair, is necessary for the conduct of business. ~~A member present by telephone~~ The Nominating Committee may permit any member to participate in a meeting thereof by remote communication using any form of telecommunication or electronic communication that allows all members participating in the meeting to audibly communicate with each other contemporaneously and vote during the meeting. A person participating at a duly called meeting in this manner is deemed to be ~~may be considered~~ present in person for determination of a quorum. Such member may vote upon issues if present for the entire discussion of such issues.

Implementation date: Immediate

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

101. APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend 8391 (C) (page 263, Rulebook) with the following requirements:

8391 Standard Solo Free Dance Tests

C. Novice Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the pre-silver pattern dance test apply equally to the novice solo free dance test. 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. A novice solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two short edge elements (not to exceed seven seconds each). Edge elements should have different positions.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks, brackets and counters. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included.

One-Foot Step Sequence: One one-foot step sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. A minimum of two revolutions is required in each twizzle. No more than three steps between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and direction of rotation.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8388).

Duration: ~~2:20~~ 2:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank dance test judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

102.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend 8391 (D) (pages 263-264, Rulebook) with the following requirements:

8391 Standard Solo Free Dance Tests

D. Junior Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the silver pattern dance test apply equally to the junior solo free dance test. The candidate must give a performance that is generally good. Strong, true edges, good rhythm, smooth turns, correct carriage and effortless flow are expected. Musical interpretation should be moderately good. 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. A junior solo free dance program must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two options:

1. One combination edge element (not to exceed 12 seconds), or
2. Two different short edge element (not to exceed seven seconds each).

Short edge elements must have different positions, but positions within the combination edge element may be repeated.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: serpentine, circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers and choctaws. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.

One-Foot Step Sequence: One one-foot step sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. A minimum of two revolutions is required in each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8388).

Duration: ~~2:30~~ ~~2:20~~ +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank dance test judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

103.APPROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend 8391 (E) (page 264, Rulebook) with the following requirements:

8391 Standard Solo Free Dance Tests

E. Senior Solo Free Dance Test

Test expectations: General requirements outlined for the gold pattern dance test apply equally to the senior solo free dance test. The candidate must give a performance that is excellent in all respects. Absolute perfection is not expected; however, only a very limited amount of error will be acceptable. The program presented must conform to the rules for solo free dance. It must be difficult, varied and display originality. Choreography, expression and utilization of space must be excellent. A senior solo free dance test must include the following required elements:

Edge Elements: Two options:

1. One combination edge element plus one short edge element, or
2. Three different short edge elements

Combination edge elements are not to exceed 12 seconds, and short edge elements are not to exceed seven seconds. Edge elements must have different positions, but positions within the combination edge element

may be repeated.

Solo Dance Spin: One solo dance spin, selected from solo dance spin or solo dance combination spin. Flying spins or flying entries are not permitted.

Step Sequence: One step sequence from the following list: serpentine, circular, midline or diagonal. The step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include brackets, counters, rockers, choctaws and twizzles. Jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in either step sequence.

One-Foot Step Sequence: One one-foot step sequence to be skated anywhere in the program. The sequence must include each of the following turns attempted in any order: rocker, bracket, counter, double twizzle.

Twizzle Series: One twizzle series. A minimum of two revolutions is required in each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation.

Choreographic Character Step Sequence: One choreographic character step sequence performed at any point in the program. Must be placed around the short axis and proceed from barrier to barrier. Must commence with a full stop at one barrier or the other.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Two different elements may be reskated, if necessary (see rule 8388).

Duration: ~~2:50~~ 2:40 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

Pass total: 0 to 3 points

Honors total: 4 to 6 points

Distinction total: 7 to 9 points

Judging panel required: Three gold dance test judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

104.APROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8321 (page 256, Rulebook)** as follows:

8321 For partnered free dance testing, a couple must be composed of a leading partner and following partner ~~lady and a man.~~

Note: All affected rules, dance diagrams and descriptions will be updated to replace the former man's steps with "lead" and the former ladies' steps with "follow".

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

105.APROVED – Dance Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 8210 (pages 248-250, Rulebook)** and add **paragraph D to rule 8216 (page 251, Rulebook)** to create tracks for "lead" and "follow" for ice dance tests in Standard Partner, Adult and Solo categories.

8210 Classification of Pattern Dance Tests

U.S. Figure Skating offers ~~four~~ two separate tracks of pattern dance tests: lead partnered, follow partnered, lead solo and follow solo. Lead partnered and follow partnered pattern dance track tests are a separate series of tests. Solo pattern dance track tests (standard and adult (adult 21+ and adult 50+ passing averages)) are a separate series of tests and are not related to partnered pattern dance tests.

A. Either partnered track (lead or follow) satisfies the requirements for partnered dance competition of senior down through pre-juvenile, per rules 8410-8462, or partnered adult dance events per rules 8500-8600.

AB. The passing of a lower level solo pattern dance track test (standard or adult (adult 21+ and adult 50+ passing averages)) does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard or adult (adult 21+ and adult 50+ passing averages) partnered pattern dance test.

BC. The solo pattern dance track tests do not meet the requirements for the partnered dance competition levels of senior down through pre-juvenile per rules 8410-8462 or partnered adult dance events per rules 8500-8600; however, these tests do meet the requirements for solo dance events at nonqualifying competitions and adult solo dance events per rules 8620- 8741.

8216 All of the dances in a dance test need not be taken at the same test session. Those dances that are passed will be credited toward the completion of the test.

D. Skaters may begin testing the opposite partnered pattern dance track tests at the next level above their highest completed partnered pattern dance track, or they may start testing at the lowest level.

Note: All affected rules will be updated accordingly

Implementation date: July 1, 2023

106.APPROVED – Pairs Development & Technical Committee

Amend the **pairs bonus rules in rule 1071 (E) (page 103, Rulebook)** to:

1. Increase the bonus for each triple jump in the novice pairs free skate from +1.0 to +2.0
2. Add a bonus for each throw double Axel and throw triple jump achieved in the novice pairs short program and free skate.
3. Add a bonus for triple twist lifts achieved in the junior pairs short program and free skate.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

Computer placements utilizing the currently approved software program (rule 1232) are regarded and used as the official result. Subparagraphs 1071 (A) and (B) attempt to explain how this software calculates results. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions or clarifications made by the ISU at any time after the revision or clarification is issued.

E. Pairs Bonus

Pairs skaters can earn bonus points for jumps, throw jumps and twist lifts that are achieved in a short program or free skate.

1. Jump Bonus: To be eligible for bonus points, jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps that are downgraded (<<) are not eligible for any bonus points. Jumps that have a wrong edge (e) or an edge attention (!) assigned are eligible for a bonus in pairs

1a. Junior Pairs Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each triple jump achieved by both partners.

2b. Novice Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each double Axel and each triple jump achieved by both partners.

c. Novice Pairs Free Skate: +2.0 bonus for each triple jump achieved by both partners.

3d. Intermediate Pairs Free Skate and Juvenile Pairs Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each double Axel achieved by both partners.

2. Throw Bonus: To be eligible for bonus points, throw jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short program or free skate requirements and repeat rules. Throw jumps that are downgraded (<<) are not eligible for any bonus points.

a. Novice Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each throw double Axel or throw triple jump achieved.

3. Twist Bonus: To be eligible for bonus points, twist lifts must be fully rotated and must be compliant with short program or free skate requirements. Twist lifts that are downgraded (<<) are not eligible for any bonus points.

a. Junior Pairs Short Program and Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for each triple twist achieved.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

107.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend **rule 1071 (D) (Pages 102-103, Rulebook)** as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

D. Singles Bonus – Junior and Novice

Singles skaters can earn bonus points for jumps that are achieved in a junior or novice short program or free skate. Unless otherwise specified in this rule, jumps ~~can~~ may be performed as a solo jump, or in combination or sequence. To be eligible for bonus points in junior and novice, jumps must be fully rotated; or landed on the quarter (q), ~~or under-rotated (<=)~~ and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps that are downgraded (<<) ~~or, are under-rotated (<),~~ have a wrong edge ~~assigned (e) or with an edge attention (!)~~ are not eligible for any bonus points in junior and novice. ~~Jumps with an edge attention (!) are eligible for a bonus.~~ [note - order of 1 & 2 switched to align with order in titles]

1. Junior Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

a. +1.0 bonus for each triple Axel achieved;

b. ~~+2.0~~ +1.0 bonus for each quadruple jump achieved;

c. Ladies only: +1.0 bonus for one two-jump or three-jump combination achieved in which two triple jumps are executed in succession.

2. Novice Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

a. ~~+3.0~~ +1.0 bonus for each triple Axel achieved; ~~bonus for each two-jump or three-jump combination achieved in which two triple jumps are executed in succession;~~

- b. ~~+3.0~~ +1.0 bonus for each two-jump or three-jump combination achieved in which two triple jumps are executed in succession; ~~bonus for each triple Axel achieved;~~
- c. ~~+3.0~~ bonus for one quadruple jump achieved
- d. ~~+2.0~~ +1.0 bonus for one three-jump combination with a double Axel or triple jump followed by a single jump followed by a triple jump; that starts with a triple jump and ends with a triple jump, connected by any single jump.
- e. ~~+2.0~~ bonus for any triple jump achieved that immediately follows a double jump (including double Axel) a jump combination.
- f. ~~+1.0~~ bonus for each different triple jump achieved that doesn't meet the criteria in paragraphs a through e of this rule. The following jumps are eligible for this +1.0 bonus:
 - i. ~~Ladies: toe loop, Salchow, loop, flip, Lutz;~~
 - ii. ~~Men: loop, flip, Lutz;~~
- g. ~~d.~~ +2.0 additional bonus for a skater who achieves four or more different triple or quadruple jumps. Triple and quadruple jumps with the same name will be considered as two different jumps.

E. Singles Bonus – Intermediate and Juvenile

Singles skaters can earn bonus points for jumps that are achieved in an intermediate short program or free skate or juvenile free skate. Unless otherwise specified in this rule, jumps may be performed as a solo jump, or in combination or sequence. To be eligible for bonus points in intermediate and juvenile, jumps must be fully rotated, landed on the quarter (q), or under-rotated (<) and must be compliant with short or well-balanced program and repeat rules. Jumps with an edge attention (!) are eligible for a bonus in intermediate and juvenile. Jumps that are downgraded (<<) or have a wrong edge (e) are not eligible for any bonus points.

4. 1. Intermediate Singles Short Program and Free Skate:

- a. ~~+1.0~~ bonus for one double Axel achieved; for up to two different triple jumps achieved.
- b. ~~+3.0~~ bonus for each two-jump combination achieved where both jumps are triple jumps or a three-jump combination achieved where two triple jumps are executed in succession;
- c. ~~+2.0~~ +1.0 bonus for any one triple jump achieved that immediately follows a double jump (including double Axel) in a jump combination.
- d. ~~+1.0~~ bonus for each triple jumps achieved that doesn't meet the criteria in paragraphs b or c above.
- c. ~~+1.0~~ bonus for one three-jump combination with a double Axel or triple jump followed by a single jump followed by a triple jump.

3. 2. Juvenile Singles Free Skate:

- a. +1.0 bonus for each double Axel achieved;
- b. +1.0 bonus for one triple jump achieved.

Current subsection E. Pairs Bonus will be amended to subsection F.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

108.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend rule 6441 (page 190, Rulebook) as follows:

6441 Elements for the Intermediate Men's and Ladies Short Program

	INTERMEDIATE MEN SHORT PROGRAM	INTERMEDIATE LADIES SHORT PROGRAM
SPIN IN ONE POSITION	One camel spin with no change of position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change <u>One change</u> of foot <u>required</u> • Minimum of five <u>four</u> revolutions in position <u>on each foot</u> • May <u>not</u> commence with a jump 	One <u>camel</u> spin with only one <u>no change of position</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change <u>One change</u> of foot <u>required</u> • Minimum of five <u>four</u> revolutions in position <u>on each foot</u> • May <u>not</u> commence with a jump
SPIN COMBINATION	One spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • Cannot <u>May not</u> be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump 	One spin combination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With only one change of foot • Minimum of two different basic positions with at least two revolutions in each of these positions • Minimum of five revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position • Cannot <u>May not</u> be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

109.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee

Amend **Rule 6442** [page 191, Rulebook] as follows:

6442 Elements for the Intermediate Men’s and Ladies Free Skate and Free Skate Test

PROGRAM	Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.
SPINS	<p>Maximum of two spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position, optional change of foot, and a minimum of eight revolutions • One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of five revolutions and <u>no optional</u> change of foot • All spins must be of a different character • Both spins may <u>One spin must</u> have a flying entry • Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

110.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee, Coaches Committee, and Tests Committee

Amend **rules 5000, 5010, 5011** and any other applicable rules to change the name of “Moves in the Field” to “Skating Skills”. (See Appendix A)

111.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee, Coaches Committee, and Tests Committee

Amend **rules 6200, 6210, 6211** and any other applicable rules to change the name of “Free Skate Tests” to “Singles Tests.” (See Appendix A)

112.APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee, Coaches Committee, and Tests Committee

Amend **rules 5011;, 6211; 7211, 8311, 8316** and any other applicable rules to change the nomenclature of “pre-juvenile – senior” to “pre-bronze – gold” in skating skills (moves in the field), singles (free skate), free dance, and pairs tests. (See Appendix A)

Implementation date for Items 110, 111 and 112: July 1, 2023

APPENDIX A (Corresponding to Items 110, 111, and 112 collectively)

Amend **Rules 5000, 5010, 5011; 6200, 6210, 6211; 7211, 8311, 8316** and all other applicable rules references to make the name changes to standard tests as outlined above.

5000 ~~Moves in the Field~~ Skating Skills Test Requirements

5010 Classification of ~~Moves in the Field~~ Skating Skills Tests

~~Moves in the field~~ Skating skills tests may be taken and passed independently of the ~~free skate singles~~, pair, pattern dance and free dance tests. A skater may take and pass ~~moves in the field~~ skating skills tests higher than the corresponding ~~free skate singles~~, pair, pattern dance and free dance tests and still be qualified to compete in qualifying and nonqualifying competitions.

5011 The standard ~~moves in the field (MFF)~~ skating skills tests are divided into eight classes which must be taken in the following order:

Standard Moves in the Field <u>Skating skills</u> Test	Prerequisite
Standard pre-preliminary MFF <u>skating skills</u>	None
Standard preliminary MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard pre-preliminary MFF <u>skating skills</u> tests
Standard pre-juvenile pre-bronze MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard preliminary MFF <u>skating skills</u> tests
Standard juvenile bronze MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard pre-juvenile pre-bronze MFF <u>skating skills</u>
Standard intermediate pre-silver MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard juvenile bronze MFF <u>skating skills</u>
Standard novice silver MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard intermediate pre-silver MFF <u>skating skills</u>
Standard junior pre-gold MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard novice silver MFF <u>skating skills</u>
Standard senior gold MFF <u>skating skills</u>	Standard senior pre-gold MFF <u>skating skills</u>

6200 Singles Free Skate Test Requirements

6210 Classification of Singles Free Skate Tests

6211 The standard singles free skate tests are divided into eight classes which must be taken in the following order:

Standard Singles Free Skate Test	Prerequisite
Standard pre-preliminary <u>singles free skate</u>	None
Standard preliminary <u>singles free skate</u>	Standard pre-preliminary <u>singles free skate</u>
Standard pre-juvenile <u>pre-bronze singles free skate</u>	Standard preliminary <u>singles free skate</u>
Standard juvenile <u>bronze singles free skate</u>	Standard pre-juvenile <u>pre-bronze singles free skate</u>
Standard intermediate <u>pre-silver singles free skate</u>	Standard juvenile <u>bronze singles free skate</u>
Standard novice <u>silver singles free skate</u>	Standard intermediate <u>pre-silver singles free skate</u>
Standard junior <u>pre-gold singles free skate</u>	Standard novice <u>silver singles free skate</u>
Standard senior <u>gold singles free skate</u>	Standard senior <u>pre-gold singles free skate</u>

7211 The standard pair tests are divided into six classes:

Standard Pair Test	Prerequisite
Standard juvenile <u>bronze pair</u>	Standard juvenile <u>bronze moves in the field skating skills</u>
Standard intermediate <u>pre-silver pair</u>	Standard intermediate <u>silver moves in the field skating skills</u>
Standard novice <u>silver pair</u>	Standard novice <u>pre-silver moves in the field skating skills</u>
Standard junior <u>pre-gold pair</u>	Standard junior <u>silver moves in the field skating skills</u>
Standard senior <u>gold pair</u>	Standard senior <u>gold moves in the field skating skills</u>

8311 The standard partnered free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Partnered Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Standard juvenile <u>bronze</u> partnered free dance	Complete standard preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Standard intermediate <u>pre-silver</u> partnered free dance	Complete bronze partnered pattern dance test
Standard novice <u>silver</u> partnered free dance	Complete pre-silver partnered pattern dance test
Standard junior <u>pre-gold</u> partnered free dance	Complete silver partnered pattern dance test
Standard senior <u>gold</u> partnered free dance	Complete gold partnered pattern dance test

8361 The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes:

Standard Solo Free Dance Test	Prerequisite
Standard juvenile <u>bronze</u> solo free dance	One preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo)
Standard intermediate <u>pre-silver</u> solo free dance	One bronze pattern dance tests (partnered or solo)
Standard novice <u>silver</u> solo free dance	One pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo)
Standard junior <u>pre-gold</u> solo free dance	One silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo)
Standard senior <u>gold</u> solo free dance	Once pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo)

113. APPROVED – Singles Development & Technical Committee, Pairs Development & Technical Committee, Dance Development & Technical Committee, and Coaches Committee

Amend rules 2424, 6420, 6430, 6440, 6450, 6460, 6470, 6480, 7420, 7430, 7420, 7440, 7450, 8420, 8430, 8440, and 8450, following the rationale, to remove the restrictions capping the highest singles, pairs and ice dance tests competitors may have passed to compete in a corresponding level and add a notation that athletes are not permitted to move backwards to a lower level once they have competed in a qualifying competition.

Implementation date: December 1, 2022 (After the 2022 Sectional / U.S. Finals)

APPENDIX B (Corresponding to Item 113)

Amend rules 2424, 6420, 6430, 6440, 6450, 6460, 6470, 6480, 7420, 7430, 7420, 7440, 7450, 8420, 8430, 8440, and 8450 as illustrated below:

2424 Competitors in adult-track qualifying competitions who pass a free skate test, a pair test or an ice dance test after the closing date for entries, at a higher level than the tests specified for entry in that level's test requirements, will be disqualified from that season's qualifying competitions.-

A. However, competitors entered in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships who pass a test after the closing date for entries for that competition, at a level higher than the tests specified for entry in that level's test requirements, will still be allowed to compete in the level at which they entered.

(Note – this is in the current language; names of tests would change in housekeeping, with the adoption of the other RFA to change the names of tests):

6420 Junior Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Junior moves in the field or higher and the junior free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age restriction as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying regional singles challenge: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the senior level.

6430 Novice Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Novice moves in the field or higher and the novice free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age restriction as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying regional singles challenge: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.

6440 Intermediate Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Intermediate moves in the field or higher and the intermediate free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age restriction as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying regional singles challenge: Under 18

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.

6450 Juvenile Singles and Open Juvenile Singles

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Juvenile moves in the field or higher and the juvenile free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age restriction as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying regional singles challenge:

1. Juvenile: 12 years of age or younger for girls; 13 years of age or younger for boys

2. Open Juvenile: 13 years of age or older for girls; 14 years of age or older for boys

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.

6460 Pre-Juvenile Singles

Note: Pre-juvenile is considered a nonqualifying competition event and is held at regional singles challenges only and the discretion of the local organizing committee.

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Pre-juvenile moves in the field or higher and the pre-juvenile free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age requirements: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

6470 Preliminary Singles

Note: Preliminary is considered a nonqualifying competition event and is held at regional singles challenges only and the discretion of the local organizing committee.

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Preliminary moves in the field or higher and the preliminary free skate test but no or higher.

B. Age requirements: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

6480 Pre-Preliminary Singles

Note: Preliminary is considered a nonqualifying competition event and is held at regional singles challenges only and the discretion of the local organizing committee.

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying regional singles challenges: Pre-Preliminary moves in the field or higher and the preliminary free skate test but no or higher.
- B. Age requirements: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

7420 Junior Pairs

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the junior moves in the field test or higher and the junior pairs test or higher.

~~**Note:** It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the senior pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the junior level, provided that the partners have not competed at the senior pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.~~

- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the senior level.

7430 Novice Pairs

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the novice moves in the field test or higher and the novice pairs test or higher.

~~**Note:** It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the junior pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice level, provided that the partners have not competed at the junior pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.~~

- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.

7440 Intermediate Pairs

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test or higher and the intermediate pairs test or higher.

~~**Note:** It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the novice pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice level, provided that the partners have not competed at the novice pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.~~

- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.

7450 Juvenile Pairs

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test or higher and the juvenile pairs test or higher.

~~**Note:** It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the intermediate pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice level, provided that the partners have not competed at the intermediate pair level in a qualifying competition as a team.~~

- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed as a team in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.

8420 Junior Dance

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the junior moves in the field test or higher, at least two dances of the standard partnered pre-gold dance test and the partnered junior free dance test or higher.

~~**Note:** It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the senior free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the junior level, provided that neither skater has competed at the senior dance level in a qualifying competitions~~

- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None
- C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the senior level.

8430 Novice Dance

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the novice moves in the field test or higher, at least one dance of the standard partnered silver dances and the partnered novice free dance test or higher.

Note: It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the junior free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the novice level, provided that neither skater has competed at the junior dance level in a qualifying competitions

B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the junior level or higher.

8440 Intermediate Dance

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test or higher, the standard partnered bronze dance test and the partnered intermediate free dance test or higher.

Note: It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the novice free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the intermediate level, provided that neither skater has competed at the novice dance level in a qualifying competitions

B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: None

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the novice level or higher.

8450 Juvenile Dance

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Both partners must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test or higher, the standard partnered preliminary dance test and the partnered juvenile free dance test or higher.

Note: It is permissible for one or both partners to have passed the intermediate free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the juvenile level, provided that neither skater has competed at the intermediate dance level in a qualifying competitions

B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the qualifying sectional pairs challenges: Under 16 years of age.

C. Athletes may not have competed in a qualifying competition at the intermediate level or higher.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

201.APPROVED – Adaptive Skating Subcommittee

Amend **rule 9400 (pages 300-301, Rulebook)** to allow skaters with Skate United moves in the field test equivalencies to compete on the appropriate synchronized skating teams.

9400 Synchronized Skating Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

Test qualifications are as of the closing date for entries. Age requirements are as of the preceding July 1.

Test Qualifications and Age Requirements for the 2022-23 Season and Beyond		
Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Senior	Senior moves in the field (<u>standard or Skate United track</u>)	16 skaters who are 15 years of age or older
Junior	Junior moves in the field (<u>standard or Skate United track</u>)	12-16 skaters who are 13 through 19 years of age (Note for ISU competitions, you must follow ISU requirements)
Novice	Novice moves in the field (<u>standard or Skate United track</u>)	12-20 skaters who are 19 years of age and younger
Intermediate	Intermediate moves in the field (<u>standard or Skate United track</u>)	12-20 skaters who are 19 years of age and younger
Juvenile	Juvenile moves in the field (<u>standard or Skate United track</u>)	12-20 skaters who are 13 years of age and younger
Open Juvenile	None	8-20 skaters who are 19 years of age and younger

Test Qualifications and Age Requirements for the 2022-23 Season and Beyond		
Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
Pre-Juvenile	2022-23: Pre-preliminary moves in the field (standard or Skate United track) 2023-24: Preliminary moves in the field (standard or Skate United track) 2024-25: Pre-juvenile moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)	8-20 skaters who are 17 years of age and younger
Preliminary	2022-23: Pre-preliminary moves in the field (standard or Skate United track) 2023-24: Preliminary moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)	8-20 skaters who are 13 years of age and younger
Collegiate	Juvenile moves in the field (standard or Skate United track)	12-20 skaters, all of whom must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university and must be full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend
Open Collegiate	None	8-20 skaters, all of whom must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university and must be full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend
Adult	At least one of the following (standard or Skate United track): • Preliminary moves in the field, or • Adult bronze moves in the field, or • Partnered preliminary pattern dance test, or • Solo preliminary pattern dance test, or • Preliminary figure	12-20 skaters who are 18 years of age or older
Masters	None	12-20 skaters who are 25 years of age or older
Open Adult	None	8-20 skaters who are 18 years of age or older
Open Masters	None	8-20 skaters who are 25 years of age or older

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

202.APPROVED – Adaptive Skating Subcommittee

Add new rule 7213 (page 213, Rulebook) and new rule 7233 [renumber existing] (page 214, Rulebook) to add a Skate United track for pair testing as follows:

7213 The Skate United pair tests are divided into six classes:

Skate United Pair Test	Prerequisite
Skate United juvenile pair	Skate United or standard juvenile moves in the field test
Skate United intermediate pair	Skate United or standard intermediate moves in the field test or adult intermediate moves in the field test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Skate United novice pair	Skate United or standard novice moves in the field test or adult novice moves in the field test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Skate United junior pair	Skate United or standard junior moves in the field test or adult junior moves in the field test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)
Skate United senior pair	Skate United or standard senior moves in the field test or adult senior moves in the field test (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average)

- A. The Skate United test track is for candidates who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- B. Any Skate United pair test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required moves in the field test as listed in the prerequisite column above. No pair test is a prerequisite to any moves in the field test.
- C. Pair dance test equivalencies are allowed in one direction only from the standard track to the Skate United track, not from the Skate United track to the standard track. (Example: a skater who passes the standard intermediate pair test is eligible to take the Skate United novice pair test; however, a skater who has passed the Skate United intermediate pair test is not eligible to then take the standard novice pair test.)

D. Skate United candidates who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 4005.

7233 For Skate United candidates, the candidate should show the same level of achievement as that of a standard candidate at one test level below.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

203.APPROVED – Adaptive Skating Subcommittee

Add new rules 8213 [renumber existing] (page 249, Rulebook), 8215 [renumber this and existing as needed] (page 250, Rulebook) and 8236 [renumber this and existing as needed] (page 252, Rulebook) to add a Skate United track for partnered and solo pattern dance testing as follows:

8213 The Skate United categories of partnered pattern dance tests are divided into eight classes which must be taken in the following order, except as otherwise provided in rule 8215:

Skate United Partnered Pattern Dance Test	Prerequisite
Skate United preliminary partnered pattern dance	None
Skate United pre-bronze partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Skate United bronze partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-bronze partnered pattern dance test
Skate United pre-silver partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard bronze partnered pattern dance test
Skate United silver partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-silver partnered pattern dance test
Skate United pre-gold partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard silver partnered pattern dance test
Skate United gold partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-gold partnered pattern dance test
Skate United international partnered pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-gold partnered pattern dance test

A. The Skate United test track is for candidates who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Candidates must complete the prerequisites as shown in this rule 8213.

B. Partnered pattern dance test equivalencies are allowed in one direction only from the standard track to the Skate United track, not from the Skate United track to the standard track. (Example: a skater who passes the standard bronze partnered pattern dance test is eligible to take the Skate United pre-silver partnered pattern dance test; however, a skater who has passed the Skate United bronze partnered pattern dance test is not eligible to then take the standard pre-silver partnered pattern dance test.)

C. Skate United candidates who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 4005.

8215 The Skate United categories of solo pattern dance track tests are divided into eight classes which must be taken in the following order, except as otherwise provided in rule 8215:

Skate United Solo Pattern Dance Track Test	Prerequisite
Skate United preliminary solo pattern dance	None
Skate United pre-bronze solo pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard preliminary partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard preliminary solo pattern dance track test
Skate United bronze solo pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-bronze partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard pre-bronze solo pattern dance track test
Skate United pre-silver solo pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard bronze partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard bronze solo pattern dance track test
Skate United silver solo pattern dance	Complete Skate United or standard pre-silver partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard pre-silver solo pattern dance track test

<u>Skate United Solo Pattern Dance Track Test</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Skate United pre-gold solo pattern dance	<u>Complete Skate United or standard silver partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard silver solo pattern dance track test</u>
Skate United gold solo pattern dance	<u>Complete Skate United or standard pre-gold partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard pre-gold solo pattern dance track test</u>
Skate United international solo pattern dance	<u>Complete Skate United or standard pre-gold partnered pattern dance test or complete Skate United or standard pre-gold solo pattern dance track test</u>

- A. The Skate United test track is for candidates who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Candidates must complete the prerequisites as shown in this rule 8215.
- B. Solo pattern dance test equivalencies are allowed in one direction only from the standard track to the Skate United track, not from the Skate United track to the standard track. (Example: a skater who passes the standard bronze solo pattern dance test is eligible to take the Skate United pre-silver solo pattern dance test; however, a skater who has passed the Skate United bronze solo pattern dance test is not eligible to then take the standard pre-silver solo pattern dance test.)
- C. Skate United candidates who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 4005.

8236 For Skate United pattern dance tests, the candidate's knowledge of steps and basic timing must equal that required of standard candidates for the level being tested. Although a large pattern is not required, the shape of the lobes and their relation to each other should be approximately correct. Expression must at least meet the standard for the level below. Strong development of extension, carriage, unison, flow/speed and depth of edge will not be demanded. However, basic balance, form and skating skills must be adequate to achieve comfortable performance of the required steps and partner positions at every level.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

204.APPROVED – Adaptive Skating Subcommittee

Add new **rules 8313 (page 255, Rulebook)** and **8334 [renumber existing] (page 256, Rulebook)** to add a Skate United track for partnered free dance testing as follows:

8313 The Skate United partnered free dance tests are divided into five classes:

<u>Skate United Partnered Free Dance Test</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>
Skate United juvenile partnered free dance	<u>Complete Skate United or standard preliminary partnered pattern dance test</u>
Skate United intermediate partnered free dance	<u>Complete bronze partnered pattern dance test (Skate United, standard or adult 21+)</u>
Skate United novice partnered free dance	<u>Complete pre-silver partnered pattern dance test (Skate United, standard or adult 21+)</u>
Skate United junior partnered free dance	<u>Complete silver partnered pattern dance test (Skate United, standard or adult 21+)</u>
Skate United senior partnered free dance	<u>Complete gold partnered pattern dance test (Skate United, standard or adult 21+)</u>

- A. The Skate United test track is for candidates who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- B. A lower level free dance test is not a prerequisite for a higher level free dance test.
- C. Partnered free dance test equivalencies are allowed in one direction only from the standard track to the Skate United track, not from the Skate United track to the standard track. (Example: a skater who passes the standard juvenile partnered free dance test is eligible to take the Skate United intermediate partnered free dance test; however, a skater who has passed the Skate United juvenile partnered free dance test is not eligible to then take the standard intermediate partnered free dance test.)
- D. Any Skate United partnered free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required partnered pattern dance tests as listed in the prerequisite column above. No free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- E. Skate United candidates who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 4005.

8334 For Skate United partnered free dance tests, the candidate should show the same level of achievement in expression as expected from the adult partnered free dance at one test level below. Strong development of extension, carriage, flow/speed and depth of edge will not be demanded. However, basic balance, form and skating skills must be adequate to achieve comfortable performance of the steps and elements at every level.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

205.APPROVED – Adaptive Skating Subcommittee

Add new rules **8363 [renumber existing]** (page 260, Rulebook) and **8385 [renumber existing]** (page 262, Rulebook) to add a Skate United track for solo free dance testing as follows:

8363 The Skate United solo free dance tests are divided into five classes:

<u>Skate United Solo Free Dance Test</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>
<u>Skate United juvenile solo free dance</u>	<u>One Skate United or standard preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo)</u>
<u>Skate United intermediate solo free dance</u>	<u>One Skate United or standard bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo)</u>
<u>Skate United novice solo free dance</u>	<u>One Skate United or standard pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo)</u>
<u>Skate United junior solo free dance</u>	<u>One Skate United or standard silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo)</u>
<u>Skate United senior solo free dance</u>	<u>One Skate United or standard pre-gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo)</u>

- A. The Skate United test track is for candidates who have physical disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- B. Solo free dance test equivalencies are allowed in one direction only from the standard track to the Skate United track, not from the Skate United track to the standard track. (Example: a skater who passes the standard novice solo free dance test is eligible to take the Skate United junior solo free dance test; however, a skater who passes the Skate United novice solo free dance test may not then take the standard junior solo free dance test.)
- C. Any Skate United solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the corresponding level required prerequisites as shown above. No Skate United solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. A Skate United solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- D. Skate United solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.
- E. Skate United candidates who need additional accommodations may also apply for a Skating Accommodations Memorandum as outlined in rule 4005.

8385 For Skate United solo free dance tests, expression must be at least equivalent to that of a standard candidate at one test level below. Strong development of extension, carriage, flow/speed and depth of edge will not be demanded; however, basic balance, form and skating skills must be adequate to achieve comfortable performance of the steps and elements at every level.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

206.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule **2405 (B)** (page 123, Rulebook) to update and clarify as a result of recent changes in adult dance and showcase events.

2405 Competitors:

- A. May enter different kinds of events (i.e. singles, pairs or ice dance) in different levels (i.e. senior, junior) but may not enter the same kind of event in different levels in the same competition. For example, a skater may enter junior pairs and senior free skate, but they may not enter both junior and senior pairs.
- B. May enter, if an adult competitor:
 - 1. Only one championship event per discipline regardless of eligibility by test requirements; and
 - 2. A maximum of four events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
 - a. If entering more than one event, each event entered must be in a different category kind of event (i.e. free skate, pairs, partnered pattern dance, partnered free dance, solo dance solo pattern dance, solo free dance, emotional performance, lyrical pop/character/comedy, etc.). Rule 2405 (A) applies. with the Exceptions are that a competitor who qualifies for a championship free skate or pairs event through the adult sectional championships may also enter the corresponding kind of nonqualifying event, in the same category and competitors who qualify for championship adult dance may enter one nonqualifying partnered pattern dance event and one nonqualifying partnered free dance event.

- b. However, if qualifying for a championship event puts the competitor over the four-event limit, the competitor will have to withdraw from one event of the competitor's choosing. The subsequent event entry fee for that one event, and only that one event, will be refunded. Administrative fees are not refundable.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

207.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Delete rule 2434 (page 125, Rulebook).

~~2434~~ Previous Winners at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
Dance teams who have previously won a gold medal in the adult pre-bronze dance event (rule 8590) at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships may not enter the adult pre-bronze dance event again as a team; however, either partner may re-enter the event with a different partner, if otherwise eligible.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

208.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 8701 (page 281, Rulebook) to align the twizzle requirements for the adult gold solo free dance event with the requirements for the standard, adult 21+ and adult 50+ senior solo free dance tests:

8701 Elements for Adult Gold Solo Free Dance Event

ADULT GOLD SOLO FREE DANCE 2:40 +/- 10 seconds Competition: Must contain the following elements in any order.	
TWIZZLE SERIES	<p>Two different One twizzle series, but no more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twizzle Series A: Must have a different entry edge and different direction for the two twizzles. Minimum of two revolutions is required on each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must be different than those used in Twizzle Series B. have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation. • Twizzle Series B: Must have two twizzles. Minimum of two revolutions is required on each twizzle. No more than one step is allowed between twizzles. Twizzles must be different than those used in Twizzle Series A. <p>When judged with IJS: The first attempted set of twizzles will be evaluated as Series A by the technical panel.</p>

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

209.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Add an **adult pre-bronze solo pattern dance event** to the rulebook as follows.

8670 Adult Pre-Bronze Solo Pattern Dance Event

Note: Adult pre-bronze solo pattern dance will not be offered at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and is held at nonqualifying competitions only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered preliminary dance test and no higher than one standard or adult (adult 21+ or adult 50+ passing average) solo or partnered bronze dance test.

8671 Selection of Adult Pre-Bronze Solo Pattern Dances

A. For each competitive season, the pattern dances will be as follows:

1. 2022-23 Dance 1: Dutch Waltz, Dance 2: Cha Cha
2. 2023-24 Dance 1: Canasta Tango, Dance 2: Swing Dance
3. 2024-25 Dance 1: Rhythm Blues, Dance 2: Fiesta Tango

B. Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.

C. Draw for the skating order of the competitors will be made in accordance with rule 8074.

D. Each skater may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 8031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

210.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2551 (page 131, Rulebook)** to relocate and update all adult championships qualifying round rules to the 2550 section of the rulebook.

2550 Qualifying Rounds – Adult Championships

2551 Qualifying rounds may be held at adult competitions with the exception of adult solo dance and artistic/showcase type events, which will have no qualifying rounds. If there are more than 24 entries in any 6.0-judged event or more than 36 entries in any IJS-judged event, skaters will be divided into groups in accordance with rule 2467 the table below. **Note:** The actual number of skaters in the championship round (CR) may increase if there are ties.

<u>Adult 6.0-Judged Events</u>				<u>Adult IJS-Judged Events</u>				
<u>Qualifying Round (OR)</u>			<u>Champion-ship Round (CR)</u>	<u>Qualifying Round (OR)</u>				<u>Champion-ship Round (CR)</u>
<u>Entries</u>	<u>Number of Groups</u>	<u>Number Advancing/ Group</u>	<u>Total Number Advancing</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Number of Groups</u>	<u>Number Advancing/ Group</u>	<u>Addition- al Number Advanc- ing by Score</u>	<u>Total Number Advancing</u>
<u>25-36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>37-60</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>37-54</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>61-90</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>55-72</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>91-120</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>73-90</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>121-150</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>91-144</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>151-180</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>28</u>

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

211.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rule MR 1.02 (page 43, Rulebook)** as follows:

MR 1.02 To maintain a club’s principal skating headquarters, a Facility Usage Form must be completed each year by the club president; must certifying the said facility via the Members Only site. ~~is the~~ The principal skating headquarters of said club and will be where said club secures ice and/or runs sanctioned activities ~~at the facility certified as the principal skating headquarters~~ in compliance with rule MR 1.01. Clubs in violation of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee, including omission of said principal skating headquarters from the U.S. Figure Skating online directory.

Implementation date: Immediate

212.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rule MR 10.03 (page 44, Rulebook)** as follows:

MR 10.03 Persons may not be individual members and home club members simultaneously. U.S. Figure Skating headquarters ~~shall~~ must be notified immediately of a change from individual to club membership by completing a through submission of a Notice of Change in Home Club via the Members Only site form. ~~U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will then issue a new registration card with the~~ The same registration number will be retained, but ~~U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will~~ shall not collect an additional fee ~~if the card is issued for the same skating fiscal year.~~

- A. Persons changing from club membership to individual membership must submit, along with their application and full individual member dues, a letter from their current club indicating that they have fulfilled their financial obligation to said club.

Implementation date: Immediate

213.APPROVED – Membership Committee

Amend **rule 2211 (page 120, Rulebook)** as follows:

2211 Qualifying competitions as defined in rule 1022 are only open to eligible persons who are citizens of the United States, or non-U.S. citizens who have complied with the provisions of rule section 2240.

A. Such persons must also be:

A1. Members of collegiate clubs;

B2. Individual members; or

C3. Members of U.S. Figure Skating member clubs.

1B. ~~The home club designated by competitors when they register for a qualifying competition remains their home club for the duration of the current competitive season. When a skater registers for a qualifying competition, the U.S. Figure Skating member club shown on the skater's entry form will remain the skater's club of representation throughout that competitive season.~~ The designated home club will be that set forth in rule MR 10.01. If the skater is an individual member at the time of registration, that status will remain throughout the competitive season.

Note: The cross reference to rule 2211 (C) in rule MR 10.01 will be updated to rule MR 2211 (B).

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

214.APPROVED – Programs & New Program Development Committee

Amend **rule PDCR 2.01 (page 80, Rulebook)** to add the Excel and Icemen as stand-alone subcommittees of the Programs and New Program Development Committee.

PDCR 2.01 The Programs & New Program Development Committee will consist of a chair and the following subcommittees:

A. Collegiate Skating,

B. Excel,

BC. High School Programs,

D. Icemen,

CE. Program Innovation,

DE. Showcase,

EG. Solo Dance,

FH. State Games, and

GI. Theatre On Ice

Note: The cross references in rule PDCR 3.01 will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: May 15, 2022

TECHNICAL AND OFFICIALS GROUP (GROUP 3)

301.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule TMR 6.03 (page 64, Rulebook)** as follows:

TMR 6.03 *Davis & White Global Excellence Award*

A. Awarded at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships to ~~ice dance teams who medaled at the most recent ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, Olympic Winter Games or ISU World Figure Skating Championships in the ice dance event.~~ at the end of the competition each season that a U.S. ice dance team qualified for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and competes in the championship event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

B. Recipients of the Davis & White Global Excellence Trophy will have their names engraved on the base of the Trophy. ~~The award is based on the ISU Season's World Ranking points from the following events:-~~

~~1. Most recent ISU World Figure Skating Championships;-~~

~~2. Two ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series events from the current season;-~~

~~3. ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final from the current season. To be eligible for the award, the team must have qualified for the Grand Prix Final for that season;-~~

~~4. The current U.S. Figure Skating Championship, with the points equal to that for an equivalent placement at the Grand Prix Final.-~~

C. ~~The points from the ISU events in subparagraphs (B)(1)-(3) will be added to points awarded from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in subparagraph (B)(4).-~~

D. The Davis & White Global Excellence Award will reside at the U.S. Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame, and the winners' names will be engraved and added to the base each year. A token award will be given to each skater from the couple who earns the trophy.

Proviso: Ice dance couples who have medaled at an ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, an Olympic Winter Games and/or an ISU World Figure Skating Championships in the past who have not yet been recognized will be honored retroactively.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

302.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2140 (page 120, Rulebook)** as follows:

2140 ~~Information to be Provided to Officials~~ RESERVED

~~The local organizing committee will send, to all of the officials who will be participating at their competition, the name and telephone number of the hotel where the officials will be staying and the name and telephone number of the facility where the competition will be held.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

303.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1215 (C) (page 105, Rulebook)** as follows:

1210 Duties of the Chief Referee

1215 Within 30 days after a nonqualifying competition, the chief referee will:

- C. Send the entire report ~~via email, fax or regular mail~~ in a format approved by the Competitions Committee to:
1. U.S. Figure Skating headquarters; and
 2. The appropriate regional vice chair on the Competitions Committee for the region in which the competition was held, or the appropriate synchronized sectional vice chair on the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee for the section in which the competition was held (for synchronized skating competitions).

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

304.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 3000 (D) (page 141, Rulebook)**, as follows:

3000 Nonqualifying Competitions – Sanctions

D. Nonqualifying competitions must not be publicized until the date has been approved by the appropriate regional vice chair of the Competitions Committee or, in the case of synchronized competitions, the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee. Nonqualifying competitions must not be held until the announcement has been approved and the sanction awarded.

Implementation date: Immediate

See additional items from the Competitions Committee at the end of this section.

305.APPROVED – Domestic Selections Committee

Amend **rule DSCR 2.02 (page 83, Rulebook)** as follows:

DSCR 2.02 The Event Management Selections Subcommittee will consist of a national vice chair; ~~four~~ five vice chairs, one each for referees, accountants, technical accountants, ~~and~~ music/ and announcing; three members, one each representing singles/pairs referees, dance referees and synchronized referees; three sectional vice chairs for accounting; and athlete members as necessary to meet the requirements for athlete representation.

Implementation date: Immediate

306. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend current rules 2941-2950 (page 140, Rulebook), including the addition of new rules to accommodate adding 11- and 6-minute practice ice segments for certain levels as follows:

2940 Practice Ice – Synchronized Skating

- 2941 Official practice ice at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships and synchronized sectional championships is to be conducted in 12-, ~~11-, 10-, or 8-~~ or 6-minute segments.
- 2942 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 6-minute official practice ice segment: preliminary free skate.
- 29423 Teams entered in the following events are provided an 8-minute official practice ice segment: juvenile free skate, open juvenile free skate, pre-juvenile free skate, ~~preliminary free skate~~, adult free skate, masters free skate; and open collegiate free skate, open adult free skate and open masters free skate.
- 29434 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 10-minute official practice ice segment: senior short program, junior short program, novice free skate and intermediate free skate.
- 2945 Teams entered in the following events are provided an 11-minute official practice ice segment: junior free skate and collegiate free skate. The skating order for the junior free skate practice ice segments will be determined by the draw for the free skate.
- 29446 Teams entered in the following events are provided a 12-minute official practice ice segment: senior free skate, ~~junior free skate and collegiate free skate~~. The skating order for the senior ~~and junior~~ free skate practice ice segments will be determined by the draw for the ~~respective~~ free skates.
- 29457 For the practice ice segment for sectional synchronized championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, each team will be allowed a short warm-up period prior to the start of the music. Each team will be allowed to have their music played two times. No stopping or restarting of the music will be allowed once the music has been started.
- 2948 For the free skate 6-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1¼ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than 3¾ minutes into the session. A 15-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.
- 29462 For the free skate 8-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than ~~the~~ 5 minutes into the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played ~~both playings~~. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.
- 294750 For the short program and free skate 10-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than ~~the~~ 6 minutes into the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played ~~both playings~~. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.
- 2951 For the free skate 11-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than 7 minutes into the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.
- 294852 For the free skate 12-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than 7 minutes into the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for each time played ~~both playings~~. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.
- 294953 Official practice ice for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships will be organized and skated by starting order as defined by the initial draw, except as stated in rules 29445 and 2946.
- 29504 For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, after the first official practice for an event has begun, no team in that event may practice for any length of time on any ice surface outside of the practice ice provided by the organizers.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

307. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee

Amend rule 3056 (page 147, Rulebook) to remove singles/pairs and dance judges as eligible to judge synchronized skating for nonqualifying synchronized competitions.

3046 Judges Required for Synchronized Events at Competitions

The competitions to which reference is made in the following table are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge synchronized events at nonqualifying competitions:

Judges Required for Synchronized Events	Synchronized Judge Classifications			Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications			Dance Judge Classifications		
	Non-qualifying (NQ)	Sectional (SEC)	National (NAT)	Regional (REG)	Sectional (SEC)	National (NAT)	Novice Sectional (NV/S)	Sectional (SEC)	National (NAT)
Nonqualifying Synchronized Competitions (all levels)	J(1)	J	J	J(1)	J(1)	J(1)	J(1)	J(1)	J(1)

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

308.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4202 (A) (page 155, Rulebook)** as follows:

4202 The minimum passing scores for each respective test defined in rule section 4200 is defined as follows:

- A. The minimum passing score will consist of a total element score (TES), a program component score (PCS), and a total segment score (TSS).
 - 1. The candidate must achieve at least the minimum in all three scores, and
 - 2. Each executed element must have a panel score greater than 0.00; and
 - 3. There must not be more than two falls in singles and pairs free skate, or one fall in free dance. For pairs free skate and partnered free dance, the fall count is a maximum count for the program and not per partner. The total number of falls will be determined by checking the fall deduction value on the IJS protocol (see rule 1071).

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

309.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4201 (page 155, Rulebook)** to allow skaters to submit IJS protocols for standard solo free dance test credit:

4201 In lieu of taking a free skate, pair, or partnered free dance or solo free dance test at the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior levels, or an adult silver through adult senior free skate test, at a test session, candidates may elect to submit their protocol from a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competition conducted under the IJS, where they have met the minimum passing scores as defined in rule 4202. Skaters must have met the prerequisites for the test by the date of the competition and must have competed in the applicable event at the level they are wishing to pass (i.e. any skater who wishes to pass the juvenile free skate test at a competition must compete and earn the minimum passing scores in a juvenile/open juvenile free skate event).

- A. The protocol will be verified by the IJS Companion program and, for skaters meeting the minimum requirements for that respective level, an individual test credit skater report will be generated. Skaters must obtain this report together with their individual detailed protocol.
- B. Candidates must also obtain an overall copy of the appropriate event segment results with the signature of the event referee and technical controller. The candidate's total score must match the scores on their individual protocol.
- C. Candidates must submit A and B to the test chair or duly authorized representative of their home club, along with a statement from their coach verifying that the results are correct and unaltered. Individual members may submit the documents directly to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters.
- D. Candidates have one year from the time they achieved the requirements at a competition to submit their documents for test credit; however, skaters who register for a qualifying regional/sectional competition or adult sectional qualifying event (rule 2401) forgo the option to submit an IJS protocol at a higher level that is dated prior to the end date of the last qualifying competition in which the skater participates within that season, depending on skater advancement. For example, if a skater registers to compete in junior singles and qualifies to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, that skater cannot submit an IJS protocol for senior free skate test credit that is dated prior to the date of their junior free skate event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. See also rules 2422 and 2543.

*Note: Because Solo Dance Series competitions and the National Solo Dance Series Final are programs of U.S. Figure Skating and not defined in the rulebook, they are considered nonqualifying competitions, and protocols from these competitions will be eligible for test credit.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

310. APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rule 4104 (C)(6) (page 154, Rulebook)** to allow for background music and noise in virtual moves in the field tests:

4104 In lieu of testing with in-person judges, the member club may elect to host virtual testing for any moves in the field, free skate, pairs, pattern dance or free dance tests. Figure tests are not eligible for virtual testing.

C. Video Requirements

6. Virtual tests should be recorded with no more than eight other skaters on the ice, and the test candidate should be clearly identifiable. ~~Videos should be free of background music or noise. Moves in the field tests should not have any music playing during the test, but audio must be recorded. Rule 5021 (E) does not apply to virtual tests. Audio must be recorded during all tests. Skaters will not be penalized if background music or noise is audible during moves in the field tests.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

311. APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rules 4513, 6234, 7233, 8335, 8385 (pages 156, 180, 214, 256, and 262, Rulebook)** to remove the penalty for skaters going under the minimum competition time requirement:

4513 The judge-in-charge must time the program length for all free skate, pair and free dance tests. Programs that are ~~lacking (if applicable) or~~ in excess of the designated time must be communicated to all judges for the appropriate deduction to be applied. The judge-in-charge will also check the tempo of skater's choice music.

6234 Mandatory Deductions:

- A. If the skater fails to finish a free skate test program within the maximum time duration allowed under rules 6412-6561, a penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds ~~lacking or~~ in excess. (See rule 4513.)
 1. Adult intermediate and novice free skate tests must not exceed the maximum program length of the masters intermediate-novice singles well-balanced free skate requirements in rule 6521. ~~For these tests, no penalty is assessed for time durations less than the maximum program length. A penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds in excess of the maximum program length.~~
 2. Adult junior and senior free skate tests must not exceed the maximum program length of the masters junior-senior singles well-balanced free skate requirements in rule 6511. ~~For these tests, no penalty is assessed for time durations less than the maximum program length. A penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds in excess of the maximum program length.~~

7233 Mandatory Deductions:

- A. If the pair fails to finish a pair test program within the time duration allowed under rules 7412-7551, a penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds ~~lacking or~~ in excess. (See rule 4513.)

8335 Mandatory Deductions:

- A. If the couple fails to finish a free dance test program within the time duration allowed under rules 8350-8354 and 8412- 8452 (except for the adult pre-bronze free dance test), a penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds ~~lacking or~~ in excess. (See rule 4513.)

8385 Mandatory Deductions:

- If the skater fails to finish a solo free dance test program within the time duration allowed under rule section 8390, a penalty of one point (-1) is deducted from the total for up to every 10 seconds ~~lacking or~~ in excess. (See rule 4513.)

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

312. APPROVED – Tests Committee

Add new **rule 4105 before current rule 4105, and strike rules 5022 and 6222 (pages 154, 166, and 179)** to specify that a minimum amount of ice must be available for all tests, not just moves in the field and singles free skate tests:

4105 For all tests, the entire ice surface must be available. The ice surface may not be less than 125 feet by 75 feet (9,375 square feet) in size, unless otherwise specified.

- A. Unless performed as a program with music, the pre-preliminary free skate test and the adult pre-bronze free skate test only require that enough ice be at the disposal of the candidate to permit the execution of the required elements.

~~5022~~ For moves in the field tests the entire ice surface must be available. The ice surface may not be less than 125 feet by 75 feet (9,375 square feet) in size.

~~6222~~ For free skate tests the entire ice surface must be available. The ice surface may not be less than 125 feet by 75 feet (9,375 square feet) in size except in the case of the pre-preliminary free skate test and the adult pre-bronze free skate test where enough ice must be at the disposal of the candidate to permit the execution of the required moves.

**Note: Current rules 4105-4111, 5023, and 6223 will be renumbered as appropriate.*

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

313.APPROVED – Tests Committee

Amend **rules 8224 and 8238, and strike rule 8239 (pages 251 and 252, Rulebook)** to clarify how judging panels are to operate when both partners are candidates of tests. Also cleans up language for international pattern dance tests to match current practices.

8224 All international partnered pattern dance tests ~~may be taken and are~~ judged as a couple ~~or as a single test candidate, even if only one partner is a candidate for the test.~~ The candidate(s) will “pass”, “pass with honors”, “pass with distinction”, or be marked “retry” as a couple using one testing sheet. Each partner who is a candidate for the test ~~If the test is taken as a couple (i.e. both candidates are testing), both candidates must be paid and registered as a candidates for the test. See rules 8238 and 8239.~~ A non-candidate partner will not be affected if a subsequent attempt of the same test with a different partner is marked with a different result than the previous attempt.

8238 For all standard, adult 21+, and adult 50+ preliminary through gold partnered pattern dance tests, ~~and international partnered pattern dance tests taken as a single test candidate,~~ the candidate(s) will be judged individually, even when both members of the couple partners are candidates. If both partners are candidates for the test, the partnered portion of the dance need only be skated once (one judging panel may judge both candidates). Each candidate will receive a separate testing sheet with scores and comments specific for that partner. If the dance requires a solo, each candidate will skate their respective solo one after the other immediately following the partnered dance. A partner in such tests who has previously received a “pass”, “pass with honors” or “pass with distinction” will not be affected if a subsequent attempt of the same test with a different partner is marked with a different result.

~~**8239** For international partnered pattern dance tests taken as a couple, the candidates will be judged and will “pass”, “pass with honors”, “pass with distinction” or be marked “retry” as a couple.~~

**Note: Rules 8240 and 8241 will be renumbered 8239 and 8240 respectively.*

Implementation date: July 1, 2022

314.APPROVED – Competition Committee

Amend **rules 2000 – 2021, 2040-2053, 2062-2063, 2116, 2120, 2132, 2133, 2400-2402, 2412, 2421, 2423, 2431-2433, and 2460-2469** that incorporate all changes outlined below, which would result in merging the National Qualifying Series (NQS) and the current regional singles and sectional pairs and dance challenges into one step, as explained below. Language of these changes is included in Attachment A. Any additional rules with references to the regional and sectional challenges, etc., in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, outside of the competition rules, would be adjusted through housekeeping.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022 (for the 2022-23 competitive season)

315.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competition Committee

Contingent up the approval of Item 314, amend rules 2470-2483, which would result in the advancement process from the National Qualifying Series (NQS) to the Sectional Singles Finals, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final as explained in detail below. Attachment B at the end of this section contains the proposed language of all changes.

Implementation date: July 1, 2022 (for the 2022-23 competitive season)

316.APPROVED – Competition Committee

Amend rules 2500-2524 related to the advancement of athletes to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, as explained in detail below. The language of the rule changes are found in Attachment C.

ATTACHMENT A (Corresponding to Item 314)

Amend **Rules 2000 – 2021, 2040-2053, 2062-2063, 2116, 2120, 2132, 2133, 2400-2402, 2412, 2421, 2423, 2431-2433, and 2460-2469**, as detailed below, in order to merge the National Qualifying Series and regional singles challenges, along with sectional pairs and ice dance challenges into one step of the Qualifying System. Additional rules with references to the regional and sectional challenges, etc., in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, outside of the competition rules, would be adjusted through housekeeping.

1022 The following events for which entries are controlled by U.S. Figure Skating are defined as qualifying competitions:

- A. Standard-Track Qualifying Competitions
 - 1. National Qualifying Series (NQS Regionals)
 - 2. ~~Regional Singles Challenge~~
 - 3. ~~Sectional Ice Dance Challenge~~
 - 4. ~~Sectional Pairs Challenge~~
 - 5. Sectional Singles Final (NQS Sectionals)
 - 6. U.S. Ice Dance Final
 - 7. U.S. Pairs Final
 - 8. U.S. Figure Skating Championships

2000 Qualifying Competitions – Sanctions

- A. The U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, sectional singles finals, ~~sectional pairs challenges, sectional ice dance challenges, regional singles challenges~~, synchronized sectional championships and adult sectional championships require a sanction from the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee.
- B. The National Qualifying Series events require a sanction from the Competitions Committee. Refer to the National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook posted on the Members Only site.
- C. Sanctions for any qualifying competition, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, will be issued only to full member clubs in good standing or to interclub associations listed in the current directory. Entries are limited to current members of U.S. Figure Skating who otherwise meet the requirements as outlined in the rules.
- D. See rules 1100–1130 for additional sanction information.

2010 Qualifying Competitions – Location

2011 If a sectional singles final, ~~sectional pairs challenge, sectional ice dance challenge or regional singles challenge~~ cannot be held within that section ~~or region~~:

- A. The chair of the Competitions Committee has the authority to assign that sectional final or challenge to another section;
- B. ~~The appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee has the authority to assign that regional challenge to another region within the same section.~~

2012 Synchronized skating sectional championships may be hosted at a common time and location with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee. Each section will have separate competitions.

2013 In the event that either a sectional final, ~~sectional challenge or regional challenge~~ cannot be held or relocated, a committee comprised of the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional and regional vice chairs, a member of the Board of Directors from the appropriate section, appointed by the president, at least 33.3 percent athlete representation and any other members deemed appropriate by the president will select the skaters or teams to advance to the next level of qualifying competition.

2020 Qualifying Competitions – Ice Surfaces

2021 For all qualifying competitions as defined in rule 1022, ice surfaces measuring not less than 85 feet by 185 feet will be used whenever possible:

- A. For U.S. Figure Skating Championships, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the Board of Directors and the chair of the Competitions Committee.
- B. For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the Board of Directors and the chair of the Competitions Committee, after consultation with the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee.
- C. For other competitions, smaller ice surfaces may be used only with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee after consultation with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee.
- D. It is preferred that sites for the U.S. Pairs Final, the U.S. Ice Dance Final, sectional finals, ~~sectional challenges and regional challenges~~ have, whenever possible, two ice surfaces available for competition.

2040 Qualifying Competitions – Expenses and Reports

2041 The host club will meet the expenses of any sanctioned competition such as advertising, programs, prizes, expenses of officials and all other expenses as specified in the standard contract. The expense of U.S. Figure Skating officials, technicians or others whose attendance at National Qualifying Series, regional or sectional championships is individually appointed by U.S. Figure Skating will be assumed by U.S. Figure Skating.

A. The National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook will document the conduct, rules and procedures required of any competition wishing to host a National Qualifying Series competition. This document will be submitted by the Competitions Committee to the Board of Directors for their approval no later than December 1, their annual fall meeting.

2042 Clubs conducting qualifying competitions must file a financial statement on forms available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters as follows:

A. For the U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, sectional singles finals, ~~sectional pairs challenges, sectional ice dance challenges, regional singles challenges~~ and adult sectional championships, a financial statement must be filed within 90 days after the last day of the competition with the chair of the Competitions Committee, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters and with the appropriate sectional and regional vice chairs of the Competitions Committee.

2050 Qualifying Competitions – Events

2051 The U.S. championships, U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, ~~sectional singles finals, sectional pairs challenges, sectional ice dance challenges, regional singles challenges~~, and National Qualifying Series events, will be held in accordance with the general rules and regulations for all competitions, together with the rules specific to those competitions.

2052 The follow qualifying competitions will consist of the following events:

Qualifying Events		U.S. Figure Skating Championships	U.S. Ice Dance Final	U.S. Pairs Final	Sectional ice dance challenge	Sectional Pairs Challenge	Sectional Singles Final	Regional Singles Challenge	National Qualifying Series
Senior (Championship)	Ladies	√					√	✕	√
	Men	√					√	✕	√
	Pairs	√		√		✕			√
	Dance	√	√		✕				√
Junior	Ladies	√					√	✕	√
	Men	√					√	✕	√
	Pairs	√		√		✕			√
	Dance	√	√		✕				√
Novice	Ladies						√	✕	√
	Men						√	✕	√
	Pairs			√		✕			√
	Dance		√		✕				√
Intermediate	Ladies						√	✕	√
	Men						√	✕	√
	Pairs			√		✕			√
	Dance		√		✕				√
Juvenile	Girls						√	✕	√
	Boys						√	✕	√
	Pairs			√		✕			√
	Dance		√		✕				√

2053 The Board of Directors may divide the events of U.S. Figure Skating Championships, and the chair of the Competitions Committee, with the vice president may divide the events of the U.S. finals, sectional finals, ~~sectional challenges and regional challenges~~ among different clubs as they see fit.

2060 Qualifying Competitions – Announcements

2061 The rules for qualifying competitions will be those in this rulebook unless stated otherwise in the announcement. The announcement and entry form for:

- A. The U.S. Figure Skating Championships must be approved by the chair of the Competitions Committee;
- B. The U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships must be approved by the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee;
- C. The U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, sectional singles finals, ~~sectional pairs challenges, sectional ice dance~~

challenges, regional singles challenges, and National Qualifying Series events must be approved by the appropriate sectional vice chairs of the Competitions Committee;

2062 The announcements must be made available as follows:

Competition	Announcement Made Available By
National Qualifying Series	March 15 April 15
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	May 15
Regional Singles Challenges	July 15
Sectional Ice Dance and Sectional Pairs Challenges	July 15
Sectional Singles Finals	July 15 August 1
U.S. Ice Dance Final and U.S. Pairs Final	July 15 August 1
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	By the conclusion of sectional singles challenges, U.S. Pairs Challenge and U.S. Dance Challenge
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	Aug. 15
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	By the conclusion of synchronized skating sectional championships
Adult Sectional Championships	Dec. 15
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	Dec. 15

2063 ~~The announcements of the National Qualifying Series and regional singles challenges will contain the date, time and location of qualifying rounds to be held if required. Qualifying rounds may be held no earlier than one week prior to the regional singles challenge at the same rink or rinks at other locations, or as part of the regional singles challenge.~~

2100 Qualifying Competitions – Officials

2116 A judge, referee, technical panel official or accountant invited to serve at a National Qualifying Series event; ~~a regional challenge; a sectional challenge; final or championship; or a U.S. final or championship~~ may not skate as a competitor in any event of said championship except the nonqualifying adult events.

2120 Qualifying Competitions – Officials – All Skating Disciplines

The following officials will be recommended to officiate at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions:

A. Referee

B. Judges

1. Either an odd or even number of judges may be used in events conducted under the IJS. An odd number of judges must be used in events conducted under the 6.0 system.
 - a. U.S. Figure Skating Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - b. U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - c. U.S. Adult Championships: Minimum of seven and maximum of nine judges;
 - d. U.S. Collegiate Championships: Minimum of five and maximum of nine judges;
 - e. Synchronized sectional championships: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - f. Adult sectional championships: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - g. U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final and Sectional Singles Final: Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - h. ~~Sectional Pairs Challenge, Sectional Ice Dance Challenge and Regional Singles Challenge~~ National Qualifying Series (all disciplines): Minimum of five and maximum of seven judges;
 - i. ~~National Qualifying Series: In accordance with the National Qualifying Series Local Organizing Committee Handbook:~~

2130 Qualifying Competitions – Selection of Officials

2131 Levels of Referees and Accountants for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Chief Referee	Assistant Referees	Ice Dance Referees	Chief Accountant	Assistant Accountants
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National	National ISU championship singles/pairs judge*	National ISU championship dance judge**	National	National
U.S. Ice Dance Final	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional

Competition	Chief Referee	Assistant Referees	Ice Dance Referees	Chief Accountant	Assistant Accountants
U.S. Pairs Final	National Sectional	National Sectional	N/A	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
Sectional Singles Final	National Sectional	National Sectional	N/A	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
Sectional <u>National</u> Qualifying Series Ice Dance Challenge	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
Sectional <u>National</u> Qualifying Series Pairs Challenge	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional Regional	N/A	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
Regional <u>National</u> Qualifying Series Singles Challenge	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional Regional	N/A	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
National Qualifying Series (NQS)	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional	National Sectional Regional
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	National SYS	National SYS ISU championship SYS judge***	N/A	National	National
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	National SYS Sectional SYS	National SYS Sectional SYS	N/A	National Sectional	National Sectional Regional
<p>*Must also be an ISU championship singles/pairs referee, an international singles/pairs referee or a candidate for international singles/pairs referee (see rule SCR 3.05)</p> <p>**Must also be an ISU championship dance referee, an international dance referee or a candidate for international dance referee (see rule SCR 3.05)</p> <p>***Must also be an ISU championship synchronized skating referee, an international synchronized skating referee or a candidate for international synchronized skating referee (see rule SCR 3.05)</p> <p>In all qualifying synchronized competitions, in addition to the referee, there will be an assistant ice-level referee for each event. The assistant ice-level referee will be rink side during the skating events to monitor the ice conditions for the safety of the skaters.</p>					

2132 Levels of Judges for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events	Judge – Ice Dance Events	Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National S/P	National Dance	N/A
U.S. Ice Dance Final	N/A	National Dance	N/A

Competition	Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events	Judge – Ice Dance Events	Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events
U.S. Pairs Final	National S/P	N/A	N/A
Sectional Singles Final	National S/P Sectional S/P	N/A	N/A
Sectional National Qualifying Series Ice Dance Challenge	N/A	National Dance Sectional Dance Novice Sectional Dance* *Novice and lower events only	N/A
Sectional National Qualifying Series Pairs Challenge	National S/P Sectional S/P	N/A	N/A
Regional National Qualifying Series Singles Challenge	National S/P Sectional S/P Regional S/P	N/A	N/A
National Qualifying Series (NQS)	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	N/A
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National S/P Sectional S/P	National Dance Sectional Dance	N/A
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National S/P Sectional S/P	National Dance Sectional Dance	N/A
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying events**)	National S/P Sectional S/P Regional S/P	National Dance Sectional Dance Novice Sectional Dance	N/A
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A	N/A	National SYS
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	N/A	N/A	National SYS Sectional SYS
<p>**Judges for nonqualifying events at adult sectional championships may be any judge qualified to judge any nonqualifying competition and will be selected by the LOC and approved by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee</p> <p>Note: For all synchronized skating competitions, the judges should be positioned near the center of the ice surface and sufficiently above the ice surface as to afford the best possible position to observe the performance.</p>			

2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S) Events	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Ice Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events	Data Operators
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National (S)	National (P)	National (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D)
U.S. Ice Dance Final	N/A	N/A	National (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Pairs Final	N/A	National (P)	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Sectional Singles Final	National (S) Sectional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Sectional National Qualifying Series Ice Dance Challenge	N/A	N/A	National (D) Sectional (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Sectional National Qualifying Series Pairs Challenge	N/A	National (P) Sectional (P)	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Regional National Qualifying Series Singles Challenge	National (S) Sectional (S) Regional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S) Events	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Ice Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events	Data Operators
National Qualifying Series (NQS)	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook	N/A	In accordance with NQS Local Organizing Committee Handbook
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P)	National (D) Sectional (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying (P)	National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)	National (S) Sectional (S) Regional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Qualifying (S/P/D)
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS)	National (SYS)
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS) Sectional (SYS)	National (SYS) Qualifying (SYS)
Nonqualifying Competitions	Any level appointment (S)	Any level appointment (P)	Any level appointment (D)	Any level appointment (SYS)	Any level of appointed Data Operator (S/P/D) for singles, pairs and dance events Any level of appointed Data Operator (SYS) for SYS events
	Nonqualifying-level-and-above technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.				

2400 Qualifying Competitions – Entries

2401 Entry for singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating for qualifying competitions must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by the closing date for entries using the online registration method. ~~No paper entries are accepted. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.~~ Policies and procedures will be documented in the appropriate announcement / athlete handbook.-

Competition	Deadline (Closing Date for Entries)
National Qualifying Series	National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	June 15
Qualifying Regional Singles Challenges	Sept. 1
Qualifying Sectional Pairs Challenges	Sept. 1
Qualifying Sectional Ice Dance Challenges	Sept. 1
Qualifying Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	Oct. 1
Adult Sectional Championships	Feb. 1
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	Feb. 1

Note: Deadline for meeting test requirements is at the “closing date for entries.”

- A. The online registration is accessed using the Members Only site. No Sunday or legal holiday “following business day” practice will be applied.
- B. All skaters/teams entries must include the appropriate entry fee and an administrative fee. Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. Administrative fees are not refundable.
 - 1. The entry fees for the National Qualifying Series, ~~and all regional challenges~~, sectional challenges and finals, U.S. finals, synchronized sectional championships, adult sectional championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships and the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships are determined by the chair of the Competitions Committee, in consultation with the sectional vice chairs, and approved by the Board of Directors. No entry fee will be charged for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

- a. The entry fees for the National Qualifying Series will be a fee to enter the series as a whole. Entry fees for individual competitions will be set by and paid directly to host competitions.
2. Entries in qualifying competitions will not be accepted from entrants who have obligations that are unpaid from prior qualifying competitions.
3. If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.
- C. If competing in an IJS event, each skater, pair, couple or team will submit a planned program content sheet (PPCS) for each segment of their competitive event indicating the elements planned for the program, listed in the order to be skated.
- D. Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final, and a skater/team may not reenter the qualifying competition system for the season even if it is before the closing date for entries. However, if a new pair or ice dance team is formed by either member of a withdrawn team before the closing date for entries, then this new team may enter.
- E. ~~When nonqualifying competitions are held in conjunction with qualifying competitions, entries for the nonqualifying portion of the competition are due to the appropriate local organizing committee on or before the mandated closing date for entries for the qualifying competition.~~
- F. The National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook will document the official rules and procedures for athletes. This document will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval annually, no later than ~~Feb. 1~~ March 1. It will be published annually on the Members Only site, no later than ~~March 15~~ April 15, in conjunction with the official list of National Qualifying Series events.

2405 Competitors:

- A. May enter different kinds of events (i.e. singles, pairs or ice dance) in different levels (i.e. senior, junior) but may not enter the same kind of event in different levels in the same competition. For example, a skater may enter junior pairs and senior free skate, but they may not enter both junior and senior pairs.
- B. May enter, if an adult competitor:
 1. Only one championship event per discipline regardless of eligibility by test requirements; and
 2. A maximum of four events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
 - a. If entering more than one event, each event entered must be in a different category (i.e. free skate, partnered dance, solo dance, dramatic performance, lyrical pop/character/comedy, etc.) with the exception that a competitor who qualifies for a championship event through the adult sectional championships may also enter the corresponding nonqualifying event in the same category. However, if qualifying for a championship event puts the competitor over the four-event limit, the competitor will have to withdraw from one event of the competitor's choosing. The subsequent event entry fee for that one event, and only that one event, will be refunded. Administrative fees are not refundable.
- C. May not enter a championship event at an adult-track qualifying competition (adult sectionals/U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships) and a qualifying event at a standard-track qualifying competition (regional challenge/sectional challenge/sectional final/ U.S. final/U.S. Championships) in the same kind of event (i.e. free skate, ice dance) in the same competition season. For example, a skater may not enter novice men's free skate at a standard-track qualifying competition and championship masters intermediate-novice men's free skate at an adult-track qualifying competition in the same season. However, a skater may enter novice men's free skate at a standard-track qualifying competition and masters intermediate-novice men's free skate (not a championship event) or championship masters pairs (different category) at an adult-track qualifying competition in the same season.
- D. Must state whether or not they will skate in their event(s) if ~~there are four or fewer entries in their region or 12 or fewer entries in their section for singles events; five or fewer entries in their section or 15 or fewer entries nationwide for pairs or ice dance events; or four or fewer entries in their section or 12 or fewer entries nationwide for adult events; or two or fewer entries in their section for synchronized skating events.~~ The statement is binding.
- E. ~~Must state whether or not they will skate in their event(s) if they qualify to compete in a sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final by virtue of their placement in the National Qualifying Series. The statement is binding.~~

2412 Skaters Competing in Multiple Events in Challenges, Finals and Adult Sectional Championships

- A. ~~If a skater is entering a regional singles challenge in addition to a sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge, said skater will enter a regional challenge according to rule 2411 but may compete in the regional challenge where the concurrent partnered event is being held if it is in a different location.~~
- B. If a skater qualifies to compete in a sectional singles final and the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, said skater may compete in the sectional singles final where the concurrent partnered event is being held.
- C. If a skater is entering a singles event at an adult sectional championship in addition to a pairs/dance event at an adult

sectional championship, said skater will enter an adult sectional championships according to rule 2411, but may compete in a qualifying singles event at the adult sectional championship where their partnered event is being held.

2420 Test Qualifications – Qualifying Competitions

2421 For the National Qualifying Series, athletes may “skate up” and enter a higher level than their current test level; however, ~~in order to compete in the regional singles challenge and/or the sectional singles final, in order to advance to the sectional final or U.S. Pair Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, athletes must have passed the appropriate test per rule 2422, by the conclusion of the National Qualifying Series. National Qualifying Series competitions will be considered nonqualifying competitions for the purpose of Test Credit from IJS Protocol, outlined in Rule 4201.~~

~~**2423** Provisional entries based on an entrant passing a test after a closing date will not be accepted.~~

2430 Previous Winners – Qualifying Competitions

2431 Previous Winners at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

- A. Winners of junior singles events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships may compete at the same level the following season; however, if they choose to do so, they will receive a bye to the sectional singles final. They may compete in the National Qualifying Series, but their regional or sectional ranking will not be considered in advancement. ~~must bypass their regional singles challenge and begin competing at their sectional singles final.~~ Prior year (singles) winners moving up one or more levels must begin competing in the National Qualifying Series or their regional singles challenge.
- B. Winners of junior pairs or ice dance events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships may compete at the same level the following season; however if they choose to do so, they will receive a bye to but must bypass their sectional challenge and begin at their U.S. final. They may compete in the National Qualifying Series, but their sectional or national ranking will not be considered in advancement.
- C. Either partner of a pair or ice dance team may re-enter the same level with a different partner, if otherwise eligible, but would begin competing in the National Qualifying Series ~~or their sectional challenge.~~

2432 Previous Winners at a Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final

- A. Winners of senior singles events at a sectional singles final may bypass the ~~regional singles challenge the following season and~~ National Qualifying Series and begin competing at their sectional singles final; ~~however, if they choose to compete at a regional singles challenge, they must place in the top four in order to advance to their sectional singles final.~~
- B. Winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice or junior singles events at a sectional singles final must compete at a ~~regional singles challenge again~~ the National Qualifying Series to qualify for the sectional singles final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.
- C. Winners of juvenile through junior pairs or dance events at a U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final must compete at a ~~sectional pairs or dance challenge again~~ the National Qualifying Series to qualify for the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.

2433 Previous Winners of the National Qualifying Series, or at a Regional Singles Challenge or a Sectional Pairs or Dance Challenge

- A. Winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior singles events at the National Qualifying Series ~~or a regional singles challenge must compete at a regional singles challenge~~ must compete at the National Qualifying Series again to qualify for the sectional singles final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.
- B. Winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior pairs or dance events at the National Qualifying Series ~~or a sectional pairs or dance challenge must compete at a sectional pairs or dance challenge~~ must compete at the National Qualifying Series again to qualify for the U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2471.

2460 ~~Qualifying Rounds and Seeding~~ – National Qualifying Series and Regional Singles Challenges

2461 Event Parameters – National Qualifying Series (singles):

- A. When there are 24 or fewer entries in any event at a National Qualifying Series competition, skaters will compete as one group.
- B. When there are more than 24 entries, competitors will be divided into groups.
 - 1. Each group will be composed of programs as follows:
 - a. Juvenile singles: free skate only.
 - b. Intermediate, novice, junior and senior singles: short program and free skate.
 - 2. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at a National Qualifying Series competition. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to all skaters in the event.
 - 3. Groups will be seeded in the ~~same manner as qualifying rounds of a regional singles challenge~~ of rule 2464 (see rule 2463).

C. For the National Qualifying Series, competitors will not advance to a championship round from their groups. The total score achieved from their group will be their final score for the event.

2462 Event Parameters—Regional Singles Challenges:

- A. When there are 24 or fewer entries in any event at a regional singles challenge, qualifying rounds will not be held. Competitors proceed directly to the championship round.
- B. When there are more than 24 entries in any event at a regional singles challenge, qualifying rounds will be held. Competitors will be divided into groups in accordance with rule 2467 (see also rule 2468):
 - 1. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at a regional singles challenge. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to all skaters in the event. Notification procedures as outlined in rule 2466 will be followed.

2463 As soon as possible after the closing date for entries, the chief referee will establish the qualifying groups for those events with more than 24 competitors and a tentative schedule of competition and practice ice times.

2464 Competitors in qualifying rounds Groups will be seeded from the previous year’s qualifying competition final placements for the comparable event. Qualifying round results will not be used. Zigzag seeding will be used as follows:

- A. By final placement in the event of the same level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to junior and senior events only), then sectional singles final, ~~then regional singles challenge~~, then the competitor’s national rank National Qualifying Series;
 - 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (~~sectional or regional~~) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
- B. For intermediate, novice, junior and senior, by final placement in the event of the next lower level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to senior events only), then sectional singles final, ~~then regional singles challenge~~, then the competitor’s national rank National Qualifying Series;
 - 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (~~sectional or regional~~) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
- C. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the same level;
- D. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the next lower level and for those moving up more than one competition level, regardless of previous placement (i.e. all remaining competitors).

2466 Notification:

- A. Promptly after the chief referee establishes the qualifying groups and a tentative schedule of competition and practice ice times, all competitors will be notified of the time(s) of their practice(s), the qualifying group to which they have been assigned (if applicable) and their tentative competition time(s). The complete roster for each event and/or qualifying round will be posted on the local organizing committee website.
- B. Any skaters who are added to an event due to unforeseen circumstances will be added to one of the groups (which group will be at the discretion of the chief referee) up to 48 hours before the start of the first qualifying group in that event. No reseeding or reassignments between groups will be made after the competitors are notified of their qualifying groups.
- C. Posting of the starting order must be at the arena or on the local organizing committee website.
- D. The official schedule of events will be posted at the competition.

2467 When there are more than 24 entries in any event at a regional singles challenge, the number of qualifying round groups as well as the total number of skaters advancing to the championship round are shown in the following chart:

Note: The actual number of skaters in the championship round (CR) may increase if there are ties.

Entries	Qualifying Round (QR)			Championship Round (CR)
	Number of Groups	Number Advancing/Group	Additional Number Advancing by Score	Total Number Advancing
25-36	2	4	+4 next highest scores	12
37-54	3	4	+4 next highest scores	16
55-72	4	4	+4 next highest scores	20
73-90	5	4	+4 next highest scores	24
91-144	6	4	+4 next highest scores	28
145-196	7	4	+4 next highest scores	32

*The number of skaters in the championship round will be increased by the total number of competitors with a bye who choose to compete at their regional singles challenge in accordance with rule 2471 (G) (1):

2468 Qualifying and championship rounds will consist of the following programs:

- A. For 25–196 entrants at a regional singles challenge, there will be a qualifying round that will consist of free skate only.
- B. For 25–196 entrants at a regional singles challenge, there will be a championship round consisting of:
 - 1. Juvenile singles: free skate only.

2. Intermediate, novice, junior and senior singles: short program and free skate.

2469 Factoring Rules:

A. Scores from qualifying rounds will not be factored and will not be used to determine final placements.

B. For multi-segment championship rounds: The scores from each segment will be combined to determine the overall results.

Note: The factors to be used are posted on the Members Only site, under the “Accounting Central” link.

ATTACHMENT B

(Corresponding to Item 315, and contingent upon the approval of Item 314)

Amend **rules 2470-2483**, as illustrated below, that address advancement to the Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final. Any additional rules with references to the advancement to the sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, would be adjusted through housekeeping.

2470 Qualifying for a Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final

To qualify for a sectional singles final, U.S. Pairs Final or U.S. Ice Dance Final, all competitors must be entered to compete in the National Qualifying Series and post a score in at least one competition of their choice, unless they have qualified for a bye under rules 2472, 2474 or 2476. ~~be entered to compete in a regional singles challenge, sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge, respectively, through the online registration process as described in rule 2401 by the deadline of Sept. 1. Failure to do so will result in the competitor(s) not being entered nor allowed to compete at these competitions for the current season.~~

2471 ~~Singles competitors qualify for the sectional singles final by~~ Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior singles competitors will qualify for the sectional singles final, through the National Qualifying Series, in each event, in the following order:

A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:

1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;

2. The next 12 ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;

3. If there are less than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until 24 competitors per section are reached.

B. For junior and senior:

1. The top four ranked athletes in each region in the National Qualifying Series;

2. The next six ranked athletes in their section in the National Qualifying Series;

3. If there are less than four competitors in any region, additional competitors will qualify, based on the rank in their section until 18 competitors per section are reached.

C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in their section in the National Qualifying Series.

A. Placing in the top six of athletes in their section, in their level, at the National Qualifying Series;

B. Placing in the top four at a regional singles challenge;

C. For junior or senior events, any member of the United States Figure Skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, who has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level, and competes in that event.

D. Having four or fewer entries in their event at a regional singles challenge or having 12 or fewer entries in their event in all regional singles challenges within their section (see rule 2472);

E. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season;

F. Having won the sectional singles final at the senior level the previous season;

G. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2471 (A), or (C) through (F) have the choice to compete at their regional singles challenge but do not lose their bye to the sectional singles final, regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who would have placed in the top four at the regional singles challenge if said skater had not competed.

1. Competitors qualifying under rule 2471 (A), or (C) through (F) who choose to compete at a regional singles challenge will be advanced directly to the championship round.

2472 Additional competitors may qualify for the sectional singles final by:

A. Being a member of the U.S. Figure skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, who has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level and competes in that event.

B. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level, in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season.

C. Having won the sectional singles final at the senior level in the previous season.

D. Competitors qualifying under Rule 2472 may compete in the National Qualifying Series and do not lose their bye to the sectional singles final regardless of regional or sectional ranking, nor displace a competitor that qualified under Rule 2471.

2472 ~~**Four/12 or Fewer Rule:**~~ Singles competitors at a regional challenge may progress directly to their sectional final if, at the closing date for entries, there are four or fewer competitors in their event within their region or 12 or fewer competitors in their event within all regions in their section combined. The chair of the Competitions Committee may

also invoke this rule after the closing date for entries if international byes and/or withdrawals reduce an event to four or fewer competitors:

A. **Fill-Up Rule:** Additional competitors from the same event in other regions of the same section will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of competitors qualifying through the regional challenge events up to a maximum of 12 (or more, if ties make it necessary). These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included, even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed 12, qualifying through the regional challenge events.

2473 Pairs competitors qualify for the U.S. Pairs Final by: Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior pairs competitors will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Pairs Final, in each event, in the following order:

A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:

1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next 12 ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 24 teams are reached.

B. For junior and senior:

1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next six ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.

C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.

A. Placing in the top three, of all teams nationwide, in their level, at the National Qualifying Series;

B. Placing in the top five at a sectional pairs challenge;

C. For junior or senior events, any member of the United States Figure Skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, that has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level, and competes in that event; regardless of whether it conflicts with their sectional challenge;

D. For junior and senior events, having five or fewer entries in their event at a sectional pairs challenge, or having 15 or fewer entries in all their events, nationwide (see rule 2474);

E. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season;

F. Having won the U.S. Pairs Final at the senior level the previous season;

G. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2473 (A), or (C) through (F) have the choice to compete at their sectional pairs challenge but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Pairs Final, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who might place in the top five if said team was not entered.

2474 Additional competitors may qualify for the U.S. Pairs Final by:

A. Being a member of the U.S. Figure skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, who has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level and competes in that event.

B. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season.

C. Having won the U.S. Pairs Final at the senior level in the previous season.

D. Competitors qualifying under Rule 2474 may compete in the National Qualifying Series and do not lose their bye to the U.S. Pairs Final regardless of sectional or national ranking, nor displace a team that qualified under Rule 2471.

2474 **Five/15 or Fewer Rule:** Pairs competitors at a sectional challenge, in the junior or senior events only, may progress directly to the U.S. Pairs Final if, at the closing date for entries, there are five or fewer competitors in their event within their section or 15 or fewer competitors in their event nationwide. The chair of the Competitions Committee may also invoke this rule after the closing date for entries if international byes and/or withdrawals reduce an event to five or fewer competitors. Competitors in the juvenile through novice events must compete at their sectional challenge as long as there are two or more competitors, if they did not qualify through rule 2473 (A).

A. **Fill-up Rule:** Additional competitors from the same event in other sections will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of competitors qualifying through the sectional challenge events up to a maximum of 15 (or more, if ties make it necessary). These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included, even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed 15 qualifying through the sectional challenge events.

2475 Effective beginning with the 2023 qualifying season, Twenty-four juvenile, intermediate and novice, and 18 junior and senior ice dance competitors will qualify, through the National Qualifying Series, for the U.S. Ice Dance Final by in each event in the following order:

A. For juvenile, intermediate and novice:

1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next 12 ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the

nation until 24 teams are reached.

B. For junior and senior:

1. The top four ranked competitors in each section in the National Qualifying Series;
2. The next six ranked competitors nationwide in the National Qualifying Series;
3. If there are less than four competitors in any section, additional teams will qualify based on their rank in the nation until 18 teams are reached.

C. Alternates will be the next best ranked competitors in the nation in the National Qualifying Series.

A. Placing in the top six at a sectional ice dance challenge;

B. For junior or senior events, any member of the United States Figure Skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, that has been assigned to an international competition at the junior or senior level, and competes in that event; regardless of whether it conflicts with their sectional challenge;

C. For junior and senior events, having two or fewer entries in their event at a sectional ice dance challenge, or having 18 or fewer entries in all their events, nationwide (see rule 2476);

D. Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season;

E. Having won the U.S. Ice Dance Final at the senior level the previous season;

F. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2475 (D), or (E) have the choice to compete at their sectional ice dance challenge but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Ice Dance Final, regardless of placement, nor displace a couple who might place in the top six if said couple was not entered.

G. Competitors qualifying under this rule 2475 (C) will be given the option to compete at a different sectional ice dance challenge but not lose their bye to the U.S. Ice Dance Final, regardless of placement, nor displace a couple who might place in the top six if said couple was not entered

2476 ~~Two/18 or Fewer Rule:~~ Ice dance competitors at a sectional challenge, in the junior or senior events only, may progress directly to the U.S. Ice Dance Final if, at the closing date for entries, there are two or fewer competitors in their event within their section or 18 or fewer competitors in their event nationwide. The chair of the Competitions Committee may also invoke this rule after the closing date for entries if international byes and/or withdrawals reduce an event to two or fewer competitors. Competitors in the juvenile through novice events must compete at their sectional challenge as long as there are two or more competitors.

A. ~~Fill-up Rule:~~ Additional competitors from the same event in other sections will be permitted to enter in order to bring the number of competitors qualifying through the sectional challenge events up to a maximum of 18 (or more, if ties make it necessary). These additional competitors will be selected in the order of their placement. Should this result in two or more competitors qualifying for one additional place, all will be included, even if this causes the total number of competitors in the event to exceed 18 qualifying through the sectional challenge events.

2480 ~~Alternates to the Sectional Singles Final and U.S. Pairs and Dance Final~~

2481 ~~Singles~~

A. Singles skaters in the two places immediately following the qualifiers in their regional singles challenge in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events will be designated as first and second alternates for their region in their section to the sectional singles final. All alternates will be provided with an application to file with the next competition. These skaters should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete. The alternates will be eligible to replace any withdrawn qualifier from the same regional singles challenge who did not have a bye from the National Qualifying Series.

B. After the regional singles challenge, a withdrawal by a singles skater who received a bye through the National Qualifying Series, without consideration to their participation or placement at a regional singles challenge, will be replaced at the sectional singles final by the next highest ranked National Qualifying Series athlete in the same section who has not otherwise qualified.

2482 ~~Pairs~~

A. Pairs teams placing in the two places immediately following the qualifiers in their sectional pairs challenge in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events will be designated as first and second alternates for their section to the U.S. Pairs Final. All alternates will be provided with an application to file with the next competition. These teams should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete. The alternates will be eligible to replace any withdrawn qualifier from the same sectional pairs challenge who did not have a bye from the National Qualifying Series.

B. After the sectional pairs challenge, a withdrawal by a team who received a bye through the National Qualifying Series, without consideration to their participation or placement at a sectional pairs challenge, will be replaced at the U.S. Pairs Final by the next highest ranked National Qualifying Series team who has not otherwise qualified.

2483 ~~Ice Dance~~

A. Ice dance teams placing in the two places immediately following the qualifiers in their sectional ice dance challenge in each of the senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile events will be designated as first and second alternates for their section to the U.S. Ice Dance Final. All alternates will be provided with an application to file with the next competition. These teams should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete. The

alternates will be eligible to replace any withdrawn qualifier from the same sectional ice dance challenge who did not have a bye from the National Qualifying Series.

- B. After the sectional ice dance challenge, a withdrawal by a team who received a bye through the National Qualifying Series, without consideration to their participation or placement at a sectional ice dance challenge, will be replaced at the U.S. Ice Dance Final by the next highest ranked National Qualifying Series team who has not otherwise qualified.

ATTACHMENT C (Corresponding to Item 316)

Amend **rules 2500-2524** that address advancement from the Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final to the senior events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2500 Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

To qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, all competitors must be entered to compete in a regional singles challenge, sectional pairs challenge or sectional ice dance challenge, respectively, through the online registration process as described in rule 2401 by the deadline of Sept. 1. Failure to do so will result in the competitor(s) not being entered nor allowed to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for the current season.

2501 Singles competitors qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the junior events by:-

1. Placing in the top four in junior at their respective sectional singles final;
2. Placing in the top two in novice at their respective sectional singles final;
3. Athletes earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates) or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
 - b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

Competitors qualifying under this subparagraph (3) have the choice to compete at their sectional singles final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who would have placed in the top four at the sectional singles final if said skater had not competed. At such final the top four places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

B. For the senior events: A maximum for 18 singles skaters qualify in the following order:

1. Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
2. Athletes who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
3. Athletes who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
4. Athletes earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
5. Top two athletes in their respective sectional singles final, that do not also qualify under rule 2501B, subparagraphs 1-4.
6. Next best scores nationwide, from all three sectional singles finals.
 1. By meeting the required minimum total element score per rule 2505 and:
 - a. Placing in the top four in senior at their respective sectional singles final; or
 - b. Earning a bye by either:
 - i. Qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates); or
 - ii. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
 2. By placing in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships;
 3. By being selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships; or
 4. By winning a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (this does not include the team event).

Competitors qualifying under subparagraph (1)(b), (2), (3) or (4) have the choice to compete at their sectional singles final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who would have placed in the top four at the sectional singles final if said skater had not competed. At such final the top four places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, provided that all athletes who qualify pursuant to rule 2501 (B)(1) meet the minimum technical score per rule 2505.

2502 Pairs teams qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the junior events by:

1. Placing in the top 12 in junior at the U.S. Pairs Final;
2. Earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates);
 - b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

Teams qualifying under this subparagraph (2) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Pairs Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who would have placed in the top 12 at the U.S. Pairs Final if said team had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

B. For the senior events: A maximum of 12 pairs qualify in the following order:

1. Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
2. Athletes who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
3. Athletes who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
4. Athletes earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
5. Next best placements at the U.S. Pairs Final, up to 12, that do not also qualify under rule 2502 B, subparagraphs 1-4.
 1. By meeting the required minimum total element score per rule 2505 and:
 - a. Placing in the top 12 in senior at the U.S. Pairs Final; or
 - b. Earning a bye by either:
 - i. Qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates); or
 - ii. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.
 2. By placing in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships with the same partner;
 3. By being selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships with the same partner; or
 4. By winning a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games with the same partner (this does not include the team event).

Teams qualifying under subparagraph (1)(b), (2), (3) or (4) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Pairs Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a team who would have placed in the top 12 at the U.S. Pairs Final if said team had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, provided that all teams who qualify pursuant to rule 2502 (B)(1) meet the minimum technical score per rule 2505.

2503 Ice dance couples qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships:

A. For the junior events by:

1. Placing in the top 12 in junior at the U.S. Ice Dance Final;
2. Earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates);
 - b. As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

Couples qualifying under this subparagraph (2) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Ice Dance Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a couple who would have placed in the top 12 at the U.S. Ice Dance Final if said couple had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

B. For the senior events a maximum of 15 couples qualify in the following order:

1. Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
2. Athletes who were selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships.
3. Athletes who won a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games (not including the team event).
4. Athletes earning a bye:
 - a. For qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team

who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.

5. Next best placements at the U.S. Ice Dance Final, up to 15, that do not also qualify under rule 2503 B, subparagraphs 1-4.
 1. ~~By meeting the required minimum total element score per rule 2505 and:~~
 - a. ~~Placing in the top 12 in senior at the U.S. Ice Dance Final; or~~
 - b. ~~Earning a bye by either:~~
 - i. ~~Qualifying to compete in the same event at the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final (not including alternates); or~~
 - ii. ~~As a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511.~~
 2. ~~By placing in the top five in the same event at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships with the same partner;~~
 3. ~~By being selected to the U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event for the most recent World Figure Skating Championships with the same partner; or~~
 4. ~~By winning a medal in the same event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games with the same partner (this does not include the team event).~~

Couples qualifying under this subparagraph (1)(b), (2), (3) or (4) have the choice to compete at the U.S. Ice Dance Final but do not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of placement, nor displace a couple who would have placed in the top 12 at the U.S. Ice Dance Final if said couple had not competed. At such final the top 12 places plus the competitor(s) who receive a bye will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, provided that all couples who qualify pursuant to rule 2503 (B)(1) meet the minimum technical score per rule 2505.

2504 Fill-up Rule: There will be no fill-ups to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2505 Minimum Total Element Score

- A. Competitors who qualify for the senior events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships through rule 2501 (B)(4 or 6), rule 2502 (B)(4 or 5) or rule 2503 (B)(4 or 5) or as alternates in rule 2521(A), must also have met a minimum total element score (TES) at one of the following competitions in the same season: Any National Qualifying Series event, ~~a regional singles challenge~~, a sectional singles final, ~~a sectional pairs challenge~~, a sectional ice dance challenge, the U.S. Pairs Final, the U.S. Ice Dance Final, or any ISU competition.
- B. The minimum TES will be determined annually. It is recommended by the appropriate discipline committee and must be approved by the Board of Directors by Sept. 1. Once approved, the minimum TES for each discipline will be published on the Members Only site in a Technical Notification.

2510 Byes to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

2511 Prior to June 1 each season, the chair of the Competitions Committee, the chair of the International Committee, and U.S. Figure Skating's athlete representative to the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council will present the bye criteria to the Athletes Advisory Committee and, subsequently, the Board of Directors for approval. The complete approved criteria will be posted on the Members Only site.

- A. Any member of the United States Figure Skating Team as defined in rule ICR 3.05 who meets the approved criteria will earn a bye.

2512 Skaters qualifying per rules 2501 (B)(1-4), 2502 (B)(1-4), or 2503 (B)(1-4) must submit a signed Statement of Intent to compete in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at least 60 days prior to the first day of the competition as stated in the competition announcement. The form will be provided by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters to all qualified skaters. Those who do not meet this requirement will be considered withdrawn.

2513 No medical byes will be granted to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2520 Alternates

2521 For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, ~~there are no alternates for the championship (senior events).~~ as follows:

A. For senior events:

1. Singles skaters who have met the minimum TES, in the order of their scores, nationwide, from their respective sectional singles final. In the case of a tie, it will be broken by the free skate score.
2. Pairs and dance teams who have met the minimum TES, in the order of their scores at the U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Final.

B. For junior events:

- A 1. Singles skaters placing fifth and sixth in junior in their sectional singles final will be designated as first and second alternate for their section to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- B 2. Singles skaters placing third and fourth in novice in their sectional singles final will be designated as first and second alternate for their section to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- C 3. Pairs and dance teams placing 13th and 14th the U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final will be designated as first and second alternate to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

2522 Alternates should continue to train and be prepared should they become eligible to compete.

2523 Alternates may be selected up to ~~24~~ 72 hours before the initial draw for start of the affected skater's first competitive event.

2524 Notice to alternates or, if they cannot be reached, to their coach or club president must be by email or phone call, followed

by an email response. Response is required within ~~12~~ 24 hours of receipt of the notice, or the next alternate will be contacted.

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

401.APPROVED – Ethics Committee, Grievance Committee and SkateSafe Committee

Amend rules **ECR 3.04** (page 85, Rulebook) and delete rules **GCR 3.02 (E)** and **GCR 3.06 (C)** (pages 87-88, Rulebook) to remove references to joint grievances with the Professional Skaters Association (PSA):

ECR 3.00 Disciplinary Proceedings

ECR 3.04 The vice president may suspend the Respondent pending the hearing contemplated by Article XXV, Section 1 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws if applicable law, including the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, does not otherwise prohibit such action. If a grievance is initiated against a Respondent U.S. Figure Skating member who is also a member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), the vice president shall confer with the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair prior to any suspension, but may impose the suspension regardless of the outcome of the conference.

GCR 3.02 Receipt of Grievance Statement by Grievance Committee chair:

~~E. U.S. Figure Skating and PSA Combined Grievance: If a Grievance is filed against a U.S. Figure Skating member who is also a member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), and the alleged violation pertains to the Respondent's actions in a coaching capacity, the Grievance Committee chair must notify the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair with a copy of the Grievance Statement. The Grievance Committee chair and the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair must decide whether to proceed with the matter as a Combined Grievance under Article XXV of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws. If the Grievance Committee chair and the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair decide not to proceed with the matter as a Combined Grievance, the Grievance Committee chair must process the Grievance statement in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and Grievance and Ethics Committee Rules. When the Grievance Committee chair and PSA Professional Standards Committee chair determine that the Grievance will proceed as a Combined Grievance, the Grievance Committee chair and the PSA Professional Standards Committee chair must process the Combined Grievance as follows:~~

- ~~1. If the Combined Grievance proceeds to a Hearing, the Grievance Committee chair selects a Hearing Panel in accordance with rule GCR 3.04. At least one-third of the Hearing Panel members must be current PSA and U.S. Figure Skating members.~~
- ~~2. The PSA Professional Standards Committee chair participates in the Combined Grievance process as an oversight official and as representative of the PSA.~~
- ~~3. The Hearing must follow U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee Rules and Procedures.~~
- ~~4. A Hearing Panel decision is effective under both U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and Grievance and Ethics Committee Rules and PSA rules. Any appeal therefrom may be taken in accordance with those rules.~~
- ~~5. An appeal within U.S. Figure Skating may be filed in accordance with Article XXV, Section 1 (C) and (D), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and the Grievance Committee Rules.~~

GCR 3.06 Stipulated Resolution of a Grievance

~~C. If the Grievance is a Combined Grievance pursuant to rule GCR 3.03 (E), then the stipulated resolution of the Grievance must be agreed to by the Respondent, the Grievant, the president of U.S. Figure Skating, the executive director of U.S. Figure Skating, the executive director of the Professional Skaters Association and the Professional Skaters Association's Professional Standards Committee chair. The stipulated resolution of such a grievance will be submitted to the Board of Directors for its concurrence.~~

Implementation date: Immediate

INTERNATIONAL GROUP (GROUP 5)

There were no requests for action from the **International Group**.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was considered.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

701.APPROVED provisional club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

Heart of Texas FSC	Austin, TX
FSC of Osceola	Kissimmee, FL

702.APPROVED full club status in U.S. Figure Skating for the following provisional clubs:

The Center Skating Academy	Marlborough, MA
District Impact SC	Washington, DC
Dubuque FSC	Dubuque, IA
Go4Gold Shakopee Skating Academy	Prior Lake, MN
Great Lakes FSC	Glen Ellyn, IL
Iowa Figure Skating Academy	Urbandale, IA
FSC of Louisiana	Lafayette, LA

703.AWARDED honorary membership with U.S. Figure Skating to Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier.

704.RATIFIED all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year except those actions that were rescinded, referred or amended by the Governing Council.

705.ADOPTED the budget with the appropriate modifications resulting from the adoption of any other items of business that came before this Governing Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

706.ELECTED the following members of the Board of Directors:

PRESIDENT (four-year term) Samuel Auxier

DIRECTORS (two-year term) Victoria Hildebrand
Kevin Rosenstein
Kym Worthy

DIRECTORS (one-year term) Janis Engel
Kristina Lundgren
Kimberley Moore
Heather Paige

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS Jackie Chang (two-year term)
Matt Slatius (one-year term)

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES
(Elected by the athletes, February 2022) Amanda Evora Will (USOPC AAC Representative)
Rachael Flatt (Singles) (one-year term)
Jenna Longo (Synchronized Skating) (two-year term)
Colin McManus (Ice Dance) (two-year term)
Felicia Zhang (Pairs) (one-year term)

GROUP COORDINATORS (non-voting)(two-year term)
Athlete Services Lauren O’Toole
Membership Development Elizabeth (Elise) Preston
Technical and Officials Todd Bromley
Administrative/Legal Pilar Helm

707.ANNOUNCED that Colin McManus will serve as the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee as elected by the athletes.

708.The president **ACCEPTED and APPOINTED** the following individuals for the committee chair positions:

Adult Skating	Caralyn Scudner
Coaches	Phillip DiGuglielmo
Competitions	Kathleen Krieger
Dance Development and Technical	Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management	Leslie Gianelli
Domestic Selections	Kimberly Heim
Ethics	Matthew O'Toole
Grievance	Melissa Christensen
International	Julia Rey
International Officials	Deveny Deck
Membership	Cathryn Schwab
Memorial Fund	Ann Buckley
Officials Training	Lori Osborne
Pairs Development and Technical	Marc Weitzman
Programs and New Program Development	Gerald Miele
Rules	Lisa Erle
SkateSafe	William Tran
Singles Development and Technical	Stefanie Mathewson
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Frederick Workman
Synchronized Development and Technical	Felicia Haining-Miller
Tests	Reed Hastings

709.The president **ANNOUNCED** the appointment of Troy Goldstein as the ISU representative.

710.**ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for the 2022-23 season:

From the Eastern Section and serving a two-year term: Karen Terry Perreault

From the Midwestern Section and serving a one-year term: Lynn Goldman

From the Pacific Coast Section and serving a two-year term: Lexi Rohner

The three athletes serving are:

Serving a two-year term: Christina Gao

Serving a one-year term: Anastasia Cannuscio and Alexander Johnson

Per Article XV of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws, the Board of Directors will convene prior to June 1 to appoint three additional members to serve on the 2022-23 Nominating Committee who will be reflected in the full Nominating Committee roster available in the online directory on the Members Only site on June 1.

711.**AWARDED** honorary membership with U.S. Figure Skating to Anne Cammett.