

2015-16 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

Board of Directors — In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots — May 3, 2015, through April 28, 2016
Governing Council — Columbus, Ohio — April 29-30, 2016

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2016 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 3, 2015

1. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Audit Committee for 2015-16:

- Kristin Arneson Cutler
- Winston Burbank
- Sharon Watson
- Henry Fein (athlete)
- Bob Anderson (ex-officio)

Note: Audit Committee selects its chair.

2. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Compensation Committee for 2015-16:

- Lainie DeMore (chair)
- Anne Cammett
- Pilar Bosley (athlete)
- Bob Anderson (ex-officio)

JUNE 1, 2015

3. **APPROVED – Singles Committee**

Amend **rules 4270 and 4280 (pages 136 and 148-149, Rulebook)** as follows:

4270 Pre-Preliminary Singles

- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that skaters may perform one three-jump combination.
- Jump sequences ~~and combinations~~ are limited to a maximum of three single jumps. (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit)
- Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a jump combination/sequence.

4280 No Test Singles

- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that skaters may perform one three-jump combination.
- Jump sequences ~~and combinations~~ are limited to a maximum of three single jumps. (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit)
- Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a jump combination/sequence.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

4. **APPROVED** the Youth Olympic Games Selection Procedures as presented.

5. **ACCEPTED – Competitions and Judges Committees**

The following resignation:

- Charles Foster, Haymarket, Va. (National Singles/Pairs Referee and National Singles/Pairs Judge)

6. **APPROVED – Competitions and Judges Committees**

The following honorary national appointments:

- **Honorary National Referee:** Charles Foster, Haymarket, Va.; Josephine Lawless, West Hills, Calif.
- **Honorary National Judge:** Charles Foster, Haymarket, Va.; Josephine Lawless, West Hills, Calif.

7. **CONCURRED** regarding the resolution of the Stipulation of a Grievance Matter from the chair of the Grievance Committee.

8. **APPROVED** the president's nomination of Alison Hershberger-Filo as the Ethics Committee chair upon completion of Patrick O'Neil accepting an offer to be an independent contractor for club relations for U.S. Figure Skating.

JULY 7, 2015

9. APPROVED a provisional sanction for the 2016 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 5-9, 2016; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Ann Arbor FSC.

10. APPROVED a provisional sanction for the 2017 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 18-22, 2017; Wake Forest, N.C.; Triangle FSC.

AUGUST 3, 2015

11. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2016 World Junior Synchronized Team Selection Event; Feb. 12-13, 2016; Dearborn, Mich.; Dearborn FSC.

12. APPROVED the president's reappointment of Lainie DeMore as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the board of Serving The American Rinks (STAR). The term of service for this appointment is for three years, starting the fall of 2015.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

13. APPROVED the team leader/coach and coach selection procedures for the Youth Olympic Games.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

14. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2016 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 24-27, 2016; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association.

OCTOBER 21, 2015

15. ACCEPTED the Audit Report as presented by Stockman Kast Ryan & Co. for the 2015 FY Financials through June 30, 2015.

16. APPROVED a provisional sanction for the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 14-22, 2017; Kansas City, Mo., pending execution of event contracts by Dec. 1, 2015.

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

17. APPROVED the Games Staff Selection Procedures: Team Leader for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games for presentation to the USOC for final approval.

18. APPROVED the Additional Officials Selection Procedures for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games for presentation to the USOC for final approval.

19. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Showcase Referees:** Lauren Whittaker, Naperville, Ill.; Diana Wisner, Wilmington, Del.
- **National Theatre On Ice Referee:** Daren Patterson, Alcoa, Tenn.

20. APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Showcase Judges:** Lynn Bell, Taylor, Texas; Barbara Buch, Silver Spring, Md.; Lori Fussell, Wilson, Wyo.; Kim Moore, Littleton, Colo.; Daren Patterson, Alcoa, Tenn.; Diana Wisner, Wilmington, Del.
- **National Synchronized Judges:** Ann Buckley, Essex, Mass.; Pamela Pangle, Jackson, Tenn.; Steve Wolkin, Shaker Heights, Ohio
- **National Theatre On Ice Judges:** Holly Cole, Baltimore, Md.; John Cole, Baltimore, Md.; Wendy Enzmann, Stow, Mass.; Connacht Peterson, Hingham, Mass.; Aubrey Samost, Cambridge, Mass.

21. APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national promotion:

- **National Dance Technical Controller:** John Millier, Atlanta, Ga.

22. ACKNOWLEDGED – Competitions Committee, Judges Committee, Technical Panel Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Shirley Bourquin, Marlborough, Mass. (National Showcase Judge and National Theatre On Ice Judge)
- Lisa Ervin (National Synchronized Data Operator)
- Mary Lou Rothman (National Synchronized Technical Controller)
- Jenny Salado (National Synchronized Technical Specialist)
- C. Peter Zurlinden, La Cresenta, Calif. (National Music Coordinator)

23. APPROVED the re-appointment of John Misha Petkevich as a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation (through December 2018).

DECEMBER 7, 2015

24. APPROVED Dianne DeLeeuw-Chapman (ladies and men’s coach and team leader), Amanda Evora (pairs coach) and Greg Zuerlein (dance coach) as the Youth Olympic Games team leader and coaches.

JANUARY 11, 2016

25. APPROVED the team selection procedures for the World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and World Figure Skating Championships.

FEBRUARY 6, 2016

26. APPROVED the recommendation of the International Judges and Officials Committee to submit the following names to the ISU for approval to take the applicable exam for promotion in 2016:

- Wendy Enzmann, ISU Singles Technical Controller
- Peggy Graham, ISU Singles/Pairs Judge
- Philipp Rey, ISU Dance Technical Specialist
- Kevin Rosenstein, ISU Singles/Pairs Judge

27. APPROVED allocating the money that has already been collected through the U.S. Adult Championships entry fees to allow the Adult Skating Committee to purchase five named trophies.

28. APPROVED a provisional sanction for 2016 U.S. Collegiate Championships; July 28-30, 2016; Westminster, Colo.; Denver FSC and Rocky Mountain FSC.

MARCH 7, 2016

29. APPROVED the 2016-17 budget for presentation to the 2016 Governing Council.

30. APPROVED a new trophy for the Championship Adult Silver Ladies Champion at the U.S. Adult Championships as presented by Lori Fussell.

31. APPROVED the Convention Standing Rules as amended for the 2016 Governing Council meeting.

32. ELECTED Tammy Gambill to the Board of Directors as a coach member to serve the remaining term (March 8 – April 30, 2016) of Justin Dillon.

33. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2016 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 5-9, 2016; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Ann Arbor FSC.

MARCH 22, 2016

34. APPROVED amending the 2015-16 budget by reallocating \$250,000 from the EMS project to the Brand/Image project, thereby increasing the Brand/Image expense line item by \$250,000.

APRIL 5, 2016

35. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2016 Team Challenge Cup; April 22-24, 2016; Spokane, Wash.

36. APPROVED the recommendation of the International Judges and Officials Committee to submit the following names to the ISU to take the applicable exam for promotion at the ISU Frankfurt Seminar in July 2016:

Lisa-Marie Allen, International Singles Technical Specialist
Scott Cudmore, International Pairs Technical Specialist
Kathaleen Cutone, International Singles/Pairs Judge
Jeanette Davey, International Synchronized Technical Controller
Deveny Deck, International Pairs Technical Controller
Janis Engel, International Dance Technical Controller
Whitney Gaynor, International Singles Technical Specialist
Dana Graham, International Pairs Technical Specialist
Steven Hsu, International Data and Replay Operator
Laurie Johnson, International Singles/Pairs Judge
Stefanie Mathewson, International Singles/Pairs Judge
John Millier, International Dance Technical Controller
Kim Moore, International Data and Replay Operator
Julia Rey, International Data and Replay Operator
Robert Rosenbluth, International Singles Technical Controller
William Rowe, International Data and Replay Operator
Elliot Schwartz, International Data and Replay Operator
Scott Wendland, International Pairs Technical Specialist
Doug Williams, International Pairs Technical Controller
Denise Williamson, International Singles Technical Specialist

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL — COLUMBUS, OHIO

APRIL 29-30, 2016

37. ADOPTED the convention standing rules.

38. ADOPTED the agenda for the meeting.

39. APPROVED the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2015 Governing Council meeting held May 2, 2015, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

40. APPOINTED the new Minutes Committee for this 2016 Governing Council meeting of Lisa Erle (chair), Gerald Miele (Rules Committee chair) and Timothy McKernan (athlete member).

41. ACCEPTED the audit report.

42. APPROVED provisional membership in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

Bend ISC	Bend, OR
Ice in Paradise FSC	Goleta, CA
Southern Arizona FSC	Tucson, AZ

43. APPROVED full membership in U.S. Figure Skating for the following provisional clubs:

Capital Classics FSA	Jefferson City, MO
Central New Hampshire Skating Academy	Laconia, NH
Hagerstown Edge FSC	Hagerstown, MD
New England SC	Norfolk, MA
The SC of Saugerties, Inc.	Saugerties, NY

44. ADOPTED – Exhibit A – Nominating Committee and Washington FSC

Amend **Article XV, Section 1 (D), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws (pages 11-12, Rulebook)** as follows:

ARTICLE XV

Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1 Nominating Committee. Each year a 12-member Nominating Committee will be established consisting of:

- A. Nine registered members, none of whom represent the same region, consisting of:
 - (i) Three members (one from each section) elected in odd numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms; and
 - (ii) Six members (two from each section) elected in even numbered years by the Governing Council full member club delegates and individual member delegates from that section to serve two-year terms.
 - (iii) Elections will be conducted as set forth in rules NCR 3.00-3.02.
- B. Three registered athlete members who satisfy the criteria for athlete representation on U.S. Figure Skating committees set forth in Article XVI, Section 5, of these bylaws, each representing a different section, will be elected by the Athletes Advisory Committee to serve one-year terms.
- C. Only athlete members may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.
- D. Members of the Nominating Committee are ineligible to be nominated or elected for any office, or to be recommended, appointed or elected as a permanent committee chair while they are serving as a member of the Nominating Committee, with the following exception:
 - (i) ~~Athlete members of the Nominating Committee are eligible for service as an athlete member of the Board of Directors and/or as chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.~~
- E. The Nominating Committee will elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

Implementation date: Just prior to the next AAC election, for the 2017-18 season

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

There were no requests for action submitted by the **Athlete Services Group** for advanced publication in the meeting book.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

There were no requests for action submitted by the **Membership Development Group** for advanced publication in the meeting book.

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

301.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 4510 (page 153, Rulebook) as follows:

4510 Championship Masters Junior-Senior Singles and Masters Junior-Senior Singles

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR AND MASTERS JUNIOR-SENIOR WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of seven jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps • The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited; however, only the two highest-value jumps in a sequence will be counted • No Axels or multi-rotation jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, those jumps must be in combination or sequence

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

302.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 4540 (page 154, Rulebook) as follows:

4540 Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice Singles and Masters Intermediate-Novice Singles

CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS INTERMEDIATE-NOVICE AND MASTERS INTERMEDIATE-NOVICE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of six jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel-type jump, and at least one must be a jump combination or jump sequence • Up to three jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination/sequence may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations/ sequences are limited to two jumps • May perform only one double-double combination or sequence • Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination or sequence • ONLY the following double jumps may be performed: double toe loop, double Salchow and double loop • Double flip, double Lutz and double Axel are not permitted

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

303.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 4570 (page 155, Rulebook) as follows:

4570 Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold Singles

CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT GOLD AND ADULT GOLD WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:40 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of five jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include the Axel jump, single jumps and the following double jumps: double toe loop and double Salchow • Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination and/or sequence • There may be must be at least one, but no more than three; jump combinations or jump sequences • One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other two may have only two jumps • No double-double jump combinations or sequences, double loop, double flip, double Lutz, double Axel or triple jumps are permitted

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

304.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 4580 (page 156, Rulebook) as follows:

4580 Championship Adult Silver and Adult Silver Singles

CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT SILVER AND ADULT SILVER WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:10 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of five jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May include an Axel jump• Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination and/or sequence• There may be must be at least one, but no more than two; jump combinations or jump sequences• One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps• Additional jump sequences which contain non-listed jumps of not more than one revolution performed as part of connecting footwork preceding single jumps are permitted• Only single jumps and Axels are permitted• No double or triple jumps are permitted• Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a jump combination or sequence

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

305.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 4590 (page 157, Rulebook) as follows:

4590 Adult Bronze Singles

ADULT BRONZE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 1:50 maximum time Must contain the following elements in any order	
JUMPS	Maximum of four jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There may be must be at least one, but no more than two; jump combinations or jump sequences• One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps• Each jump may be repeated only once and only in combination or in sequence• Only single jumps are permitted• No Axels, double or triple jumps are permitted• Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a jump combination or sequence

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

306.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 6560 and 6561 (page 207, Rulebook) as follows:

6560 Adult Silver Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered silver dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered pre-silver dance. Neither partner may have completed the ~~passed more than one~~ standard, adult or masters partnered pre-gold dance test.

6561 Selection of Adult Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial and final round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2016-17 Group 2 Initial Round – European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Final Round – American Waltz, ~~Tango~~
 2. 2017-18 Group 3 Initial Round – European Waltz, Tango
Final Round – Fourteenstep, ~~Blues~~
 3. 2018-19 Group 1 Initial Round – Foxtrot, Tango
Final Round – ~~American Waltz~~, Blues
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
C. Draw for the skating order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rule 6074.
D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 6031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

307.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 6570 and 6571 (page 207, Rulebook) as follows:

6570 Adult Pre-Silver Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One~~Both~~ partners must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered pre-silver dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered bronze dance. Neither partner may have completed the ~~passed more than one~~ standard, adult or masters partnered silver dance test.

6571 Selection of Adult Pre-Silver Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial and final round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2016-17 Group 2 Initial Round – Ten-Fox, European Waltz
Final Round – Fourteenstep, ~~Tango~~
 2. 2017-18 Group 1 Initial Round – Willow Waltz, Foxtrot
Final Round – Hickory Hoedown, ~~American Waltz~~
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
C. Draw for the skating order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rule 6074.
D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 6031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

308.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 6580 and 6581 (page 207, Rulebook) as follows:

6580 Adult Bronze Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered bronze pre-silver dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered pre-bronze dance. Neither partner may have completed the ~~passed more than one~~ standard, adult or masters partnered pre-silver dance test.

6581 Selection of Adult Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial and final round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2016-17 Group 2 Initial Round – ~~Swing Dance~~, Hickory Hoedown, Fiesta Tango
Final Round – Willow Waltz, ~~Fourteenstep~~
 2. 2017-18 Group 1 Initial Round – Cha Cha, Ten-Fox
Final Round – Hickory Hoedown, ~~Fourteenstep~~
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
C. Draw for the skating order is made in accordance with rule 6074.
D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 6031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016.

309.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 6590 and 6591 (page 207, Rulebook) as follows:

6590 Adult Pre-Bronze Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Both partners must have passed at least one ~~completed the~~ standard, adult or masters partnered pre-bronze dance test but no higher than the standard, adult or masters partnered bronze dance test.

6591 Selection of Adult Pre-Bronze Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial and final round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2016-17 Group 2 Initial Round – Canasta Tango, Swing Dance
Final Round – Fiesta Tango, ~~Willow Waltz~~
 2. 2017-18 Group 1 Initial Round – Dutch Waltz, Cha Cha
Final Round – Rhythm Blues, ~~Swing Dance~~
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
C. Draw for the skating order is made in accordance with rule 6074.
D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 6031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

310.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6601 (page 208, Rulebook)** as follows:

6601 Selection of Centennial Pattern Dances

- A. For each competitive season, the following groups of initial and final round dances will rotate in the order shown:
1. 2016-17 Group 2 Initial Round – Foxtrot, Tango
Final Round – ~~European Waltz~~, Paso Doble
 2. 2017-18 Group 3 Initial Round – Fourteenstep, American Waltz
Final Round – ~~Tango~~, Rocker Foxtrot
 3. 2018-19 Group 1 Initial Round – Fourteenstep, Rocker Foxtrot
Final Round – ~~American Waltz~~, Blues
- B. The dances will be skated in the order listed;
C. Draw for the skating order is made in accordance with rule 6074.
D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. See rule 6031 (B) for requirements.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

311.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6520 (page 206, Rulebook)** as follows:

6520 Adult Gold Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: One partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered gold dance; the other partner must have passed at least one standard, adult or masters partnered pre-gold dance. Any skater who has competed in any standard track qualifying dance event at sectionals or higher the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in novice, junior or senior dance will be ineligible to compete in this event.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

312.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6620 (page 208, Rulebook)** as follows:

6620 Adult Gold Solo Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete ~~at least one~~ standard, adult or masters solo or partnered pre-gold dance test.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

313.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6630 (page 208, Rulebook)** as follows:

6630 Adult Pre-Gold Solo Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete ~~at least one~~ standard, adult or masters solo or partnered silver pre-gold dance test and no higher than one standard, adult or masters solo or partnered gold dance test.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

314.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6640 (page 208, Rulebook)** as follows:

6640 Adult Silver Solo Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete ~~at least one~~ standard, adult or masters solo or partnered pre-silver dance test and no higher than one standard, adult or masters pre-gold dance test.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

315.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 6650 (page 208, Rulebook) as follows:

6650 Adult Pre-Silver Solo Dance Event

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: Must have passed the complete at least one standard, adult or masters solo or partnered bronze pre-silver dance test and no higher than one standard, adult or masters solo or partnered silver dance test.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

316.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TR 50.02 (page 272, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 50.02 The adult and masters partnered free dance tests are divided into four classes each; ~~to be taken in the following order, except as otherwise provided herein:~~

Partnered free dance test	Prerequisite
Adult pre-bronze free dance	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Adult bronze free dance	Adult pre-bronze free dance test plus one bronze partnered pattern dance (standard or adult)
Adult silver free dance	Adult bronze free dance test plus one pre-silver partnered pattern dance (standard or adult)
Adult gold free dance	Adult silver free dance test plus one pre-gold partnered pattern dance (standard or adult)
Masters pre-bronze free dance	Complete preliminary partnered pattern dance test
Masters bronze free dance	Masters or adult pre-bronze free dance test plus one bronze partnered pattern dance (standard, adult or masters)
Masters silver free dance	Masters or adult bronze free dance test plus one pre-silver partnered pattern dance (standard, adult or masters)
Masters gold free dance	Masters or adult silver free dance test plus one pre-gold partnered pattern dance (standard, adult or masters)

- A. Any adult or masters partnered free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the corresponding level standard, adult, or masters required partnered dance tests as listed in the prerequisites as shown above column above. No free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- B. ~~Adult/masters skaters who have passed a partnered free dance test at the standard passing average may enter the adult/masters free dance structure as indicated in the following chart without taking the lower level adult/masters free dance tests. The skater is not relieved from any requirements related to the pattern dances tests:~~

Standard partnered free dance test passed	May test the adult/masters level
Juvenile free dance (or preliminary free dance prior to September 2, 2000)	Adult or masters silver free dance
Intermediate free dance or higher	Adult or masters gold free dance

- ~~EB.~~ To qualify for any masters partnered free dance test, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older and must have passed the relevant prerequisite tests shown above preceding partnered free dance test, masters or adult. To qualify for any adult partnered free dance test, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older and must have passed the relevant prerequisite tests shown above preceding adult partnered free dance test. The passing of a lower level masters partnered free dance test does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult partnered free dance test or standard partnered free dance test. The passing of a lower level adult partnered free dance test does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard partnered free dance test.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

317.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules TR 60.01, 62.00, 62.01, 64.01, 64.02, 64.03, 64.04 and 64.05 (pages 278-281, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 60.01 The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes to be taken in the following order:

Solo free dance test	Prerequisite
Juvenile solo free dance (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>)	Complete preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MIF test or <u>adult gold MIF test (adult or masters) or adult pre-bronze free dance test (adult or masters)</u>
Intermediate solo free dance (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>)	Complete bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult, or masters</u>) or intermediate MIF test (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or juvenile free dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or adult bronze free dance test (adult or masters)
Novice solo free dance (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>)	Complete pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or novice MIF test (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or adult silver free dance test (adult or masters)
Junior solo free dance (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>)	Complete silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or junior MIF test (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or novice free dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or adult gold free dance test (adult or masters)
Senior solo free dance (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>)	Complete gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or senior MIF test (<u>standard, adult or masters</u>) or junior free dance test (partnered or solo; <u>standard, adult or masters</u>)

A. Any standard, adult or masters solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the corresponding level standard, adult or masters required prerequisites pattern dance test (standard or adult) or moves in the field test (standard, adult or masters passing average) or free dance test as shown above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test. B: A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.

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

C. To qualify for any adult solo free dance test, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older, and must have passed the preceding adult or standard prerequisite test listed above. The passing of a lower level adult solo free dance test does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level standard solo free dance test. To qualify for any masters solo free dance test, the candidate must be 50 years of age or older, and must have passed the preceding masters, adult or standard prerequisite test listed above. The passing of a lower level masters solo free dance test does not qualify the candidate to take the next higher level adult or standard solo free dance test.

TR 62.00 Marking of Solo Free Dance Tests

TR 62.01 Free dance tests must be marked by each judge for technical merit and presentation on a scale from 0 to 6 in accordance with TR 1.20.

A. For adult tests, the candidate should show the same level of achievement in expression, carriage, correct edges and musical interpretation as expected from the standard candidate. Flow, speed, depth of edge, extension and quality of turns should be at least equivalent to that of a standard candidate at one test level below.

B. For masters tests, expression must at least meet the standard for the 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.

TR 64.01 Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test

Standard passing average: 3.0 Standard passing total: 6.0

Adult passing average: 2.8 Adult passing total: 5.6

Masters passing average: 2.6 Masters passing total: 5.2

TR 64.02 Intermediate Solo Free Dance Test

Standard passing average: 3.2 Standard passing total: 6.4

Adult passing average: 3.0 Adult passing total: 6.0

Masters passing average: 2.8 Masters passing total: 5.6

TR 64.03 Novice Solo Free Dance Test

Standard passing average: 3.5 Standard passing total: 7.0

Adult passing average: 3.2 Adult passing total: 6.4

Masters passing average: 3.0 Masters passing total: 6.0

TR 64.04 Junior Solo Free Dance Test

Standard passing average: 4.0 Standard passing total: 8.0

Adult passing average: 3.5 Adult passing total: 7.0

Masters passing average: 3.2 Masters passing total: 6.4

TR 64.05 Senior Solo Free Dance Test

Standard passing average: 4.5 Standard passing total: 9.0

Adult passing average: 4.0 Adult passing total: 8.0

Masters passing average: 3.5 Masters passing total: 7.0

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

318.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 6022 (page 189, Rulebook)** as follows:

6022 Notwithstanding the above, adult ladies competing in any adult competition or testing any dance test may wear trousers if they so choose.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

319.APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4700 (page 158, Rulebook)** as follows:

4700 Dramatic Entertainment Skate and Light Entertainment Skate Events

For Masters Dramatic Entertainment Skate, Masters Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Gold Dramatic Entertainment Skate, Adult Gold Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Silver Dramatic Entertainment Skate, Adult Silver Light Entertainment Skate, Adult Bronze Dramatic Entertainment Skate and Adult Bronze Light Entertainment Skate:

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries, program duration, program requirements and restrictions, and judging and marking will be as specified in the Nonqualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines, posted on usfigureskating.org.

Note: Rules ER 8.03, 1041, 2055, 2405, 2552 and 3020 will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

320.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule CR 2.01 (G) (page 28, Rulebook)** to rename the title of this NVC from National Vice Chair of Special Projects to that of National Vice Chair of Technical Accounting.

Note: Rule CR 7.23 will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

321.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2411 (A) (page 115, Rulebook)** by adding a sentence at the end of the paragraph as follows:

2411 Definitions

A. Under Colorado law, legal residence is defined as the principal or primary home or place of abode of a person. A principal or primary home or place of abode is that home or place in which a person's habitation is fixed and to which that person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence, regardless of the duration of the absence. A residence is a permanent building or part of a building and may include a house, condo, apartment, room in a house or mobile home. The legal residence of a minor under Colorado law is the principal or primary home or place of abode of the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

322.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2131 (page 109, Rulebook)** to allow sectional accountants to be eligible to officiate at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

2131 Levels of Referees and Accountants for Qualifying Competitions

Competition	Referee	Assistant Referees	Dance Referees	Accountant	Assistant Accountants
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National Sectional	National Sectional	National Sectional	National <u>Sectional</u>	National Sectional-(†)

(†) one sectional accountant may be assigned but may not be chief accountant.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

323.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2117 (page 108, Rulebook)** as follows: For qualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives may serve as officials in the same event (e.g. intermediate ladies group A) provided they are not on the same part of the panel (e.g. both on the technical panel or both on the judging panel referees are considered members of the judging panel) or serving as the same type of official (e.g. both accountants).

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

324.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Replace **rule 3033 (page 192, Rulebook)** with the following: For nonqualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives may serve as officials in the same event (e.g. intermediate ladies group A) provided they are not on the same part of the panel (e.g. both on the technical panel or both on the judging panel (referees are not considered members of the judging panel)).

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

325.DID NOT APPROVE – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1217 (page 98, Rulebook)** as follows:

1217 The referee may:

- A. Require medical examination for physical fitness where considered advisable;
- B. Exclude or disqualify any entrant from a competition;
- C. Change officials and alter the program during a competition when there is urgent reason for so doing;
- D. Under IJS, appoint a substitute to replace a judge who has commenced judging an event but who is unable to continue. See note. Whenever a substitute judge replaces an official judge, the marks of the official judge shall be used up to the point of substitution. (Moved to new note.)
- E. Under 6.0, appoint self as a substitute judge in the case where a judge has commenced judging an event but is unable to continue. See note.

Note: Whenever a substitute judge replaces an official judge, the marks of the official judge will be used up to the point of substitution. All rules pertaining to the make-up of the panel must be followed. (Moved from current D.)

326.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 1501-1503 (pages 103-104, Rulebook)** as follows:

1501 All protests to the chief and/or event referee must be in writing during or immediately after the completion of the event. Protests may not be filed after the calendar day in which the event took place. The protest must identify the specific basis for the protest, including the name of the official, rule number or bylaw article at issue, or other basis for the protest.

1502 ~~Written objections to A protest concerning~~ the participation of a competitor must be filed with the chief referee before the start of the first event of the entire competition. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the competitor shall will be permitted to start, but in the event the protested competitor wins a prize, the announcement of the result and the distribution of prizes shall will be deferred until a final decision has been made.

1503 Protests other than concerning the participation or eligibility of a competitor must be filed with the chief and/or event referee no later than 60 minutes after the posting of the official results of that event.

~~1503~~ 1504 Decisions of the chief and/or event referee affecting the eligible status of a competitor, the exclusion, disqualification or qualification of an entrant or official, or the determination of a result may be appealed to an Expedited Hearing Panel (see GCR 5.04). Appeals must be made in writing and sent to the chief referee of the competition, and the secretary and the Administrative/Legal Group coordinator of U.S. Figure Skating within five 30 days after the chief and/or event referee's decision. No other appeals from the decisions of chief and/or event referee shall be permitted.

Renumber current rules 1504 and 1505 to 1505 and 1506 accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

327.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules 2517-2519 (page 119, Rulebook) as follows:

2517 If any of these place winners or medalists in rule 2515 elects to enter the same event at a sectional championship, senior competitors must place in the top five, and junior and novice competitors must place in the top four for the next higher competition. These place winners or medalists are in addition to the competitors qualifying under rule 2510. If a senior competitor who did not place in the top five at the previous U.S. Figure Skating Championships earns a berth in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, the competitor will receive a bye to the current U.S. Figure Skating Championships only in the discipline in which they have earned the berth.

A. In the case of a senior event, the number of competitors qualifying to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships would be four from each sectional championship, plus the competitors who placed in the top five at the previous U.S. Figure Skating Championships, plus the additional competitor(s) who earned a berth in the Grand Prix Final and the Junior Grand Prix Final, plus the competitors who meet the requirements of rule 2515 (B) or (C).

2518 If a senior skater who did not place in the top five at the previous U.S. Figure Skating Championships earns a berth in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, the skater will receive a bye to the current U.S. Figure Skating Championships only in the discipline in which they have earned the berth:

A. In the case of a senior skater, the number of skaters qualifying to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships would be four from each sectional championship, plus the skaters who placed in the top five at the previous U.S. Figure Skating Championships, plus the additional skater(s) who earned a berth in the Grand Prix Final and the Junior Grand Prix Final, plus the skaters who meet the requirements of rule 2515 (B) or (C).

A junior competitor who earns a berth in either the Grand Prix Final or the Junior Grand Prix Final will receive a bye to the current U.S. Championships only in the discipline in which they have earned a berth.

A. In the case of a junior event, the number of competitors qualifying to the U.S. Figure Skating Championship would be four from each sectional championship plus the competitor(s) who earned a berth in the Grand Prix Final and the Junior Grand Prix Final.

2519 A junior skater who earns a berth in either the Grand Prix Final or the Junior Grand Prix Final will receive a bye to the current U.S. Championships only in the discipline in which they earned a berth:

A. In the case of a junior skater, the number of skaters qualifying in the junior events at the U.S. Championship would be four from each sectional championship plus the skater(s) who earned a berth in the Grand Prix Final and the Junior Grand Prix Final.

A senior or junior competitor who has received a bye according to rules 2515, 2517 or 2518 may elect to compete at their respective regional and/or sectional championship. Regardless of their final placement at such regional or sectional championship, the competitor's bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships remains unaffected. At such regional or sectional championship, the top four places plus the byed competitor will advance to the next higher qualifying competition (regional to sectional or sectional to U.S. Championships).

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

328.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 1071(C)(1)(h) and 1071(C)(2)(j) (page 95, Rulebook)** as follows:

Rule 1071 (C)(1)(h) – Singles and Pairs: For every interruption in performing the program: -1.0 (for 11 to 20 seconds interruption), -2.0 (for 21 to 30 seconds interruption), -3.0 (for 31 to 40 seconds interruption), etc. After 1:00 minute, if the skater/couple has not reported to the event referee, the competitor(s) is (are) considered withdrawn.

Rule 1071 (C)(2)(j) – Ice Dance: For every interruption in performing the program: -1.0 (for 11 to 20 seconds interruption), -2.0 (for 21 to 30 seconds interruption), -3.0 (for 31 to 40 seconds interruption), etc. After 1:00 minute, if the skater/couple has not reported to the event referee, the competitor(s) is (are) considered withdrawn.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

329.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 1071 (C)(1)(a) and rule 1071 (C)(2)(a) (page 95, Rulebook)** as follows

C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

a. Program time violations:

i. ~~±0~~ 0.5 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for juvenile, intermediate, masters and adult gold singles and pairs events.

ii. 1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for novice, junior and senior singles and pairs events.

2. In ice dance, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

a. Program time violations:

i. ~~±0~~ 0.5 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for juvenile, intermediate, masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold ice dance events.

ii. 1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for novice, junior and senior ice dance events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

330.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Delete “national ice technician” from **rules CR 7.01, CR 7.03 (E), CR 7.04 (D), CR 7.05 (C) (pages 29-30, Rulebook)** and add **new rule CR 7.50 (page 32, Rulebook)** as follows:

CR 7.11 To be certified as an ice technician for U.S. Figure Skating, one must be a Certified Ice Technician (CIT) through STAR (Serving the American Rinks).

Current rule CR 7.11 will be renumbered accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

331.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2466 (page 117, Rulebook) as follows:

2466 When there are more than 24 entries in any event, the number of qualifying round groups as well as the total number of places skaters advancing from each qualifying round group 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.

Qualifying Round (QR)				Championship Round (CR)
Entries	Number of Groups	Number Advancing/Group	<u>Additional Number Advancing by Score</u>	Total Number Advancing
25-30 36	2	6 4	+4 next highest scores	12
31-36	2	8		16
37-54	3	6 4	+4 next highest scores	18 16
55-72	4	5 4	+4 next highest scores	20
73-90	5	4	+4 next highest scores	20 24
91-144	6	4	+4 next highest scores	24 28
145-196	7	4	+4 next highest scores	28 32

A. Competitors advancing from the qualifying rounds to the championship round will not be seeded.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

332.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2471 (page 117, Rulebook), as follows:

2471 Singles competitors qualify for sectional championships by:

- A. Placing in the top four at a regional championship;
- B. Receiving an international bye (per rule 2473); For junior and senior events, any Team USA skater who has been assigned to an international competition, regardless of whether it conflicts with their regional championship. Said skater would have the choice to compete at their regional championship but would not lose their bye to the sectional championship regardless of placement, nor displace a skater who might place in the top four at regionals if said skater was not entered;

Balance of rule remains unchanged.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

333.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2473 (page 118, Rulebook) as follows:

2473 A competitor will automatically receive a bye to his/her sectional championship from the chair of the Competitions Committee if all of the criteria from A and B below are met:

- A. The competitor is a member of the United States Figure Skating Team as defined in ICR 3.04;
- B. The competitor is assigned by the International Committee and competes in a singles, pairs and/or dance event in an international competition;
- C. The competition in (B) conflicts with the competitor’s regional championship. A competitor who has received a bye according to item B from above may elect to compete at their respective Regional Championship. Regardless of their final placement at such Regional Championship, the competitor’s bye to their respective sectional championship remains unaffected. At such regional championship, the top four places plus the competitor who receives the bye will qualify for the respective sectional championship.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

334.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Delete rule 2513 (page 118, Rulebook) as follows:

~~**2513**—Other byes will be given only to those skaters who have a conflict with an international competition.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

335.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Delete rule 6095 (E) and replace with amended rule 6095 (F) (page 195, Rulebook) as follows:

6095 Free Dance Description

~~E.~~ For intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and all adult free dance events, the music may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. The music may, however, be without an audible rhythmic beat for the beginning 10 seconds of the program. A program that displays a change in tempo and a well-balanced use of melody, rhythmic beat and musical accents, and not melody alone, is considered to be of a higher quality because it shows a greater variety of dancing skills and reflects the concept of ice dance as a competitive sport. The couples should skate primarily in time to the rhythmic beat of the music and not to the melody alone. Skating out of time or out of phase with the music must be penalized. The music must be suitable for the couple's skating skills and technical ability. Free dances that do not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized as outlined in rule 1071 (C)(2).

~~F~~ E. The music for free dance at the senior, junior, and novice, intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and adult levels may be vocal, must be suitable for ice dance as a sport discipline and must have the following characteristics:

1. An audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. It may be without an audible rhythmic beat for up to 10 seconds at the beginning or end of the program and up to 10 seconds during the program.
2. At least one change of tempo and expression. This change may be gradual or immediate, but in either case it must be obvious. This requirement does not apply to intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile or adult levels.
3. All music, including classical music, must be cut/edited, orchestrated or arranged in a way that it creates an interesting, colorful and entertaining dance program with different dance moods or a building effect.
4. Must be suitable for the couple's skating skills and technical ability.

Free dance music that does not adhere to the requirements in rule 6095 (~~F~~E) will be penalized by a deduction as outlined in rule 1071 (C)(2).

The remaining sub-paragraphs will be re-lettered accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

336.APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule 1071 (C)(2)(d) (page 95, Rulebook) for juvenile, intermediate and adult levels as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

2. In ice dance, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

d. Violation of music requirements:

i. -1.0 per program for juvenile, intermediate and adult ice dance events.

ii. -2.0 per program for novice, junior and senior ice dance events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

337.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 43.01 (page 268, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 43.00 Partners for Pattern Dance Tests

TR 43.01 Each candidate will select a partner where appropriate in accordance with the provisions of these rules, including the specific rules for each test. A different partner may, if the candidate so desires, be selected for each individual dance taken.

A. ~~It is preferred that a couple be composed of a lady and a man; however, Pattern dance tests may be taken with a partner of the same gender, partner, provided that the a partner is the test skater's same gender coach.~~

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

338. APPROVED – Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 47.01 (page 269, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 47.00 Reskating a Pattern Dance Test

~~TR 47.01~~ At the completion of a pattern dance test (partnered or solo track) and before any other test is conducted, a reskate may be requested. If a majority of the panel requests a reskate, the judge-in-charge or a majority of the panel may require candidates to reskate any dance for which they have just been judged with the same or another partner after a suitable rest period will direct the skater accordingly. If the judges do not agree on what is to be reskated, the judge-in-charge will decide. A reskate of a partnered pattern dance may be one or two sequences either with the same or another partner or of the required solo. A reskate of a solo track pattern dance may be one or two sequences. A brief rest and warm up are permitted before the reskate is performed. The judge-in-charge may appoint a new partner without regard to test or eligibility status but subject to the provisions of TR 7.04. The reskate must be skated in the same session at which the test was given. See also TR 47.03. If the test in question is a solo pattern dance track test, the judge-in-charge or a majority of the panel may ask for a reskate of the solo pattern dance track test.

~~TR 47.02~~ If a candidate is required to reskate a dance, either with the same or another partner (see TR 47.01) or on the required solo or on a solo pattern dance track test, the judge-in-charge will direct the reskate as follows:

A. Appoint the same or another partner without regard to test or eligibility status but subject to the provisions of TR 7.04 in the case of a partnered pattern dance test;

~~AB.~~ Decide Specify whether one or two sequences of the dance will be performed;

~~BC.~~ Indicate the location of the start of the reskate;

~~CD.~~ Determine the appropriate period of rest; and

~~DE.~~ Inform the skater of these details.

~~TR 47.03~~ When a solo is required in a partnered pattern dance test and the judge-in-charge requests the candidate to skate with the same or a different partner, the solo will take place immediately after the candidate has skated with the original partner.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

339. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 4.08 (D) (page 49, Rulebook) to include coaches teaching Basic Skills/learn-to-skate private lessons as well as group instruction.

JR 4.08 If a U.S. Figure Skating judge begins coaching outside the exceptions allowed in rule JR 4.08 (D) and (E), the judge must inform the chair of the Judges Committee in writing that this activity has commenced, and must cease judging. A U.S. Figure Skating judge is prohibited from participating as an official U.S. Figure Skating judge during this period. If such judge concurrently acts as a judge of tests or at any U.S. Figure Skating competitions while serving as a paid coach in skating or its related activities, this conduct will be reviewed by the chair of the Judges Committee for disciplinary action.

D. U.S. Figure Skating appointed judges may instruct skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or higher tests. Such instruction must be as part of a learn-to-skate or Basic Skills group lesson program. Judges who instruct under those guidelines maintain their eligibility to judge.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

340. APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 6.01, JR 7.01, JR 8.01 and JR 11.13 (pages 49-54, Rulebook) to combine the provisional and nonqualifying competition judge appointments to create one “entry-level” nonqualifying competition judge appointment that retains most of the conditions of the current provisional competition judge appointment.

JR 6.00 Figure, Singles/Pairs Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 6.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

H. ~~Provisional~~ Nonqualifying singles/pairs competition judges:

1. All singles, and pairs, and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel

~~I. Nonqualifying singles/pairs competition judges:~~

- ~~1. All levels of single, pair, and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions~~

JR 7.00 Dance Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 7.01 The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Dance judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified in the international judging system (IJS) by the Judges Committee may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

~~D. Provisional Nonqualifying dance competition judges:~~

- ~~1. All dance and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel~~

~~E. Nonqualifying dance competition judges:~~

- ~~1. All levels of dance and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions~~
- ~~2. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.~~

JR 8.00 Synchronized Skating Competition Judges Authorized to Judge

JR 8.01 The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge synchronized skating events and competitions as follows, except that only the judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS:

~~A. Provisional Nonqualifying synchronized skating competition judges:~~

- ~~1. All synchronized skating and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel~~

~~B. Nonqualifying synchronized skating competition judges:~~

- ~~1. All levels of synchronized skating and showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions~~
- ~~2. All Theatre On Ice free skate events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.~~

JR 11.13 Candidates for ~~provisional nonqualifying~~ singles/pairs, ~~provisional nonqualifying~~ dance and ~~provisional nonqualifying~~ synchronized skating competition judge will be recommended for the appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate regional vice chair for singles/pairs or dance, or the appropriate sectional vice chair for synchronized skating on the Judges Committee. The appointment is valid for 24 months and is not renewable.

This rule change will require an update to the Judges Committee Guidelines for Appointment.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

341.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Delete **rule TR 39.01, Pre-Juvenile Pair Test (page 263, Rulebook) and all references to Pre-Juvenile Pair Test:**

~~TR 39.01 Pre-Juvenile Pair Test~~

~~The pre-juvenile pair test will consist of a variety of skating moves and connecting steps skated to music. A pair must demonstrate good form with some degree of unison, especially in stroking and footwork. The following elements are required:~~

- ~~A. One lift from Group 1 or the waist lift from Group 2~~
- ~~B. One solo jump, single~~
- ~~C. One jump combination or jump sequence, single jumps only~~
- ~~D. One pair spin, minimum three revolutions, no change of foot or position~~
- ~~E. One solo spin, minimum three revolutions, no change of foot or position~~
- ~~F. Stroking forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise~~
- ~~G. Step sequence (may include moves in the field and spirals) utilizing one-half of the ice surface~~

~~The following elements are optional:~~

- ~~H. One throw jump, single~~
- ~~I. One pivot figure, no minimum requirements~~

~~Extra elements may be added without penalty.~~

~~Duration: 2:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.~~

~~Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.~~

~~Passing average: 2.7 — Passing total: 5.4~~

~~Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank singles/pairs judges~~

342.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend rule TR 39.02, **Juvenile Pair Test** (pages 263-264, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 39.02 Juvenile Pair Test

The juvenile pair test must consist of a program with a variety of moves and connecting steps skated to the music or of elements in isolation skated without music. The pair must utilize the ice surface with some degree of unison in good form while demonstrating the fundamentals of pair skating. The following elements are required:

- A. One lift from Group 1 or the waist lift from Group 2, without full extension of the man's arms, minimum one revolution of the man
- B. One throw jump, single
- C. One solo jump, single or double
- D. One jump combination or jump sequence, consisting of single or double jumps
- E. One pair spin, minimum four revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- F. One solo spin or combination spin, minimum five revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- G. One pivot figure, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- H. One choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice if a program is chosen.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

If a program is chosen, the 6.0 evaluation system will be used:

Passing average: 3.0 Passing total: 6.0

If elements in isolation are chosen, the IJS base value of the attempted elements will be calculated and GOEs assigned by the judges. If the elements + GOE score is the same as or higher than the base values, the test will pass. If not, it is a retry.

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

343.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend rule TR 39.03, **Intermediate Pair Test** (page 264, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 39.03 Intermediate Pair Test

The intermediate pair test must consist of a program skated rhythmically and in harmony with the music. The pair must show a moderate degree of pair unison, with good form and flow, while fully utilizing the ice surface. It is also expected that the pair will demonstrate some of the more advanced fundamentals of pair skating including intermediate-based moves in the field in mirror and/or shadow skating. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts to be chosen from the following:
 - Group 1 lifts
 - Waist lift
 - The forward press, two-handed star or platter lift (only one of these may be done)
- B. One twist lift, single
- C. One throw jump, single or double
- D. One solo jump, single or double
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence consisting of single or double jumps
- F. One pair spin, minimum five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner, either together or separately (minimum two revolutions in each position) no change of foot
- G. One solo spin combination, minimum five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- H. One death spiral, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.2 Passing total: 6.4

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

344.SINCE ITEM 342 WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD, THIS ITEM BECOMES MOOT – Pairs Committee

If item 342 passes, we must accordingly amend **rules TR 1.51 and TR 35.03 (pages 245 and 262, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 1.51 If a program is skated, two marks will be awarded on a scale of 0 to 6. See TR 1.20. The first mark is for technical merit, and the second mark is for presentation. If elements in isolation are skated, judges will mark each element with a GOE from -3 to +3.

TR 35.03 Pair tests will be marked by each judge for technical merit and presentation each on a scale from 0 to 6 in accordance with TR 1.20 or using base value + GOE as listed in TR 39.02 and TR 39.03.

345.REFERRED BACK TO THE COMPETITIONS, JUDGES, PAIRS, TECHNICAL PANEL AND TESTS COMMITTEES AND THE PAIRS DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 3.01 (page 246, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 3.01 Tests must be held only under the auspices and control of a member club, the principal skating headquarters of which is defined as the address at which a club conducts the majority of its skating sessions. Tests may also be held by collegiate clubs provided they elect/appoint a test chair and adhere to all test rules. In the case of novice, junior and senior pair tests, tests may be judged as part of the corresponding event at a nonqualifying competition under IJS (rules TR 7.02 (I), TR 39.04, TR 39.05 and TR 39.06).

346.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 39.04, Novice Pair Test (page 264, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 39.04 Novice Pair Test

The novice pair test must consist of a program with connecting moves and footwork. The pair must demonstrate basic pair unison and good form and flow. The program should utilize the full ice surface and be skated with expression in time to the music. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- B. One twist lift, single or double
- C. Two different throw jumps, single or double
- D. One solo jump, selected from single Axel or any double jump
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double
- F. One pair spin combination, minimum six revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately) minimum two revolutions in each position
- G. One solo spin combination, minimum six revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), change of foot optional and, if performed, minimum three revolutions on each foot
- H. One death spiral, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description. Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

If skated as part of a stand-alone test session, the 6.0 evaluation system will be used.

Passing average: 3.5 Passing total: 7.0

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

If skated as part of a nonqualifying competition, the IJS evaluation system will be used.

Passing total element score: 25.00 Passing total segment score: 53.00

347.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 39.05, Junior Pair Test (page 265, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 39.05 Junior Pair Test

The junior pair test must consist of a program of good, harmonious composition skated to the music with rhythm and expression. The program should have a change of pace, utilize the full ice surface and be skated in good form with very good flow. The pair must demonstrate good partner relationship and show a good degree of pair unison. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- B. One twist lift, double
- C. Two different throw jumps, both double
- D. One solo jump, double
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double and different from the solo jump
- F. One pair spin combination, minimum eight revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately), minimum two revolutions in each position
- G. One solo spin combination, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (minimum two revolutions in each position), minimum four revolutions on each foot
- H. One death spiral performed on a forward edge, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

If skated as part of a stand-alone test session, the 6.0 evaluation system will be used.

Passing average: 4.0 Passing total: 8.0

Judging panel required: Three gold singles/pairs judges.

If skated as part of a nonqualifying competition, the IJS evaluation system will be used

Passing total element score: 34.00 Passing total segment score: 59.00

348.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 39.06, Senior Pair Test (page 265, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 39.06 Senior Pair Test

The senior/gold pair must give an excellent performance. Both partners should move together in complete harmony showing a marked degree of pair unison, good form and excellent flow. The program should fully utilize the ice surface, have a change of pace and superbly express the mood and rhythm of music. Harmonious steps and connecting movements in time to the music should be maintained throughout the program. The following elements are required:

- A. Three different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, and at least one lift must be from Group 5, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- B. One twist lift, double
- C. Two different throw jumps, both double
- D. One solo jump, selected from double flip, double Lutz or double Axel
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence, two jumps must be double of a like or different nature, both must be different from the solo jump
- F. One pair spin combination, minimum eight revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately) demonstrating all three basic positions, minimum two revolutions in each position
- G. One solo spin combination, each partner must change feet once and change position at least two times, demonstrating all three basic positions (minimum two revolutions in each position), minimum five revolutions on each foot
- H. One death spiral performed on a backward edge, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty. Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

If skated as part of a stand-alone test session, the 6.0 evaluation system will be used.

Passing average: 4.5 Passing total: 9.0

Judging panel required: Three gold singles/pairs judges.

If skated as part of a nonqualifying competition, the IJS evaluation system will be used

Passing total element score: 37.00 Passing total segment score: 72.00

349.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 2.03 (page 245, Rulebook)** to allow for retrying novice, junior and senior pair tests via the nonqualifying competition option at a time interval that's shorter than 27 days.

TR 2.03 All tests, when marked “retry,” may not be retaken prior to the 27th day following the date of the original test unless taken via the nonqualifying competition option for novice, junior and senior pairs tests, which may not be retried prior to the 14th day following the date of the original test.

350.REFERRED BACK TO THE COMPETITIONS, JUDGES, PAIRS, TECHNICAL PANEL AND TESTS COMMITTEES AND THE PAIRS DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 7.02 (page 247, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 7.02 Except as specified below, the judging panel for all tests will consist of three judges.

- A. Pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests may be judged by one moves in the field certified singles/ pairs test judge or dance test judge of any level.
- B. Preliminary and adult bronze moves in the field tests may be judged by one moves in the field certified singles/ pairs test judge or dance test judge of silver level or higher.
- C. Pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze free skate tests may be judged by one singles/pairs test judge of any level.
- D. Preliminary and adult bronze free skate tests and the adult bronze pair test may be judged by one singles/pairs test judge of silver level or higher
- E. Preliminary partnered pattern dance tests may be judged by one dance test judge of any level.
- F. Pre-bronze and bronze (standard, adult and masters) partnered pattern dance tests; juvenile, intermediate and adult/ masters pre-bronze and bronze partnered free dance tests may be judged by one judge who is a silver dance judge or higher.
- G. Juvenile and intermediate solo free dance tests may be judged by one judge who is a silver dance judge or higher.
- H. All solo pattern dance track tests may be judged by one dance test judge of the appropriate level.
- I. Any pairs test taken as part of a nonqualifying competition requires five judges, three of whom must be sectional level; and a technical panel, two-thirds of whom must be sectional level. If this requirement is not met, the performance video may be submitted for test review.
- H. See TR 11.03 for Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating test rules.

351.DID NOT APPROVE – Pairs Committee

Amend **TR 34.02 (page 262, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 34.02 The candidate(s) in a pair test must have passed the preceding test with either the same or a different partner with the following exceptions:

- A. If one partner has competed at a U.S. Championships in pairs at the novice, junior or senior level the previous year and applies to compete the following year with a new partner who has not previously skated pairs, the new partner may begin testing process at the level of the highest previous regional singles competition level (minimum novice level).
- B. If a pair skater has competed at a U.S. Championships in pairs (novice level or above) and is changing partners to compete the following year with a partner who also competed at the U.S. Championships in pairs, partner 1 can test directly up to the competition level of partner 2.

Note: The corresponding moves in the field test must have been passed in order to take the pair test as described in A or B.

352.APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Amend **rule TR 36.03 (page 263, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 36.03 In all pair tests, the pair will be judged and will “pass” or “retry” as a pair. A partner in such tests who has already passed the test being tried will not be affected if a subsequent attempt of the same test with a different partner has been marked “retry.” Partners for all pair tests may be selected without regard to pair test accomplishments or eligibility status.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

353.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 1071 (D)(4) (page 149, Rulebook)** to allow a 1.0 bonus for a second double Axel if it is performed in a combination.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

D. Singles Bonus

4. Juvenile Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for first each double Axel achieved (under-rotated or full value).

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

354.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 4230 (pages 147-148, Rulebook)** to change the choreographic step sequence to a leveled step sequence in the **intermediate ladies and men's short program and free skate** and add 10 seconds to each program to account for this change.

INTERMEDIATE SHORT PROGRAM

~~2:00~~ **2:10** maximum time

INTERMEDIATE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

~~2:30~~ **2:40** +/- 10 seconds

- One Choreographic Sequence: One step sequence with a maximum of a Level 2. Only Simple Variety (seven turns) and rotation in each direction covering at least a 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction will be evaluated for the level.

Implementation date: February 1, 2017

355.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 1071 (D)(2)(a) (page 95, Rulebook)** to eliminate the bonus restriction for triple jumps done in a triple/triple combination

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

D. Singles Bonus

2. Novice Free Skate

- a. +2.0 bonus for one triple/triple combination. Both jumps must be under-rotated or full value. The jumps in the combination may be the same; If the triple/triple jumps are different, one of the triple jumps may be repeated for a +1.0 bonus elsewhere in the program. The highest base value will be selected for a bonus.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

356.APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 1071 (C)(1)(g) (page 95, Rulebook)** as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

g. Falls in singles

- i. -0.5 for every fall in juvenile, intermediate, novice, masters, and adult gold singles events.
- ii. -1.0 for every fall in ~~novice~~; junior and senior singles events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

357.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7000 (page 213, Rulebook)** to provide the flexibility to adopt the well-balanced program requirements listed each year by the ISU for Advanced Novice.

7000 Synchronized Rules

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior and senior events. U.S. Figure Skating also reserves the right to incorporate revisions made to the junior free skate event into the collegiate event and to incorporate revisions made to the advanced novice free skate event into the novice free event. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. Revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on usfigureskating.org and, when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

358.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7000 (page 213, Rulebook)** to add subparagraph A as follows:

A. The chair of the Synchronized Skating Committee, in consultation with the national vice chair of the Synchronized Development Subcommittee, and the national vice chair for synchronized skating on the Technical Panel Committee will prepare the list of well-balanced program elements for qualifying IJS levels other than collegiate, novice, junior and senior to correspond with the elements available each year. The list will be published as a Technical Notification on the U.S. Figure Skating website within 45 days of publication of the corresponding ISU Communication.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

359.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rules 7200 through 7240 (pages 224-230, Rulebook)** to reflect new moves in the field test requirements as follows:

Competitive Level	Required MIF Test Level	Rule
Senior	Novice Junior MIF	7200
Junior	Intermediate Novice MIF	7210
Novice	Juvenile Intermediate MIF	7220
Intermediate	Pre-Juvenile Juvenile MIF	7230
Juvenile	Preliminary Pre-Juvenile MIF	7240
Open Juvenile	Pre Preliminary MIF	7250
Pre-Juvenile	None	7260
Preliminary	None	7270
Collegiate	Juvenile MIF	7280
Open Collegiate	None	7290
Adult	Preliminary or Adult Bronze MIF or Preliminary Dance or Preliminary Figure	7500
Masters	None	7510
Open Adult	None	7520
Open Masters	None	7530

Implementation date: July 1, 2017

360.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rules 2401, 2062, 2812, 2821, 2824 and 2832 (pages 114, 107, 124 and 125, Rulebook) to amend the following language:

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.

Deadline (closing date for entries)	Discipline/Competition
Sept. 1	Qualifying regional/sectional singles/pairs/dance
Dec. 1 <u>Oct. 1</u>	Qualifying sectional synchronized skating
Feb. 1	Adult sectional qualifying events
Feb. 1	U.S. Adult Championships
June 15	U.S. Collegiate Championships

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

2062 The announcements must be made available as follows:

Competition	Announcement Made Available By
U.S. Collegiate Championships	May 15
Regional Championships	July 15
Sectional Championships	July 15
U.S. Championships	By the conclusion of sectional championships
Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	Oct. 15 <u>Aug. 15</u>
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	By the conclusion of synchronized skating sectional championships
Adult Sectional Championships	Dec. 15
U.S. Adult Championships	Dec. 15

2812 Closing date of entries for the first synchronized skating qualifying competition shall be no later than ~~Dec. 1~~ Oct. 1. Teams not entering by the closing date for entries will not be permitted to compete. The provisions of rule 2401 shall apply.

A. Teams entered in sectional competitions are not required to state whether or not they will participate in the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships until after the sectional competition is completed.

2821 The entry form of the first qualifying competition of the year for all synchronized skating events becomes the official team roster for the remainder of the year. The roster must list all team members, including alternates. No additions will be permitted from sectionals to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

A. The roster is to be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating headquarters with the entry form by ~~Dec. 1~~ Oct. 1;

B. Requests for substitutions to the roster must be submitted on the official form to the sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee. Substitutions to the roster may be permissible up to two weeks prior to the start of the next qualifying competition. The request must be in writing and include the reason for the substitution together with proof of age, if applicable under rule 2824. The sectional vice chair for synchronized skating competitions will notify the national vice chair for synchronized skating competitions, the team manager, the chief referee and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters of the decision at least one week prior to the start of the competition in question.

C. Collegiate and Open Collegiate teams will be permitted to withdraw their qualifying competition entry without penalty until Dec. 1. Entry fees will be refunded. All other provisions of rule 2401 apply.

D. Roster additions will be permitted until Dec. 1. All other provisions of rule 2401 apply.

2824 Documents required for qualifying competitions:

A. Proof of age (i.e. copy of birth certificate, passport, driver’s license, notarized affidavit, etc.) for members of senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile synchronized skating teams must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating by ~~Dec. 1~~ Oct. 1, prior to the member entering their first qualifying competition. Such proof needs to be submitted only once per member. Upon receiving valid proof of age, U.S. Figure Skating headquarters will flag the member record and immediately destroy any documentation. The roster is to be verified by headquarters on a yearly basis. Adult, masters, open adult and open masters synchronized skating teams must provide proof of age if so requested by the referee and/or local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered.

B. Collegiate and open collegiate teams must provide certification from their college or university that each team member is a full-time student.

2832 Fill-Up Rule: When fewer than four teams qualify for a U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships event from any section, a sufficient number of additional teams from other sections shall be permitted to enter the comparable event for that year in order to bring the number of entries in the event up to the maximum of 12 (or 13 to enable the sections in question to qualify an equal number of teams).

A. The national vice chair for synchronized skating competitions will select the additional teams advancing from the sectional championships to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships (per rule 2832) based on the number of teams entered on the closing date for entries (~~Dec. 1~~ Oct. 1). Additional teams from other sections will not be added if a qualifying team withdraws following the sectional championships.

B. Teams invited under rule 2832 must respond verbally to their respective sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee within 48 hours following notification, and if accepting, return the completed application postmarked within that same time frame.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

361.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7020 (page 213, Rulebook)** to add the following language:

7020 Clothing and Equipment – Synchronized Skating – Competition and Official Practice

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

362.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 1220 (pages 98-99, Rulebook)** to add the following language:

1220 Duties of the Event Referee

B. The event referee:

18. For a qualifying event held at a nonqualifying competition, the event referee is responsible for all decisions pertaining to the qualifying event.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

363.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 1041 (page 92, Rulebook)** to add the following language:

1041 The International Judging System (IJS) and 6.0 majority system will be used as follows:

A. The IJS will be used:

1. At all regional and sectional championships, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for all levels and disciplines;
2. At all adult sectional championships for the championship, masters and adult gold levels of singles;
 - a. This includes both qualifying and nonqualifying events at these levels.
 - b. The mini system is not required.
3. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the masters and adult gold levels of singles and pairs, and the masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of dance (including masters open dance); this includes both the qualifying and nonqualifying events at these levels.
4. At all synchronized sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships for the senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, collegiate and adult events.

B. The 6.0 system will be used:

1. At all adult sectional championships for the adult silver and below singles events and for all pairs, dance, dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (see rule 4700 (A));
2. At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships for the adult silver and below singles, pairs and ice dance events, and for all dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (see rule 4700 (A));
3. At synchronized sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships for preliminary, pre-juvenile, ~~juvenile~~, open juvenile, masters, open adult and open collegiate events.

- C. Nonqualifying competitions may use the IJS, the 6.0 system or a combination of both.
1. If using the 6.0 system, the closed 6.0 system should be used except for synchronized skating events, which have the option of using the closed 6.0 system or the open 6.0 system of judging.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

Administrative/Legal Group (Group 4)

There were no requests for action submitted by the **Administrative/Legal Group** for advanced publication in the meeting book.

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

501.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Competitions Committee Chair

Amend **rule CR 2.01 (page 28, Rulebook)** by adding subparagraph L as follows:

CR 2.00 Organization

CR 2.01 The Competitions Committee ~~shall~~ will consist of the following chairs and vice chairs that are appointed in accordance with Article XVIII of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws:

L. A national vice chair for nonqualifying competitions: oversees the standard nonqualifying announcement
Current subparagraphs L and M will be re-lettered accordingly

Implementation date: May 1, 2016

502.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend **rules TR 33.01 and TR 33.02 (page 262, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 33.00 Classification of Pair Tests

TR 33.01 The standard pair tests are divided into six classes: ~~to be taken in the following order: pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior.~~ The standard moves in the field test of the same level (standard, adult or masters passing average) is the prerequisite to a standard pair test:

Pair test	Prerequisite
Pre-juvenile pairs	Pre-juvenile moves in the field test
Juvenile pairs	Juvenile moves in the field test and pre-juvenile pair test
Intermediate pairs	Intermediate moves in the field test (standard, adult or masters passing average) and juvenile pair test
Novice free pairs	Novice moves in the field test (standard, adult or masters passing average) and intermediate pair test
Junior free pairs	Junior moves in the field test (standard, adult or masters passing average) and novice pair test
Senior free pairs	Senior moves in the field test (standard, adult or masters passing average) and junior pair test

A. Any 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.

TR 33.02 The adult pair tests are divided into three classes: ~~to be taken in the following order: bronze, silver and gold.~~

Adult pair test	Prerequisite
Adult bronze pair	Pre-juvenile moves in the field or adult bronze moves in the field (adult or masters passing average)
Adult silver pair	Juvenile moves in the field or adult silver moves in the field (adult or masters passing average) and adult bronze pair test
Adult gold pair	Intermediate moves in the field (standard, adult or masters passing average) or adult gold moves in the field (adult or masters passing average) and adult silver pair test

A. Any adult pair test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required moves in the field as listed in the prerequisite column above. No pair test is a prerequisite to any moves in the field test.

AB. To qualify for any adult pair test, the candidate must be 21 years of age or older. ~~The moves in the field test of the equivalent level (standard, adult or masters passing average) is the prerequisite to an adult pair test as shown in the following chart:~~

BC. An adult skater who has passed the standard pair test may cross over to the adult track as follows:

Standard pair test passed	Must then pass either	To take this adult test
Preliminary pair (Prior to Sept. 1, 2008)	Pre-juvenile moves in the field or adult bronze moves in the field	Adult bronze pair
Pre-juvenile pair (After Sept. 1, 2008)	Juvenile moves in the field or adult silver moves in the field	Adult silver pair
Juvenile pair	Intermediate moves in the field or adult gold moves in the field	Adult gold pair

C. Adult skaters who have passed the adult gold pair test are permitted to take the standard intermediate pair test without testing the standard pre-juvenile and juvenile pair tests. However, prior to taking the standard intermediate pair test, candidates must first pass the standard intermediate moves in the field test. See TR 33.01: *This is now unnecessary, as pairs tests are no longer required prerequisites for higher pairs tests.*

Note: If this is approved, rules TR 34.02 and TR 34.03 will be deleted accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

503.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend rules 5240 and TR 39.02 (pages 176 and 263-264, Rulebook) as follows:

5240 Juvenile Pairs

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE	
2:30 +/- 10 seconds	
Must contain the following elements in any order	
CHOREOGRAPHIC STEP SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence Must fully utilize the ice surface <u>Must be clearly visible</u>

TR 39.02 Juvenile Pair Test

The juvenile pair test must consist of a program with a variety of moves and connecting steps skated to the music. The pair must utilize the ice surface with some degree of unison in good form while demonstrating the fundamentals of pair skating. The following elements are required:

- A. One lift from Group 1 or ~~the waist lift from Group 2, with or without full extension of the man's arms, minimum one revolution of the man~~
 - Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted
 - Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man
- B. One throw jump, single
- C. One solo jump, single or double
- D. One jump combination or jump sequence, consisting of single or double jumps
 - Jump combination must consist of two jumps
 - Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited
- E. One pair spin, minimum ~~four~~ of three revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- F. One solo spin or solo spin combination, minimum of five revolutions, optional change of position (minimum two revolutions in each position), ~~no change of foot and change of foot, may begin with a flying entry~~
- G. One pivot figure, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- H. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.0 Passing total: 6.0

Judging panel required: Three bronze or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

504.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend rule TR 39.03 (page 264, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 39.03 Intermediate Pair Test

The intermediate pair test must consist of a program skated rhythmically and in harmony with the music. The pair must show a moderate degree of pair unison, with good form and flow, while fully utilizing the ice surface. It is also expected that the pair will demonstrate some of the more advanced fundamentals of pair skating including intermediate-based moves in the field in mirror and/or shadow skating. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts selected from Groups 1-4 to be chosen from the following:
- Group 1 lifts
 - Waist lift
 - The forward press, two-handed star or platter lift (only one of these may be done)
 - Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted. However, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved is not a violation of this rule.
 - Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man
- B. One twist lift, single
- Take off must be flip or Lutz
- C. One throw jump, single or double
- D. One solo jump, single or double
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence consisting of single or double jumps
- Jump combination must consist of two jumps
 - Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited
- F. One pair spin, minimum five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner, either together or separately (minimum two revolutions in each position) no change of foot
- G. One solo spin or solo spin combination, minimum five revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), no change of foot
- May begin with a flying entry
 - Change of foot and change of position are optional
 - Must have a minimum of five revolutions
 - Both partners must achieve a basic position for at least two revolutions
- H. One death spiral or pivot figure, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. Pattern is not restricted choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 3:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.2 Passing total: 6.4

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

505.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend rule TR 39.04 (page 264, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 39.04 Novice Pair Test

The novice pair test must consist of a program with connecting moves and footwork. The pair must demonstrate basic pair unison and good form and flow. The program should utilize the full ice surface and be skated with expression in time to the music. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts, at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
- Must be from different groups, and one must be from Group 3 or Group 4
 - Variations of the lady's position, no-handed, one-handed, combination lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are permitted.
 - Carry lifts and lifts with a carry feature are not permitted
 - Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man

- B. One twist lift, single or double
 - Take off must be flip or Lutz
- C. Two different throw jumps, single, or double or triple
- D. One solo jump, selected from single Axel or any double jump single, double or triple
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double single, double or triple jumps
 - Jump combination must consist of two jumps
 - Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited
 - All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps
- F. One pair spin or pair spin combination, minimum six revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately) minimum two revolutions in each position
 - If pair spin combination, both partners must change feet and position at least once
 - Must have a minimum of five revolutions
- G. One solo spin or solo spin combination, minimum six revolutions, at least one change of position by each partner (minimum two revolutions in each position), change of foot optional and, if performed, minimum three revolutions on each foot
 - May begin with a flying entry
 - Change of foot and change of position are optional
 - Must have a minimum of five revolutions
 - Both partners must achieve a basic position for at least two revolutions
- H. One death spiral, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position
- I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 3.5 Passing total: 7.0

Judging panel required: Three silver or higher rank singles/pairs judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

506.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend **rule TR 39.05 (page 265, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 39.05 Junior Pair Test

The junior pair test must consist of a program of good, harmonious composition skated to the music with rhythm and expression. The program should have a change of pace, utilize the full ice surface and be skated in good form with very good flow. The pair must demonstrate good partner relationship and show a good degree of pair unison. The following elements are required:

- A. Two different lifts; at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4 not all from Group 5, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms
 - Full extension of lifting arm(s) required
 - Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man
 - Only one lift may include a carry feature.
 - Carry lifts (one-half revolution exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts
- B. One twist lift, double or more revolutions
- C. Two different throw jumps, both double or more revolutions
- D. One solo jump, double or more revolutions
- E. One jump combination or jump sequence, at least one jump must be double and different from the solo jump
 - Jump combination may consist of two or three jumps
 - Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited
 - All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps
 - At least one jump must be a double or more revolutions
- F. One pair spin combination, minimum eight revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately), minimum two revolutions in each position
 - Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be at least

three revolutions before and after the change of foot

- Must have at least one change of position by each partner
- Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner
- Minimum of eight revolutions total

G. One solo spin combination, ~~each partner must change feet and position at least one time (minimum two revolutions in each position), minimum four revolutions on each foot~~

- Must have at least one change of position
- Change of foot is optional, but if change of foot is performed, there must be at least three revolutions before and after the change of foot
- Minimum of 10 revolutions total

H. One death spiral ~~performed on a forward edge~~, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position

I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 4.0 Passing total: 8.0

Judging panel required: Three gold singles/pairs judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

507.APPROVED – Technical Group Coordinator and Pairs Committee Chair

Amend **rule TR 39.06 (page 265, Rulebook)** as follows:

TR 39.06 Senior Pair Test

The senior/gold pair must give an excellent performance. Both partners should move together in complete harmony showing a marked degree of pair unison, good form and excellent flow. The program should fully utilize the ice surface, have a change of pace and superbly express the mood and rhythm of music. Harmonious steps and connecting movements in time to the music should be maintained throughout the program. The following elements are required:

A. Three different lifts; ~~at least one lift must be from Group 3 or Group 4, and at least one lift must be from Group 5, minimum one revolution of the man, full extension of the lifting arms~~

- Not all from Group 5
- If two Group 5 lifts are executed, the take offs must be of a different nature (abbreviation);
- Full extension of lifting arms is required
- Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man
- Only one lift may include a carry feature
- Carry lifts (one-half rotation exit/entry) are permitted and are not counted in the number of overhead lifts

B. One twist lift, double or more revolutions

C. Two different throw jumps, ~~both~~ double or more revolutions

D. One solo jump, selected from ~~double flip, double Lutz or double Axel~~ double or more revolutions

E. One jump combination or jump sequence, ~~two jumps must be double of a like or different nature, both must be different from the solo jump~~

- Jump combination may consist of two or three jumps
- Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited
- All jumps executed with more than two revolutions (double Axel and all triple and quadruple jumps) must be of a different nature (different name); however, the jump combination or sequence can include two same such jumps
- At least two jumps must be a double or more revolutions

F. One pair spin combination, ~~minimum eight revolutions, each partner must change feet and position at least one time (either together or separately) demonstrating all three basic positions, minimum two revolutions in each position~~

- Must have at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time, and there must be at least three revolutions before and after the change of foot
- Must have at least one change of position by each partner
- Must have at least two different basic positions by each partner
- Minimum of eight revolutions total

G. One solo spin combination, ~~each partner must change feet once and change position at least two times, demonstrating all three basic positions (minimum two revolutions in each position), minimum five revolutions on each foot~~

- Must have at least one change of position

- Change of foot is optional, but if change of foot is performed, there must be at least three revolutions before and after the change of foot
- Minimum of 10 revolutions total

H. One death spiral performed on a backward edge, minimum one full revolution by the man in pivot position

I. One choreographic sequence. See rule 5106 for description.

Extra elements may be added without penalty.

Duration: 4:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skaters' choice.

Two different elements may be retried, if necessary.

Passing average: 4.5 Passing total: 9.0

Judging panel required: Three gold singles/pairs judges.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

508.APPROVED a provisional sanction for the 2017 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 23-25, 2017; Rockford, Ill.; Starlights SST and Skokie Valley FSC.

509.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Music Coordinator:** Susan LaLone, Lexington, Mass.; Mary Zastrow, Forest Lake, Minn.
- **National Theatre On Ice Referee:** John Cole, Baltimore, Md.

510.APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Dance Judge:** Philipp Rey, Colleyville, Texas
- **National Showcase Judge:** Gregory Rouw, St. Cloud, Minn.
- **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Heather Feinstein, Hoboken, N.J.; Danielle Hartsell-Minnis, Concord, N.C.; Helen Lehman, Portland, Ore.; Susan McInnes, Lyndhurst, Ohio

511.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national promotions:

- **National Pairs Technical Controller:** Alexander Enzmann, Stow, Mass.; Steven Hsu, Los Angeles, Calif
- **National Singles Technical Specialist:** Matthew Lind, Haverhill, Mass.; Christopher Pottenger, Anaheim, Calif.; Sarah Smith, Potomac, Md.
- **National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator:** Pine Kopka-Ross, Seattle, Wash.

512.ACCEPTED – Judges Committee, Technical Panel Committee

The following national resignations:

- Barbara Boucher, Denver, Colo. (National Dance Judge)
- Jason Dungjen, Waterford, Mich. (National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator)
- Lisa Ervin, East Amherst, N.Y. (National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator)
- Kenneth Shelley, New York, N.Y. (National Pairs Technical Specialist, National Singles Technical Specialist, National Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay Operator)
- Barbara Roles Williams, Las Vegas, Nev. (National Singles Technical Specialist, National Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay Operator)

513.ACKNOWLEDGED – Competitions Committee, Judges Committee, Technical Panel Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Marge Heslin, Murrieta, Calif. – passed away March 2016 (National Dance Referee)
- Patricia French, Mitchellville, Md. – passed away March 8, 2016 (National Singles/Pairs Judge)
- Anne Gerli, New York, N.Y. – passed away March 3, 2016 (National Singles/Pairs Judge)
- Doris Heinold, Wellesley Hill, Mass. – passed away Dec. 10, 2015 (National Singles/Pairs Judge)
- Jeanne Matthews, Baldwinsville, N.Y. – passed away March 26, 2016 (National Synchronized Judge)

514.APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following honorary national appointment:

- **Honorary National Judge:** Barbara Boucher, Denver, Colo.

515.APPROVED AS AMENDED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 2.02 (A) and (B) (page 45, Rulebook)** as follows:

ICR 2.02 Each Discipline Group will have the following members (13):

~~A. Voting members (ten):~~

~~1A. The chair of the IC;~~

~~2B. The immediate past chair of the IC;~~

~~3C. One discipline-specific vice chair;~~

~~a. If the chair and the immediate past chair of the IC are from the same section, the vice chair for each Discipline Group must be from a different section;~~

~~4D. One discipline-specific coach representative;~~

~~5E. Two discipline-specific athlete representatives, at least one of whom has competed in an ISU Championship~~

~~a1. Athlete representatives must not be competing in any qualifying or international competitions in the season in which they serve on the IC and must not have competed in any qualifying or international competitions in the season immediately prior to serving on the IC.~~

~~6F. One discipline-specific ISU official;~~

~~7G. Three discipline-specific sectional representatives (one from each section)~~

~~B. Non-voting members (four):~~

~~1H. The Athlete Services Group Coordinator;~~

~~2I. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee;~~

~~3J. The ISU representative;~~

~~4. One vice president of U.S. Figure Skating (each of the three vice presidents will serve on one Discipline Group, as determined by the chair of the IC);~~

~~Note: The Athlete Services Group Coordinator, chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, the ISU representative, and the vice president of U.S. Figure Skating can serve as voting members if they are selected for one of the 10 voting member positions.~~

Implementation date: May 2, 2016 (Close of Governing Council)

516.APPROVED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 2.03 (page 45, Rulebook)** as follows:

ICR 2.03 The International Committee (IC) will have a five ~~nine~~-member Management Subcommittee (ICMS) that will consist of:

~~A. The chair of the IC;~~

~~B. The immediate past chair of the IC;~~

~~1. In the event the IC immediate past chair is unavailable to serve on the ICMS, the ICMS may fill that vacancy with another member of the IC.~~

~~C. The vice chair for the dance Discipline Group of the IC;~~

~~D. The vice chair for the pairs Discipline Group of the IC;~~

~~E. The vice chair for the singles Discipline Group of the IC;~~

~~F. One athlete representative chosen from one of the six athlete representatives on the IC;~~

~~G. One coach representative chosen from the three coach representatives on the IC;~~

~~CH. The Athlete Services Group Coordinator;~~

~~DI. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee;~~

~~E. The ISU Representative.~~

Implementation date: May 2, 2016 (Close of Governing Council)

517.APPROVED AS AMENDED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 3.01 (C), ICR 3.02, ICR 3.05 (B) and ICR 3.06 (pages 46-47, Rulebook)** as follows:

ICR 3.00 Responsibilities

ICR 3.01 International Committee

~~C. The responsibilities of the IC are:~~

~~1. To approve criteria proposed and used to select international competitions in singles, pairs and ice dance.~~

2. To ~~select~~ recommend international competitions, based on the approved criteria.
3. To approve criteria proposed and used to select and enter member athletes in all international competitions, ISU championships, and the Olympic Winter Games.
4. To ~~select nominate to the ICMS~~ (i) athletes ~~for selection by the ICMS~~ to compete in all international competitions and ISU championships and (ii) athletes ~~for selection by the ICMS and~~ nomination to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for entry to compete in the Olympic Winter Games.
 - a. In person meetings and/or conference calls will be conducted for each Discipline Group to determine the selections ~~nominations~~.
 - b. The IC chair and/or the appropriate discipline-specific vice chair will be responsible for outlining and providing to the respective Discipline Groups an explanation of the slate of athletes/teams selected for nomination for each discipline and competition, if needed.
5. To issue sanctions for member athletes to participate in skating activities in foreign countries (excluding Canada).
6. Any related or other responsibilities identified in ICR 3.03-3.06.

Note: Actions of the IC are taken by action of each Discipline Group. A two-thirds majority of the members of a Discipline Group will constitute a quorum in order for a Discipline Group to take action. Action by a Discipline Group will be determined by a two-thirds majority approval ~~vote~~ of the members actually voting. ~~In the case of a tie vote, all concerned athletes nominated will be presented to the ICMS for a final decision, of which there must be a majority two-thirds approval on all athlete selections per rule ICR 3.02.~~

ICR 3.02 International Committee Management Subcommittee

The responsibilities of the International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) are:

- A. To provide final approval on ~~all athlete selections~~; selection procedures, competition readiness requirements and which international competitions will be attended by the U.S. Figure Skating Team (sometimes referred to as Team USA).
 1. ~~Athlete selections that are not approved will be sent back to the appropriate Discipline Group for review and reassignment, if needed.~~
- B. To approve the criteria for receiving Elite Athlete Health Insurance with final approval given by the appropriate headquarters staff.
- C. To govern the athletes selected and entered per ICR 3.01(C)(4) and to withhold or withdraw selection of an athlete from any assignment:
 1. For failure to abide by the applicable rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating and, if applicable, the USOC;
 2. For conduct in violation of GR 1.01, GR 1.02 or GR 1.03, or for any false statements or misrepresentations on documentation, contracts and/or agreements; and/or
 3. For acting in a manner not deemed appropriate for a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Team.
- D. To provide final approval for the disbursement of the funds from the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Support Program (ASUPP).
- E. Any related or other responsibilities identified in ICR 3.03-3.06.

Note: A two-thirds majority of the members of the ICMS will constitute a quorum in order for the ICMS to take action. Action by the ICMS will be determined by a majority two-thirds majority approval ~~vote~~ of the members actually voting.

ICR 3.05 Team Envelope and International Selection Pool

- B. The International Selection Pool (ISP) consists of athletes for each of the singles, pairs and ice dance disciplines who are identified by each Discipline Group of the IC ~~and are approved by the ICMS~~ as being considered for international assignment.

ICR 3.06 Selection of Athletes

For each competition season, the ICMS will present the selection procedures for the ISU Championships to the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors for approval. In addition, and at the appropriate time, the ICMS will also present the selection procedures for the Olympic Winter Games to the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors for approval. Selection procedures for the Olympic Winter Games will be prepared per the requirements of the USOC. The complete approved selection procedures will be posted on ussaonline.org. Each Discipline Group of the IC will select ~~nominate~~ the athletes for the appropriate discipline to all international competitions; and ISU championships, and will nominate the athletes to ~~and~~ the Olympic Winter Games based on the approved selection procedures. ~~Such nominations are subject to approval by the ICMS, which finalizes the selection of athletes. Any nominations not approved by the ICMS will be sent back to the appropriate Discipline Group for reconsideration.~~

Implementation date: May 2, 2016 (Close of Governing Council)

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

601.APPROVED – Jason Wong, Athlete Delegate

Add new rules 2725 and 2726 (pages 121-122, Rulebook) as follows:

2725 Draw for the Starting Order of Final Round after a Qualifying Round – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

2726 As soon as possible after the determination and certification of results from the qualifying rounds, the officials selected by the chief referee will complete the draw for the final round. The starting order for the final round will be drawn in two subgroups:

- A. The 1st and 2nd place finishers in each group in the initial round will be the last to skate in the final round and will draw from the first subgroup. If these skaters encompass a portion of a warm-up group, they will skate in the latter portion of said warm-up group.
- B. The remaining qualifiers from the initial round will be the first to skate in the final round and will draw from the second subgroup.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

602.REFERRED TO COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE – George Rossano, Delegate, Glacier Falls FSC, and Morry Stillwell, Delegate, North County FSC

Amend rule 3013, 3045 (pages 131 and 133, Rulebook) as follows:

3010 Nonqualifying Competitions – Events

3013 Singles and Pairs:

- A. The free skate is performed by each competitor/team individually.
- B. The event may consist of a short program only, a short program and free skate combined or free skate only.
- C. In singles, girls and boys may compete against each other at the pre-juvenile level and lower.

3040 Nonqualifying Competitions – Entries

3045 At nonqualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event:;

- A. For pre-juvenile and lower level singles events, such competitor will be allowed to compete in an event against skaters of the opposite gender, with the consent of the one eligible competitor.
- B. Should the skaters choose not to compete against skaters of the opposite gender, and for all levels and disciplines not covered in rule 3045 (A), the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be cancelled.
- A.C. If more than one competitor/team enters but, due to withdrawals, only one competitor/team appears at a singles, pairs, ice dance or synchronized skating event, the referee will offer the competitor/team the option to skate. If the competitor/team chooses to skate, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable scoring system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place. If the competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded.

603.ACCEPTED – Mark Ladwig, Athlete Delegate

Propose the formation of an ad-hoc committee by the president to report to the 2017 Governing Council on the state of judging in U.S. Figure Skating. Their mission will be of a broad scope mainly focused on the grass-roots aspects of judging and their effect on the health of the organization.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

701.APPROVED ratification and confirmation of 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.

702.ADOPTED the budget as amended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

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

President	Samuel Auxier
Midwestern and First Vice President	Lainie DeMore
Pacific Coast and Second Vice President	Sharon Watson
Eastern and Third Vice President	Anne Cammett
Secretary	Heather Nemier
Treasurer	Bob Anderson
Athlete Services Group Coordinator	Lorrie Parker
Membership Development Group Coordinator	Edward Mann
Technical Group Coordinator	Lynn Goldman
Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator	Steve Wolkin
Coaching Member	Tammy Gambill
Coaching Member	Kirsten Miller-Zisholz

704.ANNOUNCED the athlete members of the Board of Directors as elected by the athletes:

Pilar Bosley (ice dance)
John Coughlin (pairs)*
Derrick Delmore (singles)
Erika Hoffman (synchronized skating)
*Non-voting member of the Board of Directors

705.The President **ACCEPTED** the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

Adult Skating	Lori Fussell
Athlete Development	Stefanie Mathewson
Coaches	Suna Murray
Collegiate Program	Suzanne Schlecht
Competitions	Hal Marron
Dance	Philipp Rey
Ethics	Alison Hershberger-Filo
Grievance	Karen Terry Perreault
International	Wendy Enzmann
International Judges and Officials	Shawn Rettstatt
Judges	Kevin Rosenstein
Membership	Alan Wolf
Memorial Fund	Bill Coyle
Pairs	Whitney Gaynor
Parents	Lydia Magill
Program Development	Elizabeth Preston
Rules	Gerald Miele
Sanctions and Eligibility	Lisa Erle
Selections	Deveny Deck
Singles	Ann Barr
Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating	John O'Connor
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Ellen Geminiani
State Games	Mary-Elizabeth Wightman
Strategic Planning	Winston Burbank
Synchronized Skating	Lisa Marsocci
Technical Panel	Richard Perez
Tests	Eric Hampton
Theatrical Skating	Roland Bessette

706.The President **ANNOUNCED** the following appointments:

ISU Representative – Samuel Auxier

707.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2016-17:

Elected by the 2016 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year one):

Alexander Enzmann (NE)	Goleen Samari (SW)	Linda Chihara (NWP)
Terri Levine (NE)	Kathleen Krieger (UGL)	Dorian Valles (SWP)

Elected by the 2015 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year two):

Ann O’Keefe (SA)	Gretchen Bonnie (EGL)	Laurie Johnson (CP)
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Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term:

Colin McManus (E)	Mark Ladwig (M)	Douglas Razzano (P)
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708.ANNOUNCED that the 2016 Governing Council meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 3-7, 2017.