

2016 Governing Council-Columbus, OH

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Major items to note:

- 1) Adult Skating Committee-Well Balanced Free Skate changes-(pages 6-7). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 2) Adult Skating Committee-Selection of Dances for the next 3 seasons and changes to the qualification for various dance events (pages 7-9). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 3) Adult Skating Committee-Adult test changes including the marking of solo free dance tests (pages 10-12)
- 4) Competitions Committee-Protests-Protests to the chief and/or event referee must be in writing. 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. A protest concerning the participation or eligibility of a competitor must be filed with the chief referee before the start of the first event of the entire competition. Other protests other than participation/eligibility must be filed with the chief and/or event referee no later than 60 minutes after the posting of the official results of the event. Appeals of decisions must be filed within 5 days of the referee's decision (used to be 30 days). (Pages 13-14). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 5) Competitions Committee-changes to byes to US Figure Skating Championship for skaters competing in Grand Prix Finals (Page 14). Effective July 1, 2016
- 6) Competitions Committee-Program time violations 0.5 (used to be 1.0) for every five seconds lacking or in excess for juvenile, intermediate, masters and adult gold singles and pairs events. Also for juvenile, intermediate, masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold ice dance events. (Page 15). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 7) Competitions Committee-Program interruption-After 1:00 minute, if the skater/couple has not reported to the event referee, the competitor(s) are considered withdrawn. Dance, singles and pairs. (Page 15). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 8) Competitions Committee-When there are more than 24 entries in any event, the number of qualifying round groups as well as the total number of skaters advancing to the championship round are shown in the chart of Page 16. Basically the top 4 in each group will advance plus the next 4 highest scores (could be from any group). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 9) Competitions Committee-Team USA skaters assigned to international events and the effect on byes to the sectional championship if the skater competes at regionals. (Page 16). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 10) Dance Committee-Music violations 1.0 per program for juvenile, intermediate and adult dance events. 2.0 per program for novice, junior and senior dance events (Page 17). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 11) Dance Committee-Re-skate of a Pattern Dance Test (Page 18). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 12) Singles Committee-Juvenile Free Skate 1.0 bonus for EACH double axel achieved (not downgraded). Used to only be the first double axel. (Page 24). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 13) Singles Committee-Intermediate Ladies/Men Short Program and Free Skate-Change the Choreographic step to a leveled step (max level 2), thereby increasing the Intermediate Short Program to 2:10 max and the Intermediate Free Skate to 2:40 +/- 10 seconds. (Page 24). **Effective February 1, 2017.**

- 14) Singles Committee-Novice Free Skate-eliminate the bonus restriction for triple jumps done in a triple/triple combination. In a triple/triple combination, if the 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. (Page 24). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 15) Singles Committee-0.5 for every fall now in Novice (used to be 1.0). (Page 24). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 16) Synchronized Skating Committee-reflect new moves in the field test requirements Juvenile and above. (page 25). **Effective July 1, 2017.**
- 17) Synchronized Skating Committee-Deadline for sectional championship now October 1 (used to be December 1) and announcement now made available on August 15. (Page 26). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 18) Synchronized Skating Committee-IJS now used for juvenile at the sectional and national championships. (Page 27). Effective July 1, 2016.
- 19) Pair Test change-Variou see pages 28-33. Effective July 1, 2016.
- 20) New Business-Draw for the Starting Order of Final Round after a Qualifying Round Singles, Pairs and Dance. Starting order for the final round will be drawn in 2 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 be drawn 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.