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On April 30, the Governing Council approved many changes to competition requirements that are set to be implemented on June 1. These include, but are not limited to:

- Adult Skating
  - Changes to the well-balanced program requirements for singles and pairs
  - Changes to the interpretive rules
- Ice Dancing
  - Changes to the way novice pattern dances are judged
  - Changes to the lift requirements for the novice free dance
- Pairs
  - Changes to the novice pairs short program and well-balanced program requirements
- Singles
  - Changes to the well-balanced program requirements from no test up through novice
  - Changes to the novice and intermediate short program requirements
  - A change to the age requirements for juvenile and open juvenile

**Competitions with the close of entries prior to June 1 are not to change the age requirements for the juvenile/open juvenile events. Further, competitions that begin before June 1 (regardless of when they conclude) are NOT to use any of these new rules for the following reasons:**

1. The official document providing every one with the specific details of these changes is not available, yet\*.
2. Skaters and coaches need time to review the rules and change their programs.
3. The Competitions Committee needs time to implement the changes into the accounting and IJS software.
4. The Competitions, Judges and Technical Panel committees need time to circulate this information to all officials.

*\*The details of these, and all other changes, will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website in the "2010-11 Combined Report of Action" by May 13.*