2014-15 COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

Board of Directors — In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots — May 4, 2014, through May 1, 2015 Governing Council — Colorado Springs, Colo. — May 2, 2015

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2015 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2014

- 1. APPROVED the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Audit Committee for 2014-15:
 - Kristin Arneson Cutler
 - Winston Burbank
 - Kathaleen Kelly Cutone
 - 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 2014-15:
 - Hal Marron (chair)
 - · Lainie DeMore
 - Pilar Bosley (athlete)
 - Bob Anderson (ex-officio)

JUNE 2, 2014

- **3. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2015 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 6-9, 2015; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pittsburgh FSC.
- **4. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2015 Synchronized Skating Junior World Team Selection Event; Feb. 6-7, 2015; Marlboro, Mass.; Hayden Synchronized Skating Team and Hayden Recreation Centre FSC.

JULY 7, 2014

No actions were taken on this call.

AUGUST 4, 2014

5. APPROVED – Competitions and Judges Committees

The following honorary national appointments:

- Honorary National Accountant: Patricia Camper, Key Largo, Fla.; John Chrien, Beachwood, Ohio; Suzanne Courtright, Arlington, Va.
- Honorary National Referee: John Chrien, Beachwood, Ohio
- Honorary National Judge: John Chrien, Beachwood, Ohio
- **6. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2014 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 14-16, 2014; Rochester, Mich.; Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy.
- 7. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2014 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic and U.S. Challenge Skate; Sept. 10-14, 2014; Salt Lake City, Utah; Salt Lake Figure Skating.

- **8. APPROVED** amendment of **rule 1322 (page 98, Rulebook)** to adopt ISU rule changes for the IJS events and update the rules and penalties for 6.0 events as follows:
 - 1322 Before each performance, the name of the competitor/team will shall be called.

A. For IJS events:

- 1. Every singles, pairs and ice dance competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, short dance, free skate or free dance) no later than 30 seconds after the competitor's/team's name has been announced. If the competitor/team has not taken their starting position within the 30 seconds, the referee will deduct 1.00. If the competitor/team has not yet taken their starting position within 60 seconds after their name is announced, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn.
 - a. The first competitor/team in a warm-up group will be granted an additional 30 seconds after their name is announced. The timing procedure as described in (A)(1) above will start after that 30 seconds extra time period.
- 2. Every synchronized team must take the starting position and make a signal to the referee of each segment of the competition (short program and free skate) no later than one minute after the team's name has been announced, after which, the music will be played.
- B. For 6.0 events: Every singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating competitor/team must take the starting position of each part segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, short dance, free skate or free dance) no later than one minute after the competitor's/team's name has been announced. Failing to do so, the competitor/team shall be considered withdrawn. referee must instruct the judges to take the appropriate deduction (per the current Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System posted in the "Technical Info" section on usfigureskating.org). competitor/team shall be considered withdrawn. The referee may, for good cause, modify the strict interpretation of this rule.
- C. If a competitor/team has not registered, turned in music or shown up for the warm-up, such competitor/team will be considered officially withdrawn, and the competitor's/team's name will not be announced.

Implementation date: Sept. 1, 2014

9. APPROVED the addition of subparagraph D to rule 6511, championship adult dance (page 203, Rulebook) as follows:

D. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.

Implementation date: Sept. 1, 2014

10. APPROVED the president's reappointment of Steve Cady 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 September 2014.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

- 11. APPROVED amendment to the Financial Policy and Procedures as presented.
- **12. APPROVED** the president's reappointment of Bill Howard as a U.S. Figure Skating representative to the board of Serving The American Rinks (STAR) for a period of two years starting Sept. 24, 2014.
- 13. APPROVED a final sanction for 2014 Hilton HHonors Skate America; Oct. 22-26, 2014; Chicago, Ill.

OCTOBER 6, 2014

No actions were taken on this call.

OCTOBER 25-26, 2014

14. ACCEPTED the Audit Report as presented by Stockman Kast Ryan & Co. for the 2014 FY Financials through June 30, 2014.

15. APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 18.11 (page 56, Rulebook) as follows:

JR 18.11 Applications to trial or practice judge will be submitted in writing by the applicant not later than Sept. 1 for qualifying competitions and Skate America, Dec. 1 for qualifying synchronized skating competitions, <u>April 15 Feb. 1</u> for National Theatre On Ice and not later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition for other approved nonqualifying competitions. Late requests may be considered at the discretion of the appropriate vice chair. Requests to trial or practice judge must be limited to events required for promotion, appointment or to supplement judging activity.

Implementation date: Nov. 6, 2014

16. APPROVED – Pairs Committee

Extend the new ISU restriction on small lifts performed in isolation at the junior and senior levels to all levels of pair skating from pre-juvenile through novice as follows:

To avoid similarities between pairs and ice dance programs, the number of small lifts performed in isolation is limited to one in the short program and two in the free skate. In violation of this restriction, a 1.0 deduction (per program) will be applied according to the opinion of the majority of the panel which includes all the judges and the referee. No deduction is made if there is 50:50 split vote; however small lifts are unrestricted when used in preparation for listed elements in the short program or free skate.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

17. APPROVED a final sanction for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 17-25, 2015, Greensboro, N.C.

18. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

• National Showcase Referee: Carol Wooley, Alvord, Texas

19. APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- National Showcase Judge: Julie Gidlow, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Carol Wooley, Alvord, Texas
- National Theatre On Ice Judge: Heather Schonrock, Hampton Cove, Ala.

20. ACCEPTED - Judges Committee and Technical Panel Committee

The following national resignations:

- Barbara Boucher, Denver, Colo. (National Dance Judge) resigned competition judging appointments only, still willing to judge tests
- Mary Cook, Mount Horeb, Wis. (National Data/Video Singles/Pairs/Dance and Synchronized)
- Randy Gardner, Marina Del Rey, Calif. (National TS in Singles and Pairs)
- Timothy Goebel, New York, N.Y. (National TS in Singles)
- Christine Krall, Colorado Springs, Colo. (National TS in Singles)
- Debra Leeming, Harvard, Mass. (National TS in Singles)
- Aren Nielsen, Suwanee, Ga. (National TS in Singles)
- Lisa Talbot, Mountain View, Calif. (National TS in Singles)
- Russ Witherby, Los Angeles, Calif. (National TS in Singles)

21. ACKNOWLEDGED - Competitions Committee Judges Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Joseph Glab, Camarillo, Calif. (National Singles/Pairs Judge)
- Ken Harrell, Arvada, Colo. (National Music Coordinator)
- · Arnold Schroeder, Tarpon Springs, Fla. (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Judge and Referee)

22. APPROVED – International Committee

Replacing International Committee Rules ICR 2.00-ICR 8.01 (pages 44-46, Rulebook) with new language. This was further amended Feb. 21-22, 2015. Please see item 32.

DECEMBER 8, 2014

- **23. APPROVED** the re-appointment of Paul Wylie as a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation (through December 2017).
- **24. CONCURRED** with the Foundation Trustee's reelection of Coco Shean as a Foundation Trustee for another three-year term.
- **25. APPROVED** the athlete selection procedures as approved by the Athletes Advisory and International Committees for the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and ISU World Figure Skating Championships.
- 26. ADOPTED the Social Media Policy for U.S. Figure Skating officials, as amended, to be implemented Dec. 15, 2014.
- **27. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2015 Synchronized Skating Junior World Team Selection Event; Feb. 6-7, 2015; Marlboro, Mass.; Hayden Synchronized Skating Team and Hayden Recreation Centre FSC.

JANUARY 12, 2015

- **28. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2015 ISU Junior Grand Prix; Sept. 2-6, 2015; Colorado Springs, Colo.; hosted by U.S. Figure Skating.
- **29. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2015 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic and Challenge Cup; Sept. 16-20, 2015; Salt Lake City, Utah; hosted by U.S. Figure Skating.

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2015

- **30. APPROVED** the expenditure of \$150K for Phase II of the Brand/Image Study performed by Insight Strategy Group.
- **31. APPROVED** the request of a Development Fund grant of \$400K from the United States Figure Skating Foundation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in support of the board's three Strategic Initiative Projects (Image & Branding, Basic Skills Rebrand and Event Management System).
- **32. APPROVED** the revised clarifying language and implementation date for proposed changes to the International Committee Rules, which were originally approved on Oct. 26, 2014:

Replace International Committee Rules ICR 2.00-ICR 8.01 (pages 44-46) with the following rules:

International

ICR 2.00 Organization

<u>ICR 2.01</u> The International Committee (IC) will be organized into three discipline groups – one each for the disciplines of ice dance, pairs and singles (Discipline Groups). The IC will have a chair and three discipline-specific vice chairs (one vice-chair for each of the Discipline Groups).

ICR 2.02 Each Discipline Group will have the following members:

- A. Voting members (ten):
 - 1. The chair of the IC;
 - 2. The immediate past chair of the IC;
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. One discipline-specific coach representative;
 - 5. Two discipline-specific athlete representatives, at least one of whom has competed in an ISU Championship
 - a. 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.
 - 6. One discipline-specific ISU official;
 - 7. Three discipline-specific sectional representatives (one from each section);
- B. Non-voting members (four):

- 1. The Athlete Services Group Coordinator;
- 2. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee;
- 3. 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.

- ICR 2.03 The International Committee (IC) will have a 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;
 - H. The Athlete Services Group Coordinator;
 - I. The chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee.

ICR 2.04 Conflict of Interest

Should any member serving on any level of the IC or ICMS have a conflict of interest, the member will recuse him/herself from the decision-making process in all matters in which the conflict exists.

ICR 3.00 Responsibilities

ICR 3.01 International Committee

- A. The mission of the International Committee (IC) is to select the U.S. Figure Skating Team that wins the maximum number of international medals and berths possible by strategically providing experience and exposure to qualified members of the U.S. Figure Skating Team, and by identifying and supporting the best qualified future prospects to develop and achieve the ultimate goal of Olympic and World podium results.
- B. To accomplish this mission, the IC exercises responsibilities described below, with other responsibilities delegated to the International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS), as described in ICR 3.02.
- 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 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 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 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 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 majority 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 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 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 two-thirds vote of the members actually voting.

ICR 3.03 Selection of Competitions

The IC will select annually the international competitions for singles, pairs and ice dance in which U.S. Figure Skating will participate. Such competitions will be announced either though SKATING magazine or on usfigureskating.org.

- A. During the course of the skating season, the ICMS may add international competitions not previously selected, subject to the availability of financing.
- B. The ICMS may withdraw the U.S. Team from a previously selected international competition for reasonable cause at any time during the course of the skating season.

ICR 3.04 United States Figure Skating Team

The U.S. Figure Skating Team consists of the singles, pairs and ice dance athletes, team leaders, coaches, medical staff and judges selected by U.S. Figure Skating to participate in all international competitions, ISU championships and the Olympic Winter Games for the international competition season of July 1-June 30.

ICR 3.05 Team Envelope and International Selection Pool

- A. The Team Envelope, which is a funding model, consists of athletes for each of the singles, pairs and ice dance disciplines who are identified as having competitive potential to win medals in international, World and Olympic competition. The IC will approve the criteria annually to name athletes to the team envelope. The criteria to be used will be published before each international competition season. The ICMS will name the athletes to the team envelope for the appropriate discipline based on the criteria approved by the IC. Athletes must be re-nominated to the team envelope annually.
- 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 usfsaonline.org. Each Discipline Group of the IC will nominate the athletes for the appropriate discipline to all international competitions, ISU championships 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.

- A. To compete internationally on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating, a skater must be a member in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and must meet the current requirements of the ISU and/or International Olympic Committee for participation in international competitions.
- B. The number of athletes selected will not exceed the number of entries permitted by ISU regulations, but may be fewer.
- C. Compliance Rules:

Permission to compete in any competition selected per ICR 3.03 is a privilege predicated upon the athlete signing appropriate U.S. Figure Skating contracts or agreements and thereby agreeing to abide by the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating and the USOC, if appropriate, and any other such rules, regulations, obligations and codes of conduct contained in the contracts or agreements.

1. Selection to compete in all international competitions, ISU championships and the Olympic Winter Games will not be official, and athletes may not participate, until each has executed the documentation, contracts and agreements required by U.S. Figure Skating and, if applicable, the USOC.

ICR 3.07 Arrangements and Logistics

All arrangements and logistics (travel, housing, team apparel, etc.) for each competition for the U.S. Figure Skating Team will be made by the Team USA coordinator in cooperation with the IC chair.

Implementation date: May 4, 2015

- **33. APPROVED** for the full board of directors to submit the proposed bylaw amendments to Article XXV regarding the jurisdiction of the new United States Center for Safe Sport (USCSS).
- **34. APPROVED** Columbus, Ohio, as the site for the 2016 Governing Council Meeting, April 27-30, 2016.

MARCH 16, 2015

35.APPROVED a 2015-16 budget for presentation to Governing Council.

MARCH 25, 2015

36. APPROVED a final sanction for 2015 Skate America; Oct. 22-25, 2015; Milwaukee, Wis.

APRIL 6, 2015

- **37.APPROVED** the following IJOC recommendations for nomination to the ISU to take the listed exam or attend the listed school:
 - Anne Cammett, ISU Singles/Pairs Referee
 - Wendy Enzmann, International Singles/Pairs Referee
 - Dann Krueger National Component Moderator School
 - · Jenny Mast, National Component Moderator School
 - · Shawn Rettstatt, ISU Dance Referee
 - · Doug Williams, International Singles/Pairs Referee

APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2015

38. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

The following national promotions:

- National Accountants: David Hopson, Sacramento, Calif.; Suzanne Schlecht, Madison, Wis.
- National Announcer: Jason King, Salt Lake City, Utah
- National Music Coordinator: Deborah Martin, Rockville Ctr, N.Y.
- National Dance Referee: Diana Wisner, Wilmington, Del.

39. ACKNOWLEDGED - Competitions Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

Josephine Lawless, West Hills, Calif. (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Referee) – passed away April 21, 2015

40. ACCEPTED - Competitions Committee

The following national resignations:

- Joyce Herron, Bingham Farms, Mich. (National Accountant)
- Everett Yagud, Bedford, Texas (National Music Coordinator)

41. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

The following honorary national appointments:

- Honorary National Accountant: Joyce Herron, Bingham Farms, Mich.
- Honorary National Referee: Arnold Schroeder, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

42. APPROVED – Judges Committee

The following national promotions:

- National Dance Judge: Danielle Rey, Colleyville, Texas
- National Singles/Pairs Judge: Aubrey Samost, Cambridge, Mass.; Dana Schiff, New York, N.Y.

43. ACKNOWLEDGED – Judges Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Joy Cunningham, Hudson, Ohio (National Singles/Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Judge) passed away Nov. 2014
- Josephine Lawless, West Hills, Calif. (National Singles/Pairs Judge) passed away April 21, 2015

44. APPROVED - Judges Committee

The following honorary national appointments:

• Honorary National Judge: Arnold Schroeder, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

45. APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national promotions:

- National Singles Technical Controller: Todd Bromley, Carrollton, Texas; Allison Duarte, Cumberland, R.I.
- National Dance Technical Specialist: Kristen Fraser-Lukanin, West Orange, N.J.
- National Pairs Technical Specialist: Wayne Hundley, Riverside, Calif.
- National Singles Technical Specialist: Karen Anderson, Palatine, Ill.; Kevin Curtis, Fairfax, Va.; Amy Evidente, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joshua Fischel, Evanston, Ill.; Stephanie Lab, Aurora, Ill.; Marc Weitzman, New York, N.Y.
- National Synchronized Technical Specialist: Lauren O'Toole, New York, N.Y.
- National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator: Dana Hordyszynski, Wayne, N.J.; Katherine Specht, Napa, Calif.

46. ACKNOWLEDGED - Technical Panel Committee

The following vacated national appointments:

- Brittney Bottoms, Marietta, Ga. (National Singles Technical Specialist)
- Dede Disbrow, Edina, Minn. (National Pairs Technical Specialist, National Singles Technical Specialist)
- Mathew Gates, Avon, Conn. (National Dance Technical Specialist)
- Ron Kravette, N. Andover, Mass. (National Dance Technical Specialist)
- Christian Newberry, Hummelstown, Pa. (National Singles Technical Specialist)
- Charles Tickner, Discovery Bay, Calif. (National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator)

47. ACCEPTED – Technical Panel Committee

The following national resignations:

- Lisa-Marie Allen, Sun Valley, Idaho (National Synchronized Data and Video Operator)
- Judy Blumberg, Sun Valley, Idaho (National Synchronized Data and Video Operator)
- Jillian Cipresso, Santa Monica, Calif. (National Synchronized Technical Specialist)
- Charles Cyr, Palm Desert, Calif. (National Synchronized Data and Video Operator)
- Jason Dungien, Waterford, Mich. (National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator)
- Dana Graham, Atlanta, Ga. (National Synchronized Data and Video Operator)
- Eric Hampton, Marquette, Mich. (National Synchronized Video Operator)
- Nancy Ruedebusch, Coldwater, Mich. (National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Operator)
- William Schneider, Lone Tree, Colo. (National Synchronized Data and Video Operator)
- Sharon Wiggins, Pebble Beach, Calif. (National Singles Technical Controller)
- **48. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2015 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 6-9, 2015; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pittsburgh FSC.
- **49. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 16-24, 2016; St. Paul, Minn.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL — COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

MAY 2, 2015

- **50. ADOPTED** the convention standing rules.
- **51. ADOPTED** the agenda for the meeting.
- **52. APPROVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2014 Governing Council meeting held May 2-3, 2014, in Seattle, Wash.

- **53. APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this 2015 Governing Council meeting of Lisa Erle (chair), Linda Chihara (Rules Committee chair) and Timothy McKernan (athlete member).
- **54. ACCEPTED** the audit report.
- **55. APPROVED** provisional membership in U.S. Figure Skating for the following interim clubs:

Central New Hampshire Skating Academy
Hagerstown Edge FSC
New England SC
The SC of Saugerties, Inc.
Laconia, NH
Hagerstown, MD
Norfolk, MA
Saugerties, NY

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

The Edge FSC
Exton Edge
Exton, PA
Harlem SC
SC of Jackson Hole
Knickerbocker FSC
Mountain Edge SC of Colorado
FSC of Southern Maryland
Stillwater, MN
Exton, PA
New York, NY
Sc of, PA
New York, NY
Flushing, NY
Littleton, CO
Waldorf, MD

57. ACCEPTED the following Olympic and World Champions as Honorary Members of U.S. Figure Skating, per Article V, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws:

Tai Babilonia	Brian Boitano	Dick Button	Meryl Davis
Peggy Fleming	Linda Fratianne	Randy Gardner	Dorothy Hamill
Sarah Hughes	Carol Heiss Jenkins	David Jenkins	Hayes Jenkins
Peter Kennedy	Michelle Kwan	Tara Lipinski	Evan Lysacek
Rosalynn Sumners	Debi Thomas	Charlie Tickner	Jill Trenary
	Peggy Fleming Sarah Hughes Peter Kennedy	Peggy Fleming Linda Fratianne Sarah Hughes Carol Heiss Jenkins Peter Kennedy Michelle Kwan	Peggy FlemingLinda FratianneRandy GardnerSarah HughesCarol Heiss JenkinsDavid JenkinsPeter KennedyMichelle KwanTara Lipinski

Charlie White Tim Wood Kristi Yamaguchi Elaine Zayak

58. ADOPTED – Exhibit A

Amend Article V, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 4, Rulebook) and rules MR 5.10 and MR 6.11 (pages 60-61, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE V Membership

Section 4 Honorary Members.

- A. A person elected as such by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting for such terms as the Governing Council may specify in said vote.
- B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating, but may be accorded the privilege of speaking when present at official meetings of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to Governing Council; provided, however, that if such person is also a member in any other membership category, such person will have and may exercise voting rights and privileges available to them by virtue of such other membership, including as a delegate to the Governing Council.
- C. May serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to the office or position so held.
- **MR 5.10** Honorary members of U.S. Figure Skating are exempt from the payment of all <u>U.S. Figure Skating membership</u> dues and registration fees.

MR 6.00 Obligations of Full, Interim and Provisional Member Clubs

- **MR 6.11** Require all of its officers, directors and delegates to the Governing Council to be registered home club members of said club. See also MR 8.05.
 - A. Governing Council delegates who are selected may be of any U.S. Figure Skating eligibility classification (e.g. eligible, ineligible or restricted). Honorary members who are selected as club delegates do not have to pay any U.S. Figure Skating membership dues, per rule MR 5.10, but must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating by the club as a home club member.

B. One restricted person, one ineligible person and eligible coaches may serve as directors of a member club as long as they do not collectively constitute a majority of a club's board of directors. In addition, eligible coaches may serve as officers of a member club's board of directors so long as, collectively, they do not constitute a majority of the total officer positions on that board.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

59. ADOPTED – Exhibit B

Delete Article VI, Section 2 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 5, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE VI Government

Section 2 *Board of Directors.* The management of the business and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating is vested in and exercised by or under the authority of a Board of Directors-, which...

- A. Consists of the persons specified in Article VIII, Section 2, of these bylaws.
- B. Authority includes the granting of sanctions for national and international championships and competitions.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

60. ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Exhibit C

Amend Article VII, Section 4, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 5, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE VII Delegates to the Governing Council

Section 4 Athlete Delegates.

- A. Are equally divided among ladies, men, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating, except when a delegate's proxy has been given in accordance with Article IX, Section 6.
- B. Have, collectively, the number of votes equaling not less than 20 percent of the total permanent member club and individual member votes registered at the prior year's Governing Council, in order to provide the athlete delegates with not less than 20 percent of the voting power in the Governing Council, as required by Article XVI, Section 5, of these bylaws. These votes will be equally divided among the athlete delegates, with any fractions rounding rounded up to a whole number.
 - 1. If, at any time during a meeting of the Governing Council, the votes assigned to the athlete delegates fall below 20 percent of the total number of votes of the delegates registered in person or by proxy, the total number of athlete delegate votes will be increased by the number necessary to achieve 20 percent of the voting power in the Governing Council as required by Article XVI, Section 5, of these bylaws. The additional votes will be assigned to, and retained by, the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee, or in such chair's absence, his or her athlete delegate designee, for the duration of the meeting.
- C. The athlete delegates to the Governing Council are the Athletes Advisory Committee members elected by the athletes in compliance with AACR 1.10.

Implementation date: Immediate

61. ADOPTED - Exhibit D

Amend Article VIII, Sections 2 (G), 4 and 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 6-7, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 2 Composition and Qualifications. The voting members of the Board of Directors consist of:

G. Three athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 (B).

Section 4 Ex-officio and Additional Members.

- A. The immediate past president, the appointed ISU Representative, the representative to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council and those officeholders on the ISU representing the sport of figure skating are <u>non-voting</u> ex-officio members of the Board of Directors who will have no vote as members of the board.
- B. An athlete member, elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 (B), and three additional individuals, one each named from the Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks from among their membership, are non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

C. Ex-officio and additional members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, may be accorded the privilege of speaking. <u>Unless expressly invited, ex-officio and additional</u> members of the Board of Directors may not participate in executive sessions of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 *Honorary Members*. An honorary member of the Board of Directors is a person elected as such by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present in person at a meeting for such term as the Board of Directors may specify in said vote.

- A. Honorary members of the Board of Directors have no vote therein;
- B. However, they may serve, if elected or appointed, in any office or position in U.S. Figure Skating and exercise all voting and other rights pertaining to such office or position.
- C. Honorary members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, may be accorded the privilege of speaking. <u>Unless expressly invited, honorary members of the Board of Directors may not participate in executive sessions of the Board of Directors.</u>

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

62. ADOPTED AS AMENDED - Exhibit E

Amend Article IX, Section 1, and Article XV, Section 1, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 7 and 11-12, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE IX

Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

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

- A. Will be held during the months of April or May at the date, time and place selected and announced by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors not later than the preceding annual meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. Is the annual meeting of the members for the purposes of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act as hereafter amended from time to time, and the corresponding provisions of any subsequent law.
- C. Will include a caucus of each of the three geographic sections of U.S. Figure Skating. A principal purpose of the caucus will be to elect the members of the Nominating Committee established in Article XV of these bylaws. Each caucus will be convened at the call of the appropriate sectional vice president, or that sectional vice president's designee. The caucus will precede the convening of the Governing Council at a time specified in the notice of the annual meeting of the Governing Council.

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 for any office or to be recommended 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 Board of Directors will, subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish the voting procedures to be followed by the Governing Council with respect to the nine registered members to be elected by it.
- FE. The Nominating Committee will elect one of its members to act as the chair of the committee.

63. ADOPTED – Exhibit F

Amend Article XIII of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 11, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE XIII Secretary

Section 1 *Duties.* The secretary:

- A. Keeps <u>or causes to be kept</u> the records of U.S. Figure Skating and of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors:
- B. Prepares or causes to be prepared minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors;
- C. Issues notices of all meetings of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors; and
- D. With the president, signs all agreements and contracts made by U.S. Figure Skating where the amount of the financial commitment exceeds \$50,000 and if so directed by the Governing Council or the Board of Directors.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

64. ADOPTED - Exhibit G

Amend Article XIX, Section 3 (B), of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (page 14, Rulebook) as follows:

ARTICLE XIX U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund

Section 3 Receipt of Property.

- B. Contributions to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund may be received:
 - (i) In the memory of a specific person;
 - (ii)As an unrestricted gift; or
 - (iii)As a restricted gift, <u>subject to IRS rules and regulations</u>, for the use and benefit of such worthy skaters as U.S. Figure Skating member club or clubs specified by the donor may from time to time select through action of their governing boards, provided, however, that restricted gifts may be subject to a 10 percent contribution to the general funds of U.S. Figure Skating to cover administrative costs and to promote the general purposes of the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

65. ADOPTED – Exhibit H

Amend Article XXV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws (pages 16-18, Rulebook) and add a new Section 4 to Article XXV of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws, as follows:

ARTICLE XXV

Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings Suspension, Expulsion and Loss of Membership Privileges

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Section 3 *Grievance and Disciplinary Proceedings.* All grievance and disciplinary procedures must be filed and resolved pursuant to the procedures outlined in this section and in the Grievance Committee Rules and Ethics Committee Rules. The forms and instructions for filing a grievance are available from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters upon request of a member or member club.

- A. *Grievance Proceedings* (Except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Center for Safe Sport under Section 4 of this article):
 - (i) Scope:
 - (a) Any U.S. Figure Skating member or member club aggrieved or harmed by the alleged violation of a U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule by any other U.S. Figure Skating member or member club may bring a grievance citing the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.
 - (b) The member or member club must be a member in good standing both at the time the grievance is filed and at the time of the alleged violation of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule.
 - (c) Such grievance must include the allegation that violation of a specific U.S. Figure Skating bylaw or rule caused harm to the Grievant.
 - (ii) Time period: A grievance must be filed:
 - (a) Within 60 days of the occurrence of the alleged violation, or

- (b) Within 60 days of the discovery of the alleged violation, or
- (c) In the case of a minor, within 60 days after the minor's 18th birthday, whichever is later.
- (iii) *Requirements:* The specific Grievance Statement filing requirements and hearing procedure guidelines for a grievance that proceeds under Section 3 (A) are found in the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR).
- B. *Disciplinary Proceedings* (Except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Center for Safe Sport under Section 4 of this article):
 - (i) *Scope:* A vice president, by referral to the chair of the Ethics Committee, or the chair of the Ethics Committee, after a referral by a vice president, or the chair of the Grievance Committee pursuant to applicable Grievance Committee or Ethics Committee Rules, may initiate disciplinary proceedings as to any matter arising under GR 1.01, GR 1.02 or GR 1.03.
 - (ii) *Review:* Upon referral of the matter by a vice president or the chair of the Grievance Committee, the chair of the Ethics Committee has 30 days to review the matter.
 - (a) If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are not warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee will so advise, in writing, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance.
 - (b) If the chair of the Ethics Committee determines that further proceedings are warranted, the chair of the Ethics Committee will so advise, in writing, the person initiating the disciplinary proceeding and indicate either:
 - 1. That such person or the person(s), if any, who filed the complaint or grievance may file a Grievance Statement (in which case the person who files the Grievance Statement will be the "Grievant") or
 - 2. Alternatively, and at the discretion of the chair of the Ethics Committee, that the chair of the Ethics Committee has decided to file a Grievance Statement (in which case U.S. Figure Skating will be the "Grievant" with the chair of the Ethics Committee acting on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating).
 - (iii) The specific Grievance Statement filing requirements and hearing procedure guidelines for a "Disciplinary Proceeding" under this Section 3 (B) are found in the Ethics Committee Rules (ECR).
- C. Appeal from Regular Grievance or Disciplinary Proceedings (Except for matters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Center for Safe Sport under Section 4 of this article):
 - (For appeals from Expedited Hearings, refer to this Article XXV, Section 3 (D), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and the Grievance Committee Rules (GCR)).
 - (i) *The Appellate Panel:* The Appellate Panel consists of three persons appointed by the chair of the Grievance Committee, with the approval of the president, for a one-year term.
 - (a) One appointed member must be an athlete, and all members of the Appellate Panel must meet one of the following qualifications:
 - 1. Member of the Board of Directors within the 10 years prior to the appointment (but is not currently a member of the board);
 - 2. Chair of either the Ethics or Grievance Committee within the 10 years prior to the appointment (but is not currently serving as Ethics or Grievance Committee chair); or
 - 3. An attorney licensed to practice in any state.
 - (b) If one or more of the appointed persons has a conflict of interest or was the referring vice president or chair of the Ethics or Grievance Committee when the grievance was first filed (or served in any such capacity while the grievance was pending), a substitute panelist will be appointed by the chair of the Grievance Committee, with the approval of the president, to serve for that appeal. The substitute panelist must meet the same qualifications as the appellate panel member.
 - (c) An Appellate Panel will retain jurisdiction of any appeal that is filed during its one-year term.

Section 4 Safe Sport – Sexual Abuse or Misconduct. The investigation and adjudication of matters involving allegations or reports of sexual abuse or misconduct, or other violations of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Policies that involve prohibited conduct that is reasonably related to and accompanies an alleged violation involving sexualized behavior (see, GR 1.03, U.S. Figure Skating Policy Statement on Harassment and Abuse, and the current edition of the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program Handbook) are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Center for Safe Sport ("USCSS") in accordance with the requirements of the USOC and as set forth in the USCSS Bylaws or other USCSS governing documents. Rules and procedures to be followed by U.S. Figure Skating and its members and member clubs in dealing with allegations or reports of sexual abuse or misconduct, or other violations of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Policies that fall within the jurisdiction of the USCSS, and the enforcement of discipline or other sanctions issued by the USCSS, are set forth in the applicable SafeSport policies and disciplinary procedures of the USCSS, GR 1.03 and/or other rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

Implementation date: On such date as the USCSS is operational and in a position to accept jurisdiction as described in Article XXV, Section 4.

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

There were no requests for action submitted by the **Athlete Services Group**.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

66. APPROVED - Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee

Amend rules TR 11.00-TR 11.01 (page 246, Rulebook) as follows:

TR 11.00 Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Test Rules

- **TR 11.01** A Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating test may be given to any Special Olympics or therapeutic skating athlete who is registered with a Special Olympics or therapeutic skating program. Tests are to be judged on a "pass" or "retry" basis.
 - A. Moves in the field tests may be given at all levels specified in rules TR 19.01 and TR 19.02, regardless of the age of the athlete. All elements may be reskated one time at the request of the judge-in-charge. Additional reskates will be at the discretion of the judge-in-charge. There is no focus for any element. A Special Olympics or therapeutic skating athlete may be assisted during the test by a coach or another athlete from the boards or on the ice. Guidelines and specific examples of appropriate verbal cues, translations or prompting can be obtained from usfigureskating.org.
 - B. Free skate tests may be given at all levels specified in rules TR 26.01 and TR 26.02, regardless of the age of the athlete. Any number of elements may be reskated at the request of the judge-in-charge. A Special Olympics or therapeutic skating athlete may be assisted during the test by a coach or another athlete from the boards or on the ice. Guidelines and specific examples of appropriate verbal cues, translations or prompting can be obtained from usfigureskating.org.

Housekeeping changes in the following rules to change Special Olympics to Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating: JR 6.01 (E), (F), (G); JR 7.01 (A), (B), (C); JR 7.02 (I); TR 11.03 (A), (B), (C) and TR 7.02 (I).

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

67. APPROVED - Board of Directors

Amend rules MR 5.02-5.08 (pages 59-60, Rulebook) as follows:

- MR 5.02 Dues of Members and Collegiate Members of Member Clubs and Collegiate Clubs. Each will pay an annual fee as outlined below. Such registrants may register only as members of their designated home club provided, however, that such registration does not preclude such registrant from changing their designated home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.
 - A. First family member dues are \$50 \$60.
 - 1. The first family member will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.
 - B. Each subsequent member of the same family (related persons permanently residing at the same address) dues are \$20 \$24.
 - 1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.
 - 2. Subsequent family members will receive a registration card only.
 - C. The dues of collegiate members of member clubs will be \$70 and will be for a four-year period ending June 30 of the fourth year.
 - 1. Collegiate members will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.

MR 5.03 Dues of Individual Members and Individual Collegiate Members.

- A. To qualify for individual membership the applicant must:
 - 1. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org;
 - 2. Submit, with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for individual members;
 - 3. Be in good standing within the meaning of these rules.
- B. The annual dues of individual members are \$120 \$144.
 - 1. Individual members paying \$120 \$144 dues will receive a registration card, a subscription to SKATING magazine and a copy of the current rulebook.
- C. Annual dues for each subsequent individual member of the same family (all related persons permanently residing at the same address) are \$52 \\$65.
 - 1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the

full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.

- 2. Individual members paying \$52 \\$65 in dues will receive a registration card only.
- D. The dues of individual collegiate members will be \$170 and will be for a four-year period ending June 30 of the fourth year.
 - 1. Individual collegiate members will receive a registration card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.
- **MR 5.04** *Dues of Basic Skills Members*. The dues of Basic Skills members will be determined by the Board of Directors and published annually on the program's Web page at basicskillsprogram.com. Upon payment of dues, Basic Skills members will receive a membership card and other information as applicable.
- **MR 5.05** *Introductory Members*. Introductory members will pay a fee as outlined below. Such members may join only as members of a member club; however, members can change their home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.
 - A. First family introductory member dues are \$25 \$30 per person.
 - 1. The first family member will receive a membership card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.
 - B. Each subsequent introductory member of the same family (related persons permanently residing at the same address) dues are \$20 \$24.
 - 1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.
 - 2. Subsequent family members will receive a membership card only.
- **MR 5.06** *Dues of Collegiate Clubs and School-Affiliated organizations.* Such dues are \$30 annually, due and payable by Oct. 1.
 - A. For collegiate and school-affiliated membership the applicant must:
 - 1. Be an individual school, college or university as defined in Article V, Section 5, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and agree to abide by these rules;
 - 2. File application on the forms supplied by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters or online at usfigureskating.org;
 - 3. Submit with the application, payment of the annual dues specified for collegiate and school-affiliated organizations.
- MR 5.07 Dues of Theatre On Ice Teams. For Theatre On Ice Team membership the applicants must:
 - A. Be a Theatre On Ice team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;
 - B. Register online through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site; and
 - C. Pay annual dues as follows:
 - 1. \$50 \$60 if affiliated with a club; or
 - 2. \$100 \$120 if not affiliated with a club.
- MR 5.08 Dues of Synchronized Skating Teams. For synchronized skating team membership the applicant must:
 - A. Be a synchronized skating team as defined by Article V, Section 8, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws and agree to abide by these rules;
 - B. Register online through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site; and
 - C. Pay annual dues as follows:
 - 1. \$50 \$60 if affiliated with a club; or
 - 2. \$100 \$120 if not affiliated with a club.

Implementation date: July 1, 2016

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

68. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 2055 (A), 2401 (B)(1)(a) and 4580 (pages 105, 112 and 153, Rulebook) to add a qualifying event for adult silver ladies and men's free skate.

2055 U.S. Adult Figure Skating and Adult Sectional Championships – Events

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships and the adult sectional championships shall consist of the following events:

A. Events which require qualification from sectionals: championship masters junior-senior free skate; championship masters intermediate-novice free skate; championship adult gold free skate; championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, championship adult dance;

2401 (B)(1)

a. Competitors who qualify for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships by virtue of having competed at adult sectionals in championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship adult pairs and championship adult dance will not be charged an entry fee for those specific events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

4580 Championship Adult Silver and Adult Silver Singles

Test Qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

- A. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:
 - 1. The adult silver free skate test and no higher adult free skate tests.
 - 2. Before Oct. 1, 1994, the standard juvenile free skate test and no higher standard free skate tests.
 - 3. On or after Oct. 1, 1994, the standard pre-juvenile free skate test and no higher free skate tests;
 - 4. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and no higher figure tests. B. Skaters may have passed:
- B. Skaters may have passed:
 - 1. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field test on or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, except for the 8th figure test;
 - 2. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct. 1, 1979.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

69. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule TMR 5.00 and add new rule TMR 5.02 (page 82, Rulebook) as follows:

TMR 5.00 Certificates of Participation and Special Awards

TMR 5.02 Club Team Award – Adult: The club represented by the most competitors and medalists at the U.S. Adult Championships will receive the Club Team Award for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. The scoring process used to determine the winner(s) will be detailed each year in the competition announcement.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

70. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rule 6512 (page 203, Rulebook) as follows:

6512 Elements for Championship Adult/Adult Gold/Adult Pre-Gold/Masters Open Free Dance

STEP SEQUENCES

Maximum of one choreographic step sequence chosen from circular, midline or diagonal

- Must utilize the full ice surface
- Must be skated in dance holds or variations thereof, except hand-in-hand hold in sustained position with fully extended arms
- Serpentine and not touching types of step sequences are not permitted
- Any separation to change hold must not exceed one measure of music
- Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted
- Jumps of up to one revolution are permitted as long as they are not performed simultaneously
- If a lift is performed in the step sequence, it will be identified and called "no value", and the judges will ignore the element
- If a dance spin is performed in the step sequence, it will be called and identified "no value", and the judges will consider it a stop (not permitted element)
- A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value with the value of a Level 1 step sequence and evaluated by the judges in GOE
- A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value

71. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 4510, 4540 and 4570 (pages 150-152, Rulebook) as follows:

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

STEP OR-
CHOREOGRAPHIC
SEQUENCE

Maximum of one element chosen from:

One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface ΘR

One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible

Notes:

- A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE
- A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value
- Jumps may be included in either the step sequence
- Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements
- Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are
 permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions
 and marked as such

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

STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE

Maximum of one element chosen from:

One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR

One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible

Notes:

- A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE
- A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value
- Jumps may be included in either the step sequence
- Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements
- Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such

4570 Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold Singles

STEP OR CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE

Maximum of one element chosen from:

One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR

One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible

Notes:

- A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE
- A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will receive no value
- Jumps may be included in either the step sequence
- Sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements
- Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences are
 permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions
 and marked as such

72. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules 5510, 5520 and 5530 (pages 176-178, Rulebook) as follows:

5510 Championship Masters Pairs

STEP OR	Maximum of one element chosen from:	
CHOREOGRAPHIC	One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR	
SEQUENCE	One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible	
	Notes:	
	A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base	
	value and evaluated by the judges in GOE	
	A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value	
	• Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be	
	counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such	

5520 Masters Pairs

STEP OR-	Maximum of one element chosen from:	
CHOREOGRAPHIC	One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR	
SEQUENCE	One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible	
	Notes:	
	A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base	
	value and evaluated by the judges in GOE	
	A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value	
	• Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be	
	counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such	

5530 Adult Gold Pairs

STEP OR	Maximum of one element chosen from:	
CHOREOGRAPHIC	One choreographic step sequence utilizing the full ice surface OR	
SEQUENCE	One choreographic sequence which must be clearly visible	
	Notes:	
	A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base	
	value and evaluated by the judges in GOE	
	A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value	
	Additional moves in the field sequences, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be	
	counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such	

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

73. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules CR 2.01 (B)(1), CR 7.09 (C)(3) and CR 7.23 (A) (pages 28 and 31, Rulebook) to rename the Referee Selection and Education Subcommittee to Referee Education Subcommittee.

74. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2515 (pages 116-117, Rulebook) as follows:

- 2515 For all championship (senior) events, the following competitors will receive an automatic invitation to the same event. At least 60 days prior to the competition, the skater must submit a signed Statement of Intent, which will be provided by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters to all skaters qualified under this rule: However any such competitor or couple, as described in the above categories, must register enter to compete through the online registration process as described in Rule 2401 and by the deadline of Sept. 1. Failure to do so will result in the competitor(s) not being entered nor allowed to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for the current season.
 - A. A competitor or couple placing in the top five at last year's U.S. Figure Skating Championships;
 - B. A competitor or couple who won a medal at the most recent Olympic Winter Games;
 - C. A competitor or couple who won a medal at the most recent World Championships.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

75. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE – Competitions Committee Amend rule 2466 (page 115, Rulebook) as follows:

When there are more than 24 entries in any event, the <u>number of qualifying round groups as well as the total</u> number of places advancing from each qualifying round group to the championship round are shown in the following chart.

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

The top four placed skaters from each qualifying round group will automatically advance to the championship round based on placement. The remaining skaters advancing to the championship round will be determined by the ranking of their total segment score (TSS) when compared to all other skaters in all groups. Each remaining skater with the highest TSS score will qualify until the total number advancing to the championship round has been reached. If two or more competitors have the same TSS, the skater with the highest total element score (TES) will qualify for the championship round. If the TES is also the same, all tied skaters will advance. Note: The actual number of skaters in the championship round (CR) may increase if there are ties.

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

76. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2423 (page 113, Rulebook) as follows:

- 2423 Competitors who pass a free skate test, a pair test, or a dance test after the closing date for entries, at a level higher than the tests specified for entry in that level's test requirements, shall forfeit their eligibility to enter will be disqualified from that season's qualifying competitions.
 - A. However, competitors entered in the U.S. Collegiate Championships who pass a test after the closing date for entries for that competition, at a level higher than the tests specified for entry in that level's test requirements, will still be allowed to compete in the level at which they entered.

77. APPROVED – Competitions Committee and Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rules 1220 (B) and 1403 (D) (pages 96 and 100, Rulebook) as follows:

1220 Duties of the Event Referee

- B. The event referee:
 - 16. Requires medical examination for physical fitness where considered advisable.
 - 17. Where medical examination is not possible, decides the physical fitness of athletes to compete safely with no further risk to themselves or their partners/teammates.

1403 Stops

- A. If there is an interruption or stop in the music, or if circumstances arise which jeopardize the safety of the competitor on account of unexpected damage to their clothing or equipment that impedes their skating, the competitor must stop skating at the signal of the event referee or, in synchronized skating, the event referee or assistant referee ice.
 - 1. If the <u>event</u> referee <u>or</u>, in <u>synchronized skating</u>, the <u>event referee or assistant referee ice</u>, signals for the competitor to stop, the music must stop, and the judges must cease marking. The music should be recued in preparation to resume from the point of interruption.
 - 2. The competitor then shall will continue immediately from the point of interruption, if the circumstances that caused the competitor to stop skating can be rectified without delay. If that is not possible, a period of up to three minutes will be allowed before the continuation. The three-minute time period commences immediately after the event referee's or, in synchronized skating, the event referee or assistant referee ice's decision.
 - 3. An interrupted pattern dance shall will be resumed at the nearest technically practicable point in the step sequences (which must be after the point of interruption) and not necessarily at the exact point of interruption. The couple may not repeat the steps missed by the interruption, or the judges must deduct accordingly. See also rule 6075 (E).
 - 4. No deductions will be made by the event referee for these types of interruptions.
- B. Paragraphs (A)(1–3) of this rule 1403 also apply to the situation where the competitor interrupts the program on account of unexpected damage to their clothing or equipment without the signal of the <u>event</u> referee <u>or, in synchronized skating, the event referee or assistant referee ice.</u>
- C. If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the skater competitor/couple/team must stop skating and notify the event referee. No restart may be made if the competitor fails to inform the event referee within 30 seconds after the start. If the interruption happens after the 30 second mark, the performance will continue from the point of interruption. Back-up music must be readily available at rinkside. No deduction will be made by the event referee or judges.
- D. If, in the opinion of the <u>event</u> referee, <u>or, in synchronized skating</u>, the event referee or assistant referee ice, medical attention is required, the referee must stop the performance and allow the competitor to continue immediately from the point of interruption or, if that is not possible, allow a period of up to three minutes before the continuation. The event referee, after consulting with medical personnel, if available, will decide if the competitor(s) is fit to continue their program with no further risk to themselves or their partner/teammates, if applicable. There will be a maximum of a three-minute allowance for evaluation before the referee will be required to make their decision. If the event referee determines the competitor is not fit to continue, the competitor (or couple in pairs or ice dance) will be considered withdrawn. In synchronized skating, another competitor may be substituted per rule 1403 (G). If the referee determines the competitor is fit to continue, rule 1403 (A)(2) will apply.
- E. No restarts of the whole program are allowed, except for deficient music; see (C) of this rule 1403.
- F. If a competitor is unable to complete the program, no marks are to be awarded, and the competitor will be considered as withdrawn. The same applies to the situation when a competitor has been given the opportunity to continue the program from the point of interruption and once more is unable to complete the program.
- G. For synchronized skating, no substitution of personnel will be permitted once the program has started, unless the event referee(s) or assistant referee ice stops the team's program due to injury or equipment problems. In this case, only registered team alternates may be substituted.
- H. For synchronized skating, if unforeseen circumstances cause an interruption of more than 10 minutes, a second one-minute warm-up will be permitted for the affected team.

78. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee

Amend rule 1071 (C)(2)(h) (page 93, Rulebook) 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:
 - h. Falls (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):
 - i. -0.5 for every fall by one partner, and -1.0 for every fall by both partners in juvenile, intermediate, masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold ice dance events.
 - <u>ii.</u> -1.0 for every fall by one partner, <u>and</u> -2.0 for every fall by both partners <u>in novice, junior and senior</u> ice dance events.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

79. APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 13.01 (page 54, Rulebook) as follows:

- **JR 13.01** A judge of a member association of the ISU who is residing either temporarily or permanently in the United States may be appointed as a judge upon application to the chair of the Judges Committee on the following basis:
 - A. Such judges must be eligible persons and duly recognized as qualified judges by the association of which they are a member;
 - B. A foreign judge of the equivalent level of gold singles/pairs test, sectional singles/pairs competition, gold dance test, sectional dance competition, senior sectional synchronized competition or lower may be appointed by the Judges Committee as a judge of a comparable grade or one grade lower in each of the test and competition levels (at the discretion of the Judges Committee). In the case of a test judge, the judge may judge singles, pairs, pattern dance and free dance tests at the appointed level but in order to judge any moves in the field tests must first be educated in moves in the field and receive the certification to judge moves in the field from the Judges Committee;
 - C. A foreign judge of the equivalent level of national singles/pairs, national dance or national synchronized skating judge or higher may be considered by the Judges Committee for recommendation to the Board of Directors for appointment as a national singles/pairs, national dance or national synchronized skating judge or lower level judge.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

80, REPLACED AND APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Based upon the parliamentary procedures exercised by the chair pro-tem, existing rules 5250 and TR 39.01 a (pages 176 and 262, Rulebook) were amended and approved by the Governing Council as follows:

5250 Pre-Juvenile Pairs

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

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entry to the regional championships: Both partners must have passed the pre-juvenile pair and pre-juvenile moves in the field test (see note).
 - **Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the juvenile pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the pre-juvenile level, provided that neither partner has competed at the juvenile pair level in a qualifying competition. Further, if a skater chooses to compete at the pre-juvenile pair level, the skater must do so with a partner other than the one with whom the juvenile pair test was passed.
- B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the regional championships: Under 14 years of age

	PRE-JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following elements in any order
LIFT	One selected from Group 1 or Group 2 waist lift • No carry features or carry lifts permitted
THROW JUMP	One (optional) single
SOLO JUMP	One single
JUMP SEQUENCE	One jump sequence • Jump combination not permitted • Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited • Double Axel and triple jumps are not permitted
SOLO SPIN	One solo spin No change of foot or position permitted Must have a minimum of three revolutions
PAIR SPIN	One pair spin No change of foot or position permitted Must have a minimum of three revolutions
DEATH SPIRAL/ PIVOT FIGURE	One (optional) death spiral or pivot figure • No minimum requirements • Pivot figure not eligible for features
STEP SEQUENCE	 Footwork and connecting moves such as spirals, spread eagles, etc., utilizing one-half the ice surface Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise
REMARKS	 Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 5100). A pre-juvenile pairs program must demonstrate good form with some degree of unison, especially as it pertains to stroking and basic pair skating.

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. Footwork and connecting moves (spirals, spread eagles) utilizing one-half of the ice surface

The following elements are optional:

- H. One throw jump, single
- I. One death or pivot spiral 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

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

81. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 1071 (C)(1) (page 93, 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:

- f. Falls in pairs:
 - i. -0.5 for every fall by one partner, and -1.0 for every fall by both partners in juvenile, intermediate, masters and adult gold pair events.
 - <u>ii.</u> -1.0 for every fall by one partner, and -2.0 for every fall by both partners <u>in novice, junior and senior</u> pair events.

Re-letter remaining subparagraphs accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

82. DID NOT APPROVE - Pairs Committee

Amend rule PCR 1.51 (page 65, Rulebook) to be involved in developing the programs and budgets to enhance pair skating:

PCR 1.50 Responsibility

PCR 1.51 The Pairs Committee is responsible for:

- A. The composition, conduct and manner of performance of all pairs tests;
- B. The passing marks and judging standards for pairs tests;
- C. All matters relating to pairs in competitions not otherwise delegated to the Competitions Committee;
- D. Rules and clarifications for all levels of pairs as well as development, support and running programs for novice, junior and senior in coordination with the Athlete High Performance Department where applicable.

83. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 1071 (C)(1) (page 93, 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. Falls: -0.5 for every fall in juvenile, intermediate, masters and adult gold singles events.
 - ii. Falls: -1.0 for every fall in novice, junior and senior singles events.

Re-letter remaining subparagraphs accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

84. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 1071 (pages 92-93, Rulebook) by adding new subparagraph D as follows:

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

- D. Singles Bonus
 - 1. Novice Short Program:
 - a. +2.0 bonus for a triple/triple jump combination. Both jumps must be under-rotated or full value. The jumps in the combination may be the same.
 - b. +1.0 bonus for a solo triple jump (under-rotated or full value).
 - 2. Novice Free Skate:
 - <u>a.</u> +2.0 bonus for one triple/triple jump combination. Both jumps must be under-rotated or full value. The jumps in the combination may be the same.
 - <u>b.</u> +1.0 bonus for each different triple jump achieved (under-rotated or full value) not done as part of a triple/ triple combination.
 - 3. Intermediate Short Program: +1.0 bonus for one double Axel and each different triple jump the first time each is achieved (under-rotated or full value).
 - 4. Intermediate Free Skate:
 - a. +1.0 bonus for each different triple jump achieved (under-rotated or full value).
 - b. +1.0 bonus for first double Axel achieved (under-rotated or full value).
 - 5. Juvenile Free Skate: +1.0 bonus for first double Axel achieved (under-rotated or full value).

85. APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rules 4101 (B)(2), 4250, 4260, 4270 and 4280 (pages 136 and 148-149, Rulebook) as follows:

4101 (B)

2. A half-loop when used in combinations/sequences is considered as a listed jump with the value of a single loop for juvenile and above when judged all levels using IJS. For all events judged under the 6.0 system and when prejuvenile events and below are judged using IJS, the half-loop will continue to be considered as a half revolution jump and will not count against the maximum number of jump elements allowed in the well-balanced program for these levels.

4250 Pre-Juvenile Singles

- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that skaters may perform one three-jump combination with a maximum of two double jumps.
- Jump sequences are limited to three single or double 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.

4260 Preliminary Singles

- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that skaters may perform one three-jump combination with a maximum of two double jumps.
- Jump sequences are limited to three single or double 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.

4270 Pre-Preliminary Singles

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

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

86. APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4240 (page 147, Rulebook) to allow a three-jump combination in the juvenile and open juvenile well-balanced free skate:

• Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that skaters may perform one three-jump combination with a maximum of two double jumps.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

87. APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend **rule 4230 (page 145, Rulebook)** to allow a triple jump as the solo jump and a different triple jump in the jump combination in the **intermediate short program**:

SOLO JUMP	One double or triple* jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements
	A single spread eagle, spiral or free skating movement cannot be considered as meeting the
	requirements of connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements
	*If a triple jump is executed as the solo jump, a triple jump cannot be included as either part of the
	jump combination

JUMP	One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order), two double
COMBINATION	jumps, a single jump and a triple* jump (in either order), or a double jump and a triple* jump (in
	either order)
	• The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps
	included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump
	*If a triple jump is executed as either part of the jump combination, a triple jump cannot be
	executed as the solo jump

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

88. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 4220 (page 143, Rulebook) to allow a triple/triple jump combination in the novice men's and ladies short programs:

One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, or a double jump and a triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps

• The two jumps performed in the combination may be the same or different; however, the jumps included must be different than the solo jump and the Axel-type jump

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

89. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule 4230, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate, (page 146, Rulebook) as follows:

- No more than three different double or triple jumps may be repeated (only one repeat may be a triple) and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or a jump sequence No more than two different jumps with 2½ or 3 revolutions may be repeated.
- If double Axel or triple jumps are repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence. If
 double jumps are repeated at least one attempt must be in combination or sequence. No double or triple jump may appear
 more than twice in a program.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

90. APPROVED – Singles Committee

Amend rule 4220, Novice Ladies Well-Balanced Free Skate, (page 144, Rulebook) to align the novice ladies jump repetition restrictions with the novice men's jump repetition restrictions as follows:

- No more than two different jumps with 2 1/2 or three revolutions can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence No more than one double Axel and two different triple jumps can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence.
- There may be no more than two attempts of the same type of any double or triple jump.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

91. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend Rule 7230, Intermediate Synchronized Skating, (page 227, Rulebook) to delete the Block OR Circle Step Sequence from the list of well-balanced program requirements, and replace with the No Hold Element.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

92. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committees

Amend Rule 7500, Adult Synchronized Skating, (page 234, Rulebook) to delete the Block OR Circle Step Sequence from the list of well-balanced program requirements.

93. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 7500 (page 234, Rulebook) as follows:

7500 Adult Synchronized Skating ADULT SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 3:30 3:15 +/- 10 seconds

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

94. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend Rule 2931 (C) (page 125, Rulebook) to include the following new language:

2930 Draws for Subsequent Starting Orders and Resurface Groups – Synchronized Skating

- 2931 As soon as possible after the determination and certification of the results of the preceding segment, the officials selected by the chief referee shall will complete the draw. In most situations, actual draw groups are determined by the maximum number of teams permitted in a resurface group. Of course, there are situations where this is not possible:
 - C. The draw for the starting order of teams in the free skate is determined from the results of the short program.
 - 1. In the event of a withdrawal after the skating order has been posted, resurface groups may be adjusted to fill the open position. The chief referee has the discretion to determine whether the original resurface group should remain, or if the resurface group may be adjusted without repeating the draw.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

95. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Add new rule 1221 (page 96, Rulebook) as follows:

1221 Duties of the Assistant Referee – Ice

In synchronized skating, there will be an assistant referee – ice whose duties will be to:

A. Monitor the condition of the ice to ensure safety of the skaters. Monitor the ice for foreign objects; direct an alternate to enter the ice for the express purpose of picking up the object.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

96. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rules 1211 and 1213 (pages 94 and 95, Rulebook) as follows:

1210 Duties of the Chief Referee

- 1211 The chief referee's interpretation of the rules and decisions on all questions not covered by these rules is final.
- 1213 For all qualifying and nonqualifying synchronized skating competitions, the <u>chief</u> referee will designate a specific area for coaches to stand during the warm-up period of their teams. Coaching will not be permitted from other areas.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

97. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 2223 (page 111, Rulebook) as follows:

2223 Collegiate team level eligibility requirements:

Any team that meets the requirements in rule 7280 may compete in the collegiate level provided that the following additional requirements have been met:

- A. Be sponsored by a college or university that is a collegiate club, or <u>by</u> a full member club, <u>or be a registered independent team</u> of U.S. Figure Skating <u>per rule MR 5.08 (C)(2)</u>;
- B. If affiliated with a single college or university, incorporate the sponsoring college or university's name into the team name so that it is clear which academic institution (university skating club) the team represents;

C. If an intercollegiate affiliated with multiple colleges or universities or a registered independent team, select a team name that reflects the colleges represented by the athlete members collegiate nature of the team.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

98. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.04 (I) (page 78, Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 4.04 Video replay operator (for events using video replay) qualifications:

I. In the event the chief referee determines that there is a need for additional video operators at a <u>nonqualifying</u> competition (<u>regional and nonqualifying</u>), a short training session will be conducted on site. The training will be assigned to a certified video operator. Upon successful completion, the candidate will be approved to act as a video operator only at the specified competition. The candidate may apply to the Technical Panel Committee for official certification as a video operator following the competition.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

99. APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule 2133, Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions, (page 109, Rulebook) as follows:

2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S) Events	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchroni zed (SYS) Events	Data Operators
U.S. Figure Skating Championships	National (S)	National (P)	National (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D)
Sectional Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P)	National (D) Sectional (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D)
Regional Championships	National (S) Sectional (S) Regional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D) Regional (S/P/D)
U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P)	National (D) Sectional (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D)
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S) Regional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying (P)	National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D)
Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events)	National(S) Sectional(S) Regional (S)	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D) Regional (S/P/D)
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS)	National (SYS)
Synchronized Skating Sectional Champion- ships	N/A	N/A	N/A	National (SYS) Sectional (SYS)	National (SYS) Sectional (SYS)

Nonqualifying Competitions	Any level Singles (S) appointment	Any level Pairs (P) appointment	Any level dance (D) appointment	Any level synchronized (SYS) appointment	Any level of appointed Data Operator (S/P/D) for singles, pairs and dance events
					Any level of appointed Data Operator (SYS) for SYS events

A technical controller may serve as an assistant technical specialist in competitions as follows:

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

100.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule TPCR 4.02 (page 77, Rulebook) as follows:

TPCR 4.02 Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

A. National singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be an individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in TPCR 4.02 (B), promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee.

AB. Sectional and national singles, pairs, dance and synchronized skating technical specialist must be either:

- 1. A former senior, <u>or junior or novice</u> competitor in the discipline in which they serve as a technical specialist at one of the following competitions:
 - a. U.S. Figure Skating Championships (singles, pairs, dance);
 - b. U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships (synchronized skating);
 - c. An equivalent championship conducted by an ISU member.
- 2. The coach/coaches responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training described in (1) above;
- 3. A national-level competition judge in the discipline in which they serve;
- 4. An individual identified as possessing the qualifications listed in TPCR 4.02 (B) (C) below, promoted in accordance with the procedures established by the Technical Panel Committee.

Balance of rule and cross references will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: July 1, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

101.APPROVED - Grievance Committee

Amend rule GCR 3.01 (K) (page 39, Rulebook) as follows:

- GCR 3.01 The grievance process is started by filing a grievance statement with the Grievance Committee chair. A grievance statement may be filed by either a member or a member club. The grievance statement must be written, signed under oath, notarized, and include:
 - K. The Grievant must pay a \$125 \$225 filing fee to U.S. Figure Skating when the Grievance is filed. If the Grievance is not accepted, the filing fee will be refunded.

[•] Sectional-level-and-above technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at regional and sectional championships and all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.

[•]Regional-level technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at regional championships and all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.

Nonqualifying-level-<u>and-above</u> technical controllers may serve as assistant technical specialists at all nonqualifying competitions in the discipline(s) in which they are certified.

NEW BUSINESS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

102.REPLACED AND APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Based upon the parliamentary procedures exercised by the chair pro-tem, existing rules 5240 and TR 39.02 (pages 175 and 262-263, Rulebook) were amended and approved by the Governing Council as follows:

5240 Juvenile Pairs

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entry to the regional championships: Both partners must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test or higher and the juvenile pair test (see note).

Note: It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the intermediate pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the juvenile level, provided that neither partner has competed at the intermediate pair level in a qualifying competition. Further, if a skater chooses to compete at the juvenile pair level, the skater must do so with a partner other than the one with whom the intermediate pair test was passed.

B. Age requirements as of Sept. 1 prior to the regional championships: Under 16 years of age

JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE		
	2:30 +/- 10 seconds	
	Must contain the following elements in any order	
LIFTS	 Maximum of two one Each The lift may be chosen from Group 1 or 2 (so both may be from Group 1, both may be from Group 2 or one may be from Group 1 and one may be from Group 2) Lifts from same group must have different take offs 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 	
THROW JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	
SOLO JUMP	Maximum of one (single or double)	
JUMP COMBINATION/ SEQUENCE	Maximum of one (single or double jumps only) • Jump combination may consist of two jumps • Number of jumps in the jump sequence is unlimited	
SOLO SPIN	Maximum of one • Can be solo spin or solo spin combination • May begin with a flying entry • Change of foot and change of position are optional • Must have a minimum of five revolutions	
PAIR SPIN	Maximum of one • Pair spin with optional change of position and no change of foot • Must have a minimum of three revolutions	
DEATH SPIRAL/PIVOT FIGURE	Maximum of one • Can be death spiral or pivot figure • Regular hand-to-hand hold required • In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the man clearly in pivot position	
STEP SEQUENCE	Maximum of one choreographic step sequence • Must fully utilize the ice surface	
REMARKS	• Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 5100).	

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. Two One lifts from Group 1 or one lift may be the waist lift from Group 2, 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 death or pivot spiral figure, minimum one-half revolution by the man in pivot position
- H. One 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, 2015

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

103.APPROVED – Ann O'Keefe, Delegate, Philadelphia SC and Humane Society Add new rules NCR 3.00-3.02 (pages 64-65, Rulebook) as follows:

NCR 3.00 Elections

NCR 3.01 To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee as one of the nine members referred to in Article XV, Section 1(A), of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws a member must submit their name to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary on the electronic form provided by U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters no later than April 1 along with the following:

A. A biography;

B. A statement of qualification to serve, including residence and home club membership. In the case of an individual member, evidence of residency may be required.

As soon as possible following the April 1 deadline, the names along with resumes and statements of qualification of candidates for election to the Nominating Committee will be published on the Nominating Committee page of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

- NCR 3.02 The election for Nominating Committee members referred to in Article XV, Section 1 (A) of the U.S. Figure

 Skating bylaws will be held by secret, written ballot at each respective sectional caucus convened per Article IX, Section C, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws. The candidate for each Nominating Committee position to be elected will be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the delegates voting in the candidates' respective sectional caucus. The vote for each region's committee member will be taken separately and announced after all elections are complete.
 - A. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast by the delegates voting in the sectional caucus, then a runoff election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast in the runoff election is elected.
 - B. For the purpose of counting votes, blank ballots or ballots cast for a person who is not a candidate for election will not be included in the total ballots cast to determine a majority.

Note: Current rule section NCR 3.00 Procedures will be renumbered as rule section 4.00 Procedures accordingly.

104.DID NOT APPROVE - Janna Blanter, Delegate, Broadmoor SC

Amend rule 1040 (page 90, Rulebook) as follows:

1040 Authorized Systems of Judging

- A. The International Judging System (IJS)
- B. The 6.0 majority system
- 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 novice, junior and senior 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 championship, masters and adult gold levels of singles and pairs, and the championship, masters, adult gold and adult pre-gold levels of dance (including masters open dance);
 - 4. At all synchronized sectional championships and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships for the senior, junior, novice, intermediate, collegiate and adult events.
 - B. The 6.0 system will be used:
 - 1. At all regional and sectional championships and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships for juvenile and intermediate levels and disciplines.
 - +2. 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));
 - 23. 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));
 - 34. 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.

105.APPROVED – Susan Keogh, Delegate, Greenwich SC

This item of new business is to request that the Rules Committee in conjunction with U.S. Figure Skating legal counsel review the bylaws to determine and recommend which ELECTION PROCEDURES should be moved to the U.S. Figure Skating rules in an appropriate existing or new section.

106. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Joe Armstrong, Individual Member Delegate

Amend rule FCR 4.00 (page 39, Rulebook) as follows:

FCR 4.00 Financial Reporting

FCR 4.01 The treasurer, assisted by the Finance Committee, will provide audited annual financial statements, tax returns and such other financial reports as may be required.

FCR 4.02 Financial reports will be completed and published on the U.S. Figure Skating website no later than nine months following the close of the prior fiscal year.

FCR 4.03 Financial reports provided with the annual Governing Council meeting book will include:

- A. Consolidated statements of financial position;
- B. Form 990s for U.S. Figure Skating and the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation; and
- C. The prior year's budget showing the approved budget, actual amounts expended, variances from the proposed budget for each budget line item and projections for the end of the current fiscal year by line item.

FCR 4.04 The final budget for the year just ended will be published on the Members Only website within four months following the end of the fiscal year. The final version will show the approved budget, actual amounts expended and variances for each line item.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

107.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.

108.ADOPTED the budget as amended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

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

Midwestern and First Vice President Lainie DeMore Pacific Coast and Second Vice President Sharon Watson Eastern and Third Vice President Anne Cammett Heather Nemier Secretary Treasurer Bob Anderson Athlete Services Group Coordinator Doug Williams Membership Development Group Coordinator Edward Mann Technical Group Coordinator Lynn Goldman Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator Steve Wolkin Coaching Member Justin Dillon

Coaching Member Benjamin Miller Reisman

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

Pilar Bosley (ice dance) John Coughlin (pairs) Derrick Delmore (singles)

Sanctions and Eligibility

Erika Hoffman (synchronized skating)*

*Non-voting member of the Board of Directors

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

Adult Skating Jason Spicer Athlete Development Kimberly Heim Kelley Morris-Adair Coaches Katherine Specht Collegiate Program Competitions John Cole Dance Julia Rev Patrick O'Neil Ethics Grievance Karen Dillon International Wendy Enzmann International Judges and Officials Shawn Rettstatt Judges Kevin Rosenstein Membership Alan Wolf Memorial Fund Bill Coyle Pairs Troy Goldstein Linda Ogawa Parents Program Development Elizabeth Preston Gerald Miele Rules

SelectionsLorrie ParkerSinglesAnn BarrSpecial Olympics/Therapeutic SkatingJohn O'ConnorSports Sciences and MedicineEllen Geminiani

State Games Mary-Elizabeth Wightman

Strategic Planning Winston Burbank
Synchronized Skating Robin Greenleaf
Technical Panel Richard Perez
Tests Eric Hampton
Theatrical Skating Roland Bessette

Dee Pascoe

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

ISU Representative – Gale Tanger

113. ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2015-16:

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

Ann O'Keefe (SA) Gretchen Bonnie (EGL) Laurie Johnson (CP)

Elected by the 2014 delegates from each section to serve a two-year term (this is year two):

Lucy Brennan (NA)Peggy Graham (SW)Pam Dawson (NWP)Allison Duarte (NE)Kristin Arneson Cutler (UGL)Lexi Rohner (SWP)

Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term:

Colin McManus (E) Mark Ladwig (M) Jonathan Cassar (P)

114. ANNOUNCED that the 2016 Governing Council meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio, April 27-30, 2016.