



**INTERCOLLEGIATE TECHNICAL  
RULEBOOK**

**GENERAL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT  
&  
TECHNICAL RULES**

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## SECTION 1: GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

Intercollegiate Competitions are U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions, as per Rule 3080 in the 2015 - 16 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. For singles free skate events, intercollegiate competitions will follow the nonqualifying competition “test track” format, where jump elements are restricted based on the required elements in the equivalent U.S. Figure Skating free skating test. Junior and Senior will offer a “championship” free skate event where the standard well balanced competition program rules will apply.

### **Statement of Commitment from U.S. Figure Skating’s Collegiate Program Committee:**

Athletes participating in intercollegiate events are student-athletes. As such, education is the highest priority, and in all decision making matters, the committee and the LOC have a responsibility to minimize the days missed from school.

## A. EVENTS

Free skate:	Preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, junior championship*, senior and senior championship*
Short program:	Intermediate, novice, junior and senior
Solo dance:	Preliminary, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, gold and international
Team maneuver:	Low (preliminary-juvenile), Medium (intermediate-novice) and High (junior-senior)

*\*Championship events are open to skaters who have passed the free skate test at the corresponding level (i.e.: junior championship skaters must have passed their junior free skate test and senior championship skaters must have passed their senior free skate test). Championship free skate events will consist of a free skate only under the well-balanced program requirements. All free skate events are single events and are not combined with a short program.*

## B. TEST LEVEL

Free skate and short program: Athletes must enter at the highest test level passed or may skate up one level unless one of the following exceptions apply:

1. A skater who has not tested may skate up two levels to compete in Preliminary.
2. In championship events, the skater must pass the test level required to compete at that level (no skating up).

Highest test passed is considered on the close of entry date for each competition. *(It is permissible for an athlete to enter the free skate and short program at different levels if skating up qualifies them for both).*

**Note to athletes regarding test levels:** Skaters must have passed the required U.S. Figure Skating test(s) to compete in championships events. Skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests may contact National Vice Chair, Suzanne Schlecht (See Section 5: Contact Info). Email must include the following: school skater is skating with and attending full time, skater’s name, country skater is coming from, country where tests were passed, current highest level passed. In many cases, the skater will need to provide test information as to the test requirements from the previous country so that we may best determine the applicable equivalent level.

Dance: Athletes may skate up one level, with the exception of international level. To compete in international dance, skaters must have passed their gold dance test or international dance test.

Team maneuvers: Athletes may compete at their test level or any level higher.

## C. ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Each athlete may participate in a maximum of five (5) competitive events- one (1) free skate, one (1) short program, one (1) team maneuver and/or two (2) solo dances. Synchronized skating events do not count toward the five (5) starts.

Each participating college or university may have a maximum of 35 starts, including individual events and team maneuvers. Furthermore, each college may have no more than five entries in any of the senior events and no more than three entries in any other individual event. *(Championships events are considered separate events. Therefore, a college could enter five (5) athletes in a senior free skate, five (5) in a senior championship free skate and five (5) in a senior short program for a total of 15 starts in senior singles events).*

Men's and Ladies events in singles short program and free skating will be separate events, but men and ladies may compete in the same solo dance event. Championship junior and senior events may be combined with the standard free skate events at the discretion of the referee and only in the occurrence of a single entry in one of the categories.

## D. ENTRIES

The following [Intercollegiate Competition entry form](#) must be completed for each competition and is considered as a "team's entry":

Enter your team roster – up to 30 skaters may be listed

- **Note:** not all skaters on the roster need to be assigned to compete. These unassigned skaters could be used as substitutions per Section 3.B.
- Select the skaters that will compete
- Assign skaters to appropriate events – a maximum of 35 are allowed
- Review/Print the certification page
- Review waiver page
- Pay -- Entry fees **MUST** accompany entry form in one payment form of credit card. If there is an issue, please contact the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Development Manager (see Section 5 for contact info).
- ✓ All singles events are \$50.
- ✓ Team maneuver events are \$60 per team.
- ✓ Applications not submitted with the correct funds on the online form will be returned and NOT accepted, unless the team has made prior arrangements with U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.
- ✓ Refunds will be granted until the close of entries. No refunds will be given after the entry deadline.

**NOTE: Prior to the entry deadline** if you experience any issues with the entry into the competition e-mail the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Development Manager (see Section 5: Contact Information). No entries will be accepted after the close of entries if you did not reach out prior to close of entries; **no exceptions!**

U.S. Figure Skating distributes entry fees to the LOC, host school, within seven (7) days of the close of entries. It is U.S. Figure Skating policy to make the check out to the host school/club name. Checks cannot be written to an individual.

## E. MUSIC

CDs are the only acceptable media. Free skate and short program music may have vocals. The competitor's program must be the only music on the CD and it must start at the beginning.

Music should be clearly marked with the athlete's name, college or university and event. Music must be turned in to the registration desk at least one hour before the event. Skaters are responsible for having a back-up copy available rinkside during their event.

## F. AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to places one through three in each event.

## G. SANCTIONS

1. Within 1 month of being awarded the bid to host an intercollegiate competition, the LOC Chair must apply for a sanction from the Regional Vice-Chair (the chair of the region in which a school resides) of the Competitions Committee. It is a one-page form that must be accompanied by a copy of the competition announcement flyer and this handbook. Failure to apply for and obtain a sanction could result in ineligibility of every skater who participates in the competition

## H. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

1. Athletes must be eligible members in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating, and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice.
2. Competitors must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be currently enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the institution they attend as of the close of entry deadline for the event. This pertains to both undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Athletes may compete only for the college or university they are attending, except for synchronized team skating events, which follow the eligibility rules as set forth in the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, per rule 7280.
4. There is no minimum number of skaters required to form a team. One skater may compete representing his/her college.
5. Skaters who are also judges may not compete and judge at the same competition.

## I. GROUP SIZES

At Intercollegiate competitions except for the Intercollegiate Championships, for Singles and Dance, no group will consist of more than 12 skaters. When there are more than 12 skaters entered into one event, the skaters will be split as equally as possible into as many groups as necessary to keep each group no larger than 12 skaters.

At the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships, for Singles and Dance, no group will consist of more than 18 skaters. When there are more than 18 skaters entered into one event, the skaters will be split as equally as possible into as many groups as necessary to keep each group no larger than 18 skaters.

When groups are split, they will be done so at random with no consideration of team or school relationship.

## J. WARM-UP GROUPS

Warm-up groups for events will be posted at the start of the competition, but are subject to change up to 15 minutes prior to the start of an event due to withdrawals.

## K. TEAM REGISTRATION FOR SEASON PARTICIPATION

All colleges and universities participating in intercollegiate competitions must register with U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters by filling out the [2016 Collegiate Registration Form](#). There is no charge for this registration.

## L. JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events and levels at intercollegiate competitions. The ISU judging system will not be used.

For free skate, short program and dance events, judges will give two marks. For team maneuver events judges will give one mark.

## M. LENGTH OF COMPETITION

If the number of entries exceeds the available ice time for the competition, the LOC chair, in conjunction with the chief referee and with approval from the National Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Competitions on the Collegiate Programs Committee and the Chair of the Collegiate Programs Committee, will choose one or more of the following methods to reduce the length of the competition. The choice may be in any order:

1. Reduce the number of starts per team.
  2. Eliminate the ladies events with only one entry (the men's events will not be eliminated).
  3. Eliminate the team maneuvers event(s).
- If events are eliminated or cancelled, the LOC will refund the appropriate entry fees within 21 days of the decision.**

**\*Note: Teams that qualify for the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships should be aware that the first day of competition extends for a longer duration than most other intercollegiate events. As such, skaters must be prepared for event times that can range from 7am or earlier to 11pm or later.**

## SECTION 2: SKATING REQUIREMENTS

### A. Singles Definitions, General Criteria and Basic Requirements

#### 4100 Singles Definitions, General Criteria and Basic Requirements

- 4101 Jump element:** An individual jump, a jump combination or a jump sequence. (Example: An individual jump is counted as one jump element; a jump combination is counted as one jump element; a jump sequence is counted as one jump element.)
- A. **Individual jump:** A jump performed by itself (i.e. not as a jump combination or sequence). Individual jumps are also referred to as solo jumps.
  - B. **Jump combination:** In a jump combination, the landing foot of a jump is the take-off foot of the next jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but no weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump combination (but with an error). A jump combination may consist of the same or different jumps.

1. If the jumps are connected with a non-listed jump, the element is called a jump sequence, regardless of how many listed jumps are done consecutively.
2. For all events judged under the 6.0 system, 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.
3. If the first jump of a two-jump combination fails to succeed and turns into a non-listed jump, the unit will still be considered as a jump combination.

**C. Jump sequence:** A jump sequence may consist of any number of jumps of any number of revolutions that may be linked by non-listed jumps and/or hops immediately following each other while maintaining the jump rhythm (knee). There can be no turns, steps, crossovers or stroking during the sequence. Turns are three-turns, twizzles, brackets, loops, counters and rockers. Steps are toe steps, chassés, mohawks, choctaws, curves with change of edge and cross-rolls.

1. A jump sequence consisting of only one listed jump together with other non-listed jumps is not considered a jump sequence, but will count as an individual jump.

**D. Jump repetitions:** Each free skate has different limitations on which jumps can be repeated; however, the following rules are consistently applied at each level:

1. Jumps with the same name but different numbers of revolutions are considered as different jumps. For example, a double loop is considered a different jump than a triple loop.
2. If a jump that is only allowed to be repeated as part of a jump combination or jump sequence is executed twice as a solo jump, the second execution will be counted as a jump sequence with only one jump included. If the maximum number of jump combinations or jump sequences has already been executed, the repeated solo jump will be treated as an additional element and therefore not considered.
3. If a jump is executed more times than allowed, the additional attempt will be treated as an additional element and will not be considered but will count toward the maximum number of jump elements. If the additional jump is executed in a combination or sequence, the entire combination or sequence will be treated as an additional element and will not be considered but will count toward the maximum number of jump elements.
4. Because the triple toe loop and the triple toe Walley jumps are very similar in nature and equal in value, the skater may execute only one or the other of them but not both.

**E. Non-listed jump:** See rule 1071 (A)(1)(d).

**4102 Moves in the field sequence:** A sequence of movements such as turns, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers and flowing moves with strong edges, connected with linking steps and footwork. Moves in the field will be judged as transitions rather than as separate elements.

**4103 Spins:** A spin must have the minimum number of revolutions; however, a spin with less than three revolutions is considered a skating movement and not a spin. For any spin with a change of foot, the change must be preceded and followed by a spin position with at least three revolutions. The minimum numbers of required revolutions must be counted from the entry of the spin until its exit (except the final wind-up in spins in one position and flying spins).

**A. There are three** basic spin positions:

1. **Camel:** Free leg backwards with the knee higher than the hip level; however, layback, Biellmann and similar variations are still considered as upright spins
2. **Sit:** The upper part of the skating leg at least parallel to the ice
3. **Upright:** Any position with the skating leg extended or almost extended which is not a camel position.
  - a. **Layback spin:** An upright spin in which head and shoulders are leaning backward with the back arched. The position of the free leg is optional.

- b. **Sideways leaning spin:** An upright spin in which head and shoulders are leaning sideways and the upper body is arched. The position of the free leg is optional.

All spin positions not according to the above definitions are considered non-basic positions.

B. If a skater falls when entering a spin, a spin or spinning movement is allowed immediately after this fall for the purpose of filling time. This additional spin/spinning movement will not be counted as an element.

C. Types of spins

1. **Spin combination:** Must include a minimum of two different basic positions with two revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin. Must consist of changes of foot and/or position as specified. A change of foot and a change of position may be made either at the same time or separately.
2. **Spin in one position:** May change feet (if allowed), but may not change position. Non-basic positions are allowed and counted in the total number of revolutions.
  - a. The concluding upright position at the end of the spin (final windup) is not considered to be another position, regardless of the number of revolutions, as long as no additional feature (change of edge, variation of position, etc.) is attempted in the final windup.
3. **Flying spin:** A spin with a flying entrance, no change of foot and no change of position. Non-basic positions are allowed and counted in the total number of revolutions.
  - a. The concluding upright position at the end of the spin (final windup) is not considered to be another position, regardless of the number of revolutions, as long as no additional feature (change of edge, variation of position, etc.) is attempted in the final wind-up.
  - b. A spin that begins with a jump and also changes feet and/or position is considered a spin with a flying entry, not a flying spin.
  - c. When a spin is commenced with a jump, no rotation is permitted on the ice before the take-off.

E. **Character:** In a well-balanced free skate, each spin performed must have a different character. Character is also referred to as "nature".

1. A spin that begins with a backward entry and a spin that begins with a forward entry are considered to have the same character if they are otherwise the same type of spin. For example: a sit spin with a forward entry has the same character as a sit spin with a backward entry, and a spin combination with a change of foot and a forward entry has the same character as a spin combination with a change of foot and a backward entry.
2. A spin with a flying entry has a different character than a spin without a flying entry.
3. A spin with a change of foot has a different character than a spin without a change of foot.
4. All spin combinations without a change of foot and no flying entry are considered to have the same character, regardless of the number or types of positions. (The same is true for spin combinations with a flying entry – see paragraph 2 of this rule 4103 (E).)
5. All spin combinations with a change of foot and no flying entry are considered to have the same character, regardless of the number or types of positions and the number of changes of foot. (The same is true for spin combinations with a flying entry – see paragraph 2 of this rule 4103 (E).)

**4104 Spiral:** A position with one blade on the ice and free leg (including knee and foot) higher than the hip level. Spiral positions are classified according to the skating leg (right, left), edge (outside, inside), direction of skating (forward, backward) or position of the free leg (backward, forward, sideways).

A. **Spiral sequence:** Consists primarily of spirals. There must be at least two spiral positions held not less than three seconds each, or at least one spiral position held not less than six seconds. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the spiral sequence will have no value.



- 4105 Step sequences:** A series of unprescribed steps, turns and/or movements. All step sequences should be executed according to the character of the music. Short stops in accordance with the music are permitted. Non-listed jumps and retrogression may also be included. Turns and steps must be balanced in their distribution throughout the sequence. Turns are three-turns, twizzles, brackets, loops, counters and rockers. Steps are toe steps, chassés, mohawks, choctaws, changes of edge, cross rolls and running steps. Patterns are not restricted.
- A. **Choreographic step sequence:** Must fit the definition of a step sequence and fully utilize the ice surface.
- B. **Choreographic sequence:** Consists of any kind of movements like steps, turns, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydro blading, any jumps with a maximum of two revolutions, spins, etc. Listed elements included in the choreographic sequence will not be called and will not occupy a box. The pattern is not restricted, but the sequence must be clearly visible. The choreographic sequence commences with the first skating movement and is concluded with the preparation to the next element (if the choreographic sequence is not the last element of the program). It can be performed before or after the step sequence. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the sequence will have no value.
- 4106 Illegal elements/movements**  
Somersault-type jumps, lying on the ice, and prolonged and/or stationary kneeling on both knees on the ice at any moment are illegal.

## B. FREE SKATE EVENTS

### 1. *Senior championship\**

*Test requirement: senior free skating test*

*Well balanced program requirements per Rule 4200*

#### **RULE 4200 - SENIOR MEN**

**Duration 4:30 +/- 10 seconds**

**Must contain the following elements in any order:**

#### **JUMPS - Maximum of eight (8) jump elements**

- One must be an Axel-type jump
- Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences
- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps
- The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited
- Individual jumps can contain any number of revolutions
- No double jump (including double Axel) can be included more than twice (as a solo jump or as part of a combination/sequence)
- No more than two different triple and quadruple jumps can be repeated. If repeated, the second attempt if not in combo or sequence is treated with + REP. It does not count towards the number of combos/sequences.

#### **SPINS - Maximum of three (3) spins**

- One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions
- One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions
- All spins must be of a different character
- In all spins, the change of foot is optional
- All spins may begin with a flying entry
- The number of different positions in the spin combination is not limited
- Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted
- The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required

#### **STEP SEQUENCES - Maximum of one (1) step sequence**

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

**CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE - Maximum of one choreographic sequence**

- Must fully utilize the ice surface
- May be performed before or after the step sequence

**RULE 4200 - SENIOR LADIES**

**Duration 4:00 +/- 10 seconds**

**Must contain the following elements in any order:**

**JUMPS - Maximum of seven (7) jump elements**

- One must be an Axel-type jump
- Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences
- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps
- The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited
- Individual jumps can contain any number of revolutions
- No double jump (including double Axel) can be included more than twice (as a solo jump or as part of a combination/sequence)
- No more than two different triple and quadruple jumps can be repeated. If repeated, the second attempt if not in combo or sequence is treated with + REP. It does not count towards the number of combos/sequences.

**SPINS - Maximum of three (3) spins**

- One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions
- One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions
- All spins must be of a different character
- In all spins, the change of foot is optional
- All spins may begin with a flying entry
- The number of different positions in the spin combination is not limited
- Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted
- The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required

**STEP SEQUENCE - Maximum of one (1) step sequence**

- Must fully utilize the ice surface
- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater.

**CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE - Maximum of one (1) choreographic sequence**

- Must fully utilize the ice surface
- May be performed before or after the step sequence

## 2. Senior

Test requirement: junior or senior free skating test

Program Duration: Ladies — 4:10 maximum; Men — 4:40 maximum, to music of the skater's choice.

### **JUMPS – Maximum of eight (8) jump elements for Men / seven (7) jump elements for Ladies**

- Any single jumps
- Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz
- Double Axel is NOT allowed
- No triple jumps permitted
- Maximum of three jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type jump

### **SPINS – Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature**

- One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a flying spin with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a spin combination consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot with a minimum of two continuous revolutions in each basic position and minimum of five revolutions on each foot

### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- **Men:** Two different step sequences
- **Ladies:** One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence
  - See rules 4104 and 4105 for more descriptions above

## 3. Junior championship\*

Test requirement: junior free skating test and no higher

### **RULE 4210 - JUNIOR MEN WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE**

**4:00 +/- 10 seconds**

**Must contain the following elements in any order:**

#### **JUMPS - Maximum of eight (8) jump elements**

- One must be an Axel-type jump
- Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences
- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps, except that one jump combination may contain three jumps
- The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited
- Individual jumps can contain any number of revolutions
- No double jump (including double Axel) can be included more than twice (as a solo jump or as part of a combination/sequence)
- No more than two different triple and quadruple jumps can be repeated. If repeated, the second attempt if not in combo or sequence is treated with + REP. It does not count towards the number of combos/sequences.

#### **SPINS - Maximum of three (3) spins**

- One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions
- One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions
- All spins must be of a different character
- In all spins, the change of foot is optional
- All spins may begin with a flying entry
- The number of different positions in the spin combination is not limited
- Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted
- The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required

#### **STEP SEQUENCE- Maximum of one (1) step sequence**

- Must fully utilize the ice surface

- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater

#### **RULE 4210 - JUNIOR LADIES WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE**

**3:30 +/- 10 seconds**

**Must contain the following elements in any order:**

##### **JUMPS - Maximum of seven (7) jump elements**

- One must be an Axel-type jump
- Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences
- Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps
- The number of jumps in a jump sequence is not limited
- Individual jumps can contain any number of revolutions
- A double Axel cannot be included more than twice (as a solo jump or as part of a combination/sequence)
- No more than two different triple and quadruple jumps can be repeated, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be as part of a jump combination or a jump sequence

##### **SPINS - Maximum of three (3) spins**

- One must be a spin combination with a minimum of 10 revolutions
- One must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entry with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a spin with only one position with a minimum of six revolutions
- All spins must be of a different character
- In all spins, the change of foot is optional
- All spins may begin with a flying entry
- The number of different positions in the spin combination is not limited
- Each basic position must be held for a minimum of two revolutions to be counted
- The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types required

##### **STEP SEQUENCE - Maximum of one (1) step sequence**

- Must fully utilize the ice surface
- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Step sequences that are too short and barely visible cannot be considered as meeting the requirements of a step sequence, but additional step sequences connecting the various elements may be included at the discretion of the skater.

#### *4. Junior*

Test requirement: novice or junior free skating test and no higher

Program duration: Ladies — 3:40 maximum; Men — 4:10 maximum, to music of the skater's choice.

##### **JUMPS – Maximum of eight (8) jump elements for Men / seven (7) jump elements for Ladies**

- Any single jumps
- Double jumps may only include the double Salchow, double toe-loop, double loop and double flip
- No triple jumps
- Maximum of three jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type of jump

##### **SPINS – Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature**

- One must be a spin in one position with six revolutions
- One must be a flying spin with a minimum of six revolutions
- One must be a combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot with a minimum two continuous revolutions in each basic position and minimum of five revolutions on each foot

##### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface

- See rules 4104 and 4105 above for description

## 5. *Novice*

Test requirement: intermediate or novice free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 3:10 ladies; 3:40 men, maximums

### **JUMPS – Maximum of seven (7) jump elements for Men / six (6) jump elements for Ladies**

- Any single jumps
- Double jumps may only include the double Salchow, double toe-loop, and double loop.
- No triple jumps
- Maximum of three jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type jump

### **SPINS – Maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature**

- One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position with a minimum of five revolutions on each foot
- The other spins are the option of the skater with a minimum of six revolutions
- All spins may be flying spins

### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- One step or spiral sequence
  - See rules 4104 and 4105 above for description

## 6. *Intermediate*

Test requirement: juvenile or intermediate free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:40 maximum

### **JUMPS – Maximum of six (6) jump elements**

- Any single jumps
- Double jumps may only include the double Salchow and double toe-loop
- No triple jumps
- Maximum of three jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type jump

### **SPINS – Maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature**

- One must be a flying spin with a minimum of five revolutions
- One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position with a minimum of four revolutions on each foot

### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface

## 7. *Juvenile*

Test requirement: pre-juvenile or juvenile free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:25 maximum

### **JUMPS - Maximum of five (5) jump elements**

- Any single jumps with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted)
- Maximum of two jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type jump
- No double jumps permitted

### **SPINS – Maximum of two (2) spins**

- One spin in one position, no change of foot with a minimum of four revolutions
- One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions with a minimum of four revolutions on each foot  
Only the solo spin may fly

### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface

## 8. *Pre-Juvenile*

Test requirement: preliminary or pre-juvenile free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:10 maximum

### **JUMPS – Maximum of five (5) jump elements**

- Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels)
- Maximum of two jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type jump
- No axels permitted

### **SPINS - Maximum two (2) spins**

- One spin in one position, no change of foot with a minimum of three revolutions
- One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional with a minimum of six revolutions combined in forward sit and camel positions
- Spins may not fly

### **STEP SEQUENCES**

- One step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface

## 9. *Preliminary*

Test requirement: no test needed, but may not have passed higher than the preliminary test

Program duration: 1:40 maximum

### **JUMPS – Maximum of five (5) jump elements**

- Jumps with not more than one rotation
- No axels permitted
- Maximum of two jump combinations or sequences
- Maximum of two of any same type of jump

### **SPINS – Maximum of two (2) spins**

- One spin in one position, no change of foot, no flying entry with a minimum of three revolutions
- One consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, with exit on spinning foot optional with a minimum of three revolutions on each foot
- Flying spins are not allowed

### **STEP SEQUENCES -**

1. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program

## ***C. SHORT PROGRAM EVENTS***

The short program consists of required elements with connecting steps as prescribed in the 2015-16 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Program duration is a maximum. There is no penalty for skating to less than the maximum amount of time. Rules 4200-4230 will be adhered to, except for where noted below. As with free skates, athletes may skate up one level from their highest test passed.

**FOR GROUP INFORMATION, ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO REFER TO THE 2015-16 U.S. FIGURE SKATING RULEBOOK**

### **A. Senior Short Program:**

Program duration: 2:50 max

Test requirement: junior or senior free skating test

Required elements per rule 4200

### **RULE 4200 - SENIOR LADIES SHORT PROGRAM**

**Must contain the following seven elements in any order:**

#### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single, double or triple Axel
- If the double or triple Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

#### **SOLO JUMP**

- One double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements
- If the double or triple Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

#### **JUMP COMBINATION**

- One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double 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

#### **FLYING SPIN**

- One flying spin
- Minimum of eight (8) revolutions in landing position or variation thereof
- Any type of flying spin is permitted, but the landing position must be different than the spin in one position
- The chosen position must be attained in the air, but the landing position may be different than the flying position

#### **SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One layback or sideways leaning spin
- Minimum of eight (8) revolutions in position
- Any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least eight revolutions without rising to an upright position
- A Biellmann position, if executed, can only be executed after the skater has completed the eight required revolutions in the layback or sideways leaning position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump

#### **SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot
- At least two changes of position
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

#### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

### **RULE 4200 - SENIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM**

**Must contain the following seven elements in any order:**

#### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single, double or triple Axel
- If the double or triple Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

#### **SOLO JUMP**

- One double, triple or quadruple 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

#### **JUMP COMBINATION**

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

#### **FLYING SPIN**

- One flying spin
- Minimum of eight (8) revolutions in landing position or variation thereof
- Any type of flying spin is permitted, but the landing position must be different than the spin in one position

- The chosen position must be attained in the air, but the landing position may be different than the flying position

#### **SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One camel spin or sit spin
- With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot
- Cannot be commenced with a jump

#### **SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot
- At least two basic positions
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

#### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

### **B. Junior**

Program duration: 2:50max.

Test requirement: novice or junior free skating test and no higher

Required elements per rule 4210

#### **RULE 4210 - JUNIOR MEN SHORT PROGRAM (2015-16)\***

**Must contain the following seven elements in any order:**

##### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single, double or triple Axel
- If the double or triple Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

##### **SOLO JUMP**

- One double or triple Flip 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

##### **JUMP COMBINATION**

- One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, 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

##### **FLYING SPIN**

- One flying sit spin
- Minimum of eight (8) revolutions
- The required flying position must be attained in the air, but the required eight revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position

##### **SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One camel spin
- With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot
- Cannot be commenced with a jump

##### **SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot
- At least two basic positions
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position



- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

#### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

#### **RULE 4210 - JUNIOR LADIES SHORT PROGRAM (2015-16)\***

**Must contain the following seven elements in any order:**

##### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single or double Axel
- May not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

##### **SOLO JUMP**

- One double or triple Flip 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

##### **JUMP COMBINATION**

- One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, 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

##### **FLYING SPIN**

- One flying sit spin
- Minimum of eight revolutions
- The required flying position must be attained in the air, but the required eight revolutions can be executed in any variation of the landing position

##### **SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One layback or sideways leaning spin
- Minimum of eight (8) revolutions in position
- Any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least eight revolutions without rising to an upright position
- A Biellmann position, if executed, can only be executed after the skater has completed the eight required revolutions in the layback or sideways leaning position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump

##### **SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot
- At least two basic positions
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

#### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Pattern may consist of any pattern or shape
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

### **C. Novice**

Program duration: 2:30max.

Test requirement: intermediate or novice free skating test and no higher

#### **RULE 4220 - NOVICE MEN SHORT PROGRAM**

**Must contain the following six elements in any order:**

##### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single Axel or double Axel
- If the single or double Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

**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

**JUMP COMBINATION**

- 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

**SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One camel spin or sit spin
- With only one change of foot, which may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump
- Minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot
- Cannot be commenced with a jump

**SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot, at least one change of position and at least two basic positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof)
- Minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

**STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

**RULE 4220 - NOVICE LADIES SHORT PROGRAM**

**Must contain the following six elements in any order:**

**AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single Axel or double Axel
- If the single or double Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

**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

**JUMP COMBINATION**

- 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

**SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One layback or sideways leaning spin
- Minimum of six (6) revolutions in position
- Any position is permitted as long as the basic layback or sideways leaning position is maintained for at least six revolutions without rising to an upright position
- A Biellmann position, if executed, can only be executed after the skater has completed the six required revolutions in the layback or sideways leaning position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump or change feet

**SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot, at least one change of position and at least two basic positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof)
- Minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position

- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

#### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

### **D. Intermediate**

Program duration: 2:00max.

Test requirement: juvenile or intermediate free skating test and no higher

#### **RULE 4230 - INTERMEDIATE SHORT PROGRAM**

**Must contain the following six elements in any order:**

##### **AXEL-TYPE JUMP**

- One single Axel or double Axel
- If the single or double Axel is executed, it may not be repeated as the solo jump or as either part of the jump combination

##### **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 COMBINATION**

- One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order), two double 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

##### **SPIN IN ONE POSITION**

- One spin with only one position
- No change of foot
- Minimum of five revolutions in position
- May commence with a jump

##### **SPIN COMBINATION**

- One spin combination
- With only one change of foot, at least one change of position and at least two basic positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof)
- Minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot and two revolutions in each position
- Cannot be commenced with a jump, but the change of foot may be executed in the form of a step-over or a jump

##### **STEP SEQUENCE**

- One choreographic step sequence
- Must fully utilize the ice surface

## ***D. TEAM MANEUVER EVENTS***

Team maneuver events consist of teams of **three to six athletes** (any mix of male and female) from the same college or university **each** performing no more than two of the six required elements prescribed for their level.

Each college or university may enter only one team in each competitive level.

An athlete may compete for only one team. Athletes may skate up to any level they desire, but they may not compete on a team at a lower level than the highest test they have passed.

The event will be judged on a team basis – one mark will be given for each team. Athletes will have a general warm-up of **STROKING ONLY** for two minutes. There will also be individual warm-ups for each element for one minute. Teams will be assigned a place to line up along the barrier and must remain on the ice for their entire event. Elements will be skated individually, and the announcer will call the representative from each team when it is his or her turn to perform the prescribed element.

### **Note:**

- If a team has one athlete perform more than two elements, any succeeding elements performed by that athlete will receive no value.\*
  
- If a competitor performs an element higher than that listed, that element will receive no credit. For example, if the element specified is a Salchow jump and the competitor performs a double Salchow jump, no credit is given for this element.\*

\*Judging: errors are deemed 'not according to requirements, no value will be given for the preformed element. Deduct 0.1 from the technical element mark.

### **High Team Maneuver (junior and senior: no test restrictions):**

1. Single or double Axel
2. A combination consisting of two double jumps or a triple jump and a double jump
3. A double or triple Lutz immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skating moves
4. Flying one position spin (entrance and position – upright/sit/camel -- is choice of skater)
5. Combination spin with only one change of foot (at least one change of position) – No fly
6. Serpentine step sequence utilizing the entire ice surface

### **Intermediate Team Maneuver (intermediate and novice: skaters may not have passed higher than the novice free skating test.)**

1. Single Axel
2. A combination jump consisting of a single and a double jump or two double jumps.
3. Double loop or double flip immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skating movements
4. Camel spin with a change of foot (forward to backward camel or backward to forward camel) – No fly
5. Spin combination with only one change of foot (at least one change of position) – No fly
6. Straight line step sequence utilizing the entire ice surface

### **Low Team Maneuver (preliminary - juvenile: skaters may not have passed higher than the juvenile free skating test)**

1. Single Axel or Waltz jump – loop jump combination
2. Combination sequence: Waltz jump – toe tap– flip jump
3. Single Salchow
4. Combination spin: camel spin to sit spin (no change of foot) – No fly
5. Upright spin (optional free foot position, may have one change of foot) – No fly
6. Circular step sequence utilizing the full ice surface

## E. SOLO DANCE EVENTS

The dances performed will rotate within the conferences for intercollegiate competitions. Each event will have one required dance.

The dances will rotate as follows:

Conference competition #1	Conference competition # 2	Conference competition # 3
Required dance: Dance #1	Required dance: Dance # 2	Required dance: Dance #3
U.S. Intercollegiate Team Championship: Dance #1 will be skated		

### Solo dance levels, test requirements and dances to be skated:

*Passing a dance test refers to having passed all of the dances at a particular level. Athletes may compete at their highest test passed, or one level higher, with the exception of the international level. Athletes must have passed a minimum of their gold test to compete at that level. Athletes who have not passed any dance tests may compete in preliminary.*

Level	Skater must have passed the following dance test:	Dances to be skated
Preliminary	Preliminary dance test	1. Rhythm Blues* 2. Canasta Tango 3. Dutch Waltz*
Juvenile	Pre-bronze dance test	1. Cha Cha* 2. Swing Dance * 3. Fiesta Tango
Intermediate	Bronze dance test	1. Ten Fox * 2. Hickory Hoedown * 3. Willow Waltz *
Novice	Pre-silver dance test	1. European Waltz * 2. 14 Step 3. Foxtrot
Junior	Silver dance test	1. Tango * 2. American Waltz * 3. Rocker Foxtrot *
Senior	Pre-gold test	1. Killian 2. Blues 3. Paso Doble
Gold	Gold test dance test	1. Viennese Waltz * 2. Quickstep * 3. Argentine Tango *
International	Gold or international	1. Tango Romantica 2. Silver Samba * 3. Rhumba *

Notes on the conduct of the competition:

Dance events that are starred (\*) above may be double-paneled at the discretion of the referee. Ladies will skate the ladies steps and men will skate the men's steps, no exceptions.

Athletes will perform two (2) patterns of each dance except the following: 14- Step, Killian and Quickstep, the skaters will perform three (3) patterns of those dances. All athletes should start their patterns facing the judges unless otherwise directed to by the referee.

### SECTION 3: AWARDING TEAM POINTS

Points will be earned for the first five places in each category as follows:

First place	5 Points
Second place	4 Points
Third place	3 Points
Fourth place	2 Points
Fifth place	1 Point

If only **one skater/team** enters a category and that skater skates a demonstration/exhibition, one (1) point will be awarded.

If only **two skaters/teams** enter a category, points will be awarded as follows:

First place	3 Points
Second place	2 Points

If **three skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	3 Points
Second place	2 Points
Third place	1 Point

If **four skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	4 Points
Second place	3 Points
Third place	2 Points
Fourth place	1 Point

#### Championship junior and senior Free Skate and International Dance

Each skater placing 1-5 will receive two (2) additional bonus points.

#### *A. Ties*

In the case of a tie, skaters will share the available points. For example, competitors tied for first place will share the 5 points for first plus the 4 points for second so that each athlete would earn four-and-one-half (4 ½) points.

#### **Adjustments in available points due to withdrawals**

The number of athletes in an event will be based on entries as of **seven (7) days prior to the start of the event**. Withdrawals after this date will not affect the number of available points to the athletes who complete the competition.

#### *B. Substitutions, additions and changes to the team*

**All substitutions, changes and/or additions must be completed using the [Request for Intercollegiate Team Roster Change Form](#).**

Substitutions to a team's roster **must be completed by 3pm MT** Thursday prior to the start of competition under the following conditions:

- Withdraw of skater is for medical reasons only
    - Attach all necessary documentation to assist in the review process
  - Substitution of the withdrawn entry can only be made into the exact same event and level as originally entered (i.e.: Junior Championship, or Preliminary Dance)
  - Replacement skater must be qualified for that level and already approved for the competition
  - Only skaters entered on the team roster entered at the time of Event registration can be pulled and named as a replacement skater
- Additions or changes to the roster are not permitted after the close of entries; this includes changes to levels or events entered.
- No late entries will be accepted after the registration deadline for any reason.

- Points will only be awarded to athletes who compete the competition. No points will be awarded to an athlete who withdraws for any reason, under any circumstances. **U.S. Figure Skating and the National Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Skating have the authority and responsibility to enforce this rule.**

#### **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

It is each participating team's responsibility to review the competition schedule for accuracy within 72 hours of receipt, and to notify the competition chair, host school, of any errors

## **SECTION 4: QUALIFICATION FOR THE U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### ***A. AWARDING POINTS***

*At each intercollegiate conference competition, teams earn qualifying points based on their overall finish at the competition. Teams may only earn qualifying points at competitions within their own conference.*

#### **Qualifying points are awarded as follows:**

First place	5 Points
Second place	4 Points
Third place	3 Points
Fourth place	2 Points
Fifth place	1 Point

A college or university's qualifying points from each of the three intercollegiate conference competitions within their conference will be added together.

The three teams with the highest total qualifying points in each conference will qualify for the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships. Any individual athlete from a qualifying team who has competed in at least two intercollegiate conference competitions is eligible to represent the team at U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships should the team qualify. Athletes on qualifying teams may compete in any events for which their test level qualifies them.

### ***B. TIEBREAKER***

If two or more teams are tied for a particular place in points, the following tiebreakers will be used, in this order:

1. The team that had placed higher overall at MORE competitions during the competitive season wins the tie, if still tied:
2. If a tie still exists, the cumulative point totals the team members earned throughout the season wins the tie

## **C. WAIVERS**

### **1. INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES**

An individual athlete on a qualifying team, who has competed in at least one intercollegiate , may apply for a waiver to be able to compete with his or her team at the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships.

To request an [individual athlete waiver](#) team must submit the appropriate online form.

Only one submission per team will be accepted; please have all necessary documents in hand when filling out the forms. The request must state the reason why the athlete was unable to participate in every competition they did not compete at with documentation supporting that reason (i.e. doctor's note for illness or injury, transcript for study abroad). Acceptable reasons include but are not limited to, injury, illness, mandatory exams, conflicting U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions, etc. The National Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Competitions will review all submissions and determine whether the waiver will be granted in conjunction with the chair of the Collegiate Programs Committee. Decisions will be determined within 2-5 business days after the submission deadline.

*Note: Waiver requests will not be accepted from any athlete who has not competed in an intercollegiate competition during the season. Skaters **must** have competed in at least one event. **There will be no exceptions to this rule.***

### **2. TEAMS**

Teams wishing to qualify for the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships must compete in all three intercollegiate conference competitions within their conference.

If a team is not able to attend a competition for reasons, that include but are not limited to, weather problems or mandatory exams, the team may wish to apply for a waiver from the National Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Competitions on the Collegiate Programs Committee. The team will be required to document the reasons it was unable to send any representatives to the competition. In order to apply for this waiver, it is mandatory that the team compete in at least two intercollegiate competitions. The national vice chair will determine whether or not the waiver will be granted in conjunction with the chair of the Collegiate Programs Committee. To be considered for this waiver, send an email by March 16, 2016 to the Chair and National Vice Chair stating reasons why your team could not attend the third competition and why your circumstance should be considered as an extreme case.

Even if the waiver is granted, the team will still receive zero points for the competition it omitted. Only the points earned in the events the team participated in will be counted toward qualification to the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships.

Automatic byes to the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships are not granted for any reason.

## **D. INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE**

The three (3) teams with the highest total qualifying points in each conference will be invited to compete in the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships. Invitations will be sent from U.S. Figure Skating and teams are required to accept or decline the invitation to participate within the specifications listed in the email.

If a team declines its invitation to compete in the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships, the next team in that conference will be invited. Teams must notify the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Development Manager in writing within seven (7) days of receiving their invitation to participate.



## SECTION 5: CONTACT INFORMATION

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Contact information for each individual competition can be found [here](#).

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## SECTION 6: INFORMATION REGARDING BID PROCESS

U.S. Figure Skating's Collegiate Committee has a bid process to place events, which begins in the spring for the following school year. Each season, ten events will be placed:

- Three in the Eastern Section
- Three in the Midwestern Section
- Three in the Pacific Coast Section
- One U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships

All participating schools are invited and encouraged to bid to host an event in their section. Conference competitions must be held on weekends between late October and mid-March, with the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championship held in mid-April. If possible, the dates of the Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships and U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships should be avoided, in addition to the last two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January. This will avoid holding competitions during typical finals / winter break schedules of the majority of colleges and universities. In addition, any participating college may submit a request in writing, to U.S. Figure Skating, **no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>**, for dates they would like considered for exclusion to the competition calendar in their section, due to mandatory exam periods. If possible and reasonable, these dates will be taken into consideration when bids are awarded. There are 75-100 colleges and universities registered to participate in this program annually, and therefore it is not reasonable or possible to work around every schedule conflict.