

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING  
REPORT OF ACTION  
taken by the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Oct. 10, 2016**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

1. **ACCEPTED** the Audit Report as presented by Stockman Kast Ryan & Co. for the 2016 FY Financials through June 30, 2016.
2. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 14-22, 2017; Kansas City, Mo.
3. **APPROVED** the establishment of the Garrett Swasey Trophy for the Juvenile Dance Champions at the Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships
4. **APPROVED – Competitions and Synchronized Skating Committees**  
Amend **rule 7923 (page 245, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7923 Deductions and Reductions – Synchronized Skating – IJS**

Reductions for synchronized skating are updated yearly and published on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) under the “Technical Info” link. Reductions for breaks, stumbles, falls and collisions in the required elements will be made by judges in the grade of execution.

A. Deductions from the total score for each violation will be as follows:

1. Program time violation: -1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess (-0.5 for every five seconds lacking or in excess at the juvenile level)
2. Music violation: -1.0 per program
3. Costume (including use of feathers as part of the costume and headpieces) and prop violation: -1.0 per program
4. Part of the costume/decoration falls on the ice: - 1.0 per program
5. Falls:
  - a. For senior, junior, novice, intermediate, collegiate and adult, -1.0 for every fall of one skater and - 2.0 for every fall of more than one skater. See rule 1400 for the definition of a fall.
  - b. For juvenile, -0.5 for every fall of one skater, and -1.0 for every fall of more than one skater. See rule 1400 for the definition of a fall.

*Balance of rule remains unchanged.*

**Implementation date:** October 17, 2016

5. **CONCURRED** regarding the recommendation of the chair of the Grievance Committee to a permanent ban of a member from U.S. Figure Skating.