



Technical Notification 221

Dated: August 30, 2018

Re: Pairs and Ice Dance – Requirements for Non-U.S. Citizens to Enter Qualifying Competitions

Implementation date: Immediate

The Athletes Advisory, Coaches, Competitions, Dance, International and Pairs Committees, and the Board of Directors have approved the following amendments to the rules regarding Non-U.S. citizens who would like to enter a pair and/or ice dance event in a qualifying competition (Rule 2242 (B)). All other requirements remain as printed in the [2018-19 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#), page 135.

- 2242** Non-U.S. citizens who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition will apply to the chair of the Competitions Committee by submitting a “Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete”. This form is available online at usfigureskating.org.
- A. Singles skaters must have resided in the United States and cannot have competed for a foreign federation for one year preceding the date of the first competition the skater wishes to enter.
 - B. In the case of pair or ice dance couples, one partner of the couple must be a citizen of the United States or have resided in the United States for at least one year.
 - 1. Siblings who are skating together as a couple, both of whom are under age 18, are excluded from the requirement that one partner be a U.S. citizen or have resided in the United States for at least one year as long as all other requirements of rules 2240 through 2247 are met.
 - C. A non-U.S. citizen may compete for a U.S. synchronized skating team provided that:
 - 1. The skater has not represented a foreign federation in the course of the same membership year (July 1 through June 30);
 - 2. At least 75 percent of the team members are citizens of the United States.

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