

COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

taken by the

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots – May 4, 2008-April 8, 2009

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Buffalo, N.Y., April 30, 2009

III. GOVERNING COUNCIL – Buffalo, N.Y., May 1-2, 2009

I. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – May 4, 2008-April 8, 2009:

May 4, 2008

1. **APPROVED** the awarding of the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to Spokane, Washington, on the tentative dates of January 13-24, 2010, subject to the execution of a host agreement with US Figure Skating and the local organizer, Star USA.
2. **APPROVED** the President's reappointment of Coco Shean, Jonathan Keen and Sam Singer as the members of the Audit Committee.

June 3, 2008

3. **APPROVED** the President's recommendations for the Compensation Committee of Patricia St. Peter (chair), Shawn Rettstatt, Justin Dillon, and Susan Keogh (ex-officio).

July 8, 2008

4. **APPROVED** the 2010 Olympic Athlete Selections Procedures document dated June 10, 2008.
5. **APPROVED** to rescind the honorary judge status of Lori Dunn so that she may return to active judging.
6. **APPROVED** the following promotions to National Music Coordinator:
John Collins, Oakland, Calif.
Richard Larsen, Richland, Wash.
7. **APPROVED** the following technical panel promotions:
National Technical Specialist – Singles
Brittney Bottoms, Marietta, Ga.
Alexander Vedenin, Wheeling, Ill.
Serguei Zaitsev, Fishers, Ind.
National Data/Video – S/P/D
Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, Minn.
Denise Williamson, Davidson, N.C.

8. **APPROVED** the following provisional sanctions:
2009 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, Greater Grand Rapids FSC
Grand Rapids, Mich. April 21-25, 2009
2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Star USA
Spokane, Wash. January 13-24, 2010

August 10, 2008

9. **APPROVED** the Finance Committee's recommendation for the selection of Henry (Rusty) Fein as the Athlete Member of the Board of Trustees of the USFS Foundation.
10. **APPROVED** the President's reappointment of William Howard and Steve Cady to serve as U.S. Figure Skating representatives to STAR, and the appointment of Michael Meyer to serve the remaining term (one year) of a resigning U.S. Figure Skating representative to STAR.
11. **APPROVED** the amendments reflecting the actual grants received from the USOC to the 2009 Budget.

September 15, 2008

12. **APPROVED** to amend rule 3066 (B) by changing the deadline from June 30 to August 20 effective retroactively. *This item was further amended at the May 2009 Governing Council meeting (see item 72).*
13. **APPROVED** the Board of Directors job descriptions as provided by the Strategic Planning Committee.
14. **APPROVED** the following promotion to National Technical Specialist for Pairs (effective 10/28/2007)
Nancy Ruedebusch, Fort Wayne, Indiana

October 25-26, 2008

15. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the September 15, 2008 conference call meeting.
16. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.
17. **APPROVED - Competitions Committee**
To amend *rule CR 5.01 (page 31) Organization of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee* by deleting item C. **A regional vice chair from each region.**

18. **APPROVED - Competitions Committee**
To add new *rule 1016 (page 144) Qualifying Competitions* and renumber balance of the section [current 1016 and 1017 become 1017 and 1018]
1016 Synchronized skating sectional championships may be hosted at a common time and location with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee. Each section will have separate competitions.

19. **APPROVED - Competitions Committee**
To add new *rule 1004 (page 143) Competition Sanctions* that will define the “competition season”
The competition season begins July 1 of each year.
A. Technical requirements for all levels take effect on that date
B. Competitions held after the national championships [and through June 30] may specify either the just concluding [current] or the new season [upcoming commencing July 1] requirements
C. Changes to requirements occurring after the Governing Council will be posted on the web site.

20. **APPROVED - Dance Committee**
To amend *TR 49.08 (page 54 Tests Book)* by adding the Finnstep as an additional new international dance test. All currently existing test averages, related rules, and judging panel of all international dance tests to apply.

- DANCES: Austrian Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado, **Finnstep**, Golden Waltz, Midnight Blues, Ravensburger Waltz, Rhumba, Silver Samba, Tango Romantica and Yankee Polka

21. **APPROVED - Dance Committee**
To amend *TR 54.01- Juvenile Free Dance Test (page 59)* – Dance Spin requirement - to revise the minimum revolutions from 2 revolutions to **3** revolutions on both the spin and spin combination.

Spins: One dance spin but no more selected from the following types:

Spin: Minimum **3** revolutions on one foot for each partner;

Spin Combination: Minimum **3** revolutions on one foot for each partner for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot simultaneously by each partner;

22. APPROVED - Dance Committee

To amend *TR 54.02- Intermediate Free Dance Test (page 60)* – Dance Spin requirement- to revise the minimum revolutions from 2 revolutions to 3 revolutions on both the spin and spin combination.

Spins: One dance spin but no more selected from the following types:

Spin: Minimum 3 revolutions on one foot for each partner;

Spin Combination: Minimum 3 revolutions on one foot for each partner for each part of the spin. There is allowed up to one-half rotation on two feet while changing to the other foot simultaneously by each partner;

23. APPROVED the following Promotions and Resignations of Officials and Judges

From the Competitions Committee

A. Vacated national appointment: **John Phelps – National Accountant**

From the International Judges and Officials Committee

B. The resignation of **Mary Karen Henderson as an International Judge for Ice Dance**

From the Judges Committee

C. Promotion to national dance judge: **Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Reading, Mass.**

D. Resignation(s): **Jack Curtis – National Judge, National Dance Judge**

NEW BUSINESS [from the October 25-26, 2008 meeting]

24. APPROVED that the Treasurer may amend the 2009 budget to reflect increased revenue for the 2009 World Championships and a reduction in projected sponsorship income.

25. APPROVED to amend page 8 of the Auditor’s Report; last sentence to read “Effective July 1, 2007, all Museum assets and net monetary assets reverted back to the Association pursuant to an Arbitration decision dated May 5, 2008.

26. APPROVED TO RECOMMEND that the proposed bylaws amendment to Article VIII, Section 2 [2009 Exhibit H] as referred by the 2008 Governing Council not be approved by the 2009 Governing Council

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Directors

Section 2 *Composition and Qualifications*. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of (i) the president, (ii) the three vice presidents each representing a different section, (iii) the secretary, (iv) the treasurer, (v) the four group coordinators as specified in Article XVI Section 3, (vi) two coaches actively engaged in national or international athletic coaching of figure skating on ice, and (vii) three athlete members of the Board of Directors elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 who meet the definitions in Article XXII, Section 2 and GR 3.00, each of whom must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, be a registered member of U.S. Figure Skating and otherwise be qualified in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. **With the exception of athletes and coaches, no person holding an elected position as an in the International Skating Union (ISU) Official, ISU Committee Member or ISU Council Member may serve as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.** In addition, those persons specified in Section 4 of this article and honorary members elected in accordance with Section 5 of this article and those officeholders specified in Section 6 of the article shall also be nonvoting ex officio members.

December 3, 2008

27. **APPROVED** to ratify a \$399,699 reduction in the 2009 budget as proposed on financial statement documentation.
28. **APPROVED** a sanction for the 2010 US Adult Figure Championships to be held April 13-17, 2010 in Bloomington, Minn., hosted by the Figure Skating Club of Bloomington.
29. **APPROVED** a sanction to host an ISU Junior Grand Prix event to be held September 2-6, 2009 in Lake Placid New York, sponsored by the Olympic Regional Development Authority and U.S. Figure Skating.

January 12, 2009

30. **APPROVED** to accept the revised budget, presented January 12, 2009, adjusting revenue and expenses for Athlete Programs and the U.S. Championships.
31. **APPROVED** to disband the task force that has been reviewing international competition funding.
32. **APPROVED** the following final sanctions:
 - 2009 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 21-25, 2009;
Grand Rapids Mich.; hosted by the Greater Grand Rapids FSC.
 - 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; January 13-24, 2010;
Spokane, Wash.; hosted by Star USA.
 - 2010 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; March 3-5, 2010;
Minneapolis, Minn.; hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association
 - 2009 National Theatre on Ice Competition, June 25-27, 2009;
Bensenville, Ill., hosted by the Wagon Wheel FSC
33. **APPROVED** the following provisional sanctions:
 - 2011 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; March 2-5, 2011;
Ontario, Calif.; hosted by the Glacier Falls Skating Club.
 - 2009 Skate America, November 13-15, 2009;
Lake Placid, New York, hosted by ORDA.

February 21, 2009

34. **APPROVED** the following provisional sanctions:
 - 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, January 22-30, 2011
Greensboro, North Carolina
 - 2010 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, December 14-19, 2009
Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs, Strongsville, Ohio,
35. **APPROVED** the following final sanctions:
 - 2009 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, July 31-August 2, 2009
Philadelphia SC and HS, Philadelphia, Pa.,
 - 2009 National Showcase, August 13-15, 2009
Broadmoor Skating Club, Colorado Springs, Colo.
36. **APPROVED** that the 2010 Governing Council will be held at the Hilton Orange County hotel, Costa Mesa, Calif., April 28 to May 2, 2010.
37. **APPROVED** the recommendation of the International Judges and Officials Committee (IJO) of the following individuals for the ISU World Exam:
 - Singles/Pairs: Kristina Lundgren, Deveny Deck
 - Dance: John Cole, Janis Engel

March 10, 2009

38. **ACCEPTED** the 2010 Budget as presented.

April 8, 2009

39. **APPROVED** the nomination of Jason Dungjen to the ISU as an ISU Technical Specialist in Singles.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Buffalo, N.Y., April 30, 2009

40. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.
41. **APPROVED** the Minutes of the April 8, 2009 conference call meeting.
42. **ADOPTED** the Convention Standing Rules.
43. **APPROVED**

From the Competitions Committee

1. The following promotions:
 - National Singles & Pairs Referee
Stefanie Mathewson, Northridge, Calif.
 - National Synchronized Referee
Robert Bauer, Schiller Park, Ill.
 - From National Singles & Pairs Event Referee to National Singles & Pairs Referee
Charles Cyr, Palm Desert, Calif.
 - Taffy Holliday, Greenwich, Conn.**
 - From National Dance Event Referee to National Dance Referee
Charles Cyr, Palm Desert, Calif.
 - Janis Engel, Valencia, Calif.**
 - National Accountant
Kathleen Cook, West Bloomfield, Mich.
 - Bryan Keller, Solana Beach, Calif.**
 - Michael Kudravetz, Gardner, Mass.**
 - Leon Packman, Youngstown, N.Y.**
2. To accept the following resignation: **Jack Booth – National Synchronized Referee**
3. Notification of the following resignation: **William Beharrell – International Synchronized Referee**

From the Judges Committee

1. The following promotions:
 - National Singles & Pairs Judge
Lori Dunn, Harrisburg, Pa.
 - Jennifer Thompson, Berkley, Mich.**
 - National Synchronized Skating Judge
Susan McInnes, Denver, Colo.
 - Kristy Panos, Novi, Mich.**
2. To accept the following resignations:
 - Jack Booth, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio – National Synchronized Skating Judge**
 - Gay Barnes, Boulder, Colo. – National Singles & Pairs and National Synchronized Judge**
3. The nomination of **Gay Barnes as an Honorary National Judge**
Served as a judge for U.S. Figure Skating for 38 years. Served as a judge or JET at five U.S. Championships, nine U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, three U.S. Junior Championships, 15 sectional championships and 35 regional championships.

4. Notification of the following vacated national judging appointment:
Peggy Stark [deceased], National Judge and National Synchronized Skating Judge

5. Notification of the following resignations:
William Beharrell – ISU Synchronized Skating Judge
Mary Karen Henderson – International Dance Judge

From the Technical Panel Committee

1. The following promotions:
National Technical Specialist – Singles
Dee Goldstein, Scottsdale, Ariz.
National Data Operator – Singles, Pairs and Dance
Larry Kriwanek, Murrieta, Calif.
Kim Moore, Littleton, Colo.

III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – Buffalo, N.Y., May 1-2, 2009

(includes actions taken by the Board of Directors that were ratified)

44. **ADOPTED** the Convention Standing Rules.
45. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda as amended.
46. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2008 Governing Council meeting held May 2-3, 2008 in Denver, Colo.
47. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this meeting of Leslie Gianelli (chair), Heather Nemier (Rules Committee chair), and Brandon Forsyth (athlete member).
48. **APPROVED** the following provisional clubs to full membership in U.S. Figure Skating:
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| Alpine Edge FSC | Gaylord, Mich. |
| Central Massachusetts FSC | Auburn, Mass. |
| Central South Dakota SC | Pierre, S.D. |
| Cleveland Edges SC | North Olmsted, Ohio |
| Juneau SC | Douglas, Alaska |
| Mountain View SC | Greeley, Colo. |
| Northern Colorado FSC | Ft. Collins, Colo. |
| Oahe Capitals FSC | Ft. Pierre, S.D. |
| Old York Road SC | Elkins Park, Pa. |
| FSC of Rio Rancho, NM | Rio Rancho, N.M. |
| Sheboygan Lakers FSC | Sheboygan, Wis. |
| Wake Forest, N.C. | Triangle FSC |

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

49. **EXHIBIT A – WITHDRAWN** – the request to amend Article IV, Section 2, add a new Section 3 and amend rules 3003, 3004, 3005 and 3006.

50. **EXHIBIT B – APPROVED** to amend **Article VIII, Section 13 (page 6)** as shown:

**Article VIII
Board of Directors**

Section 13 *Removal.*

A. and B. no change

C. Other voting members of the Board. Members of the Board of Directors other than described in subsection A and B, above, may be removed at any time for cause by a **vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the delegates** of the Governing Council **delegates present in person or by proxy entitled to vote**; provided, however, that (i) due notice of the meeting of the Governing Council (or of the proposal that the Governing Council take action without a meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 19 of these bylaws) has been given to the affected director and (ii) the affected director is afforded a fair opportunity to be heard by the Governing Council or to submit a written statement to the Governing Council prior to action by the Governing Council.

51. **EXHIBIT C – APPROVED** to amend **Article X, Section 2 (page 9)** as shown:

**Article X
Officers**

Section 2 *Terms.* The president, the three vice presidents, the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected to hold office for a term of one year and may hold office for not more than four consecutive terms, except by a vote of two-thirds of the **votes cast of the Governing Council** delegates present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of the Governing Council at which they are elected.

52. **EXHIBIT D – APPROVED** to amend **Article XV, Section 4 (page 11)** as shown:

**Article XV
Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors**

Section 4 *Elections.*

A. ~~The Governing Council shall, by majority vote of the delegates present in person or by proxy at the meeting of the Governing Council elect:~~

A. The Governing Council shall, by majority vote of the votes cast of the Governing Council delegates present in person or by proxy, elect:

1. A president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer to hold office for a term specified in Article X, Section 2, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office; and
2. Such number of additional voting members of the Board of Directors as are to be elected pursuant to the provisions in Article VIII, Section 2 hereof for a term specified in Article VIII, Section 3 hereof, commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting at which elected or until their respective successors are elected and assume office.

Proviso: This amendment to become effective immediately.

53. **EXHIBIT E – DID NOT APPROVE** to amend **Article XV, Section 4 (page 11)** and **DID NOT CONSIDER** amending **Article IX, Section 8 (page 7)**

54. **EXHIBIT F (SUBSTITUTE) – DID NOT APPROVE** to amend **Article XV, Section 1 (pages 10-11)**

55. EXHIBIT G – APPROVED to amend Article XXII, Section 2 (page 17) as shown:

ARTICLE XXII

Prerequisites to Participation in U.S. Figure Skating Activities and the Definition of Athlete

Section 2 *Definition of Athlete*. For all purposes set forth in these bylaws or the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, an athlete shall be defined as a member meeting the prerequisites of Section 1 and:

- A. Any person who competes in a sectional championship in singles, pairs or dance in a qualifying event; or U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; or
- B. Any person who places first through fourth in singles, pairs or dance in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; or
- C. Any person who has met any of the criteria in subsection (A) or (B) within the prior five years; or
- D. Any person who has competed for U.S. Figure Skating ~~in an international competition~~ **as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating team as defined in ICR 4.01 and ICR 9.01** within the prior 10 years.

56. EXHIBIT H – DID NOT APPROVE to amend Article VIII, Section 2 (page 5)

ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

There were no actions in Athlete Services Group.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)

57. APPROVED - Membership Committee

Amend rule TR 3.02 (pages 3-4 Tests Book) to read:

TR 3.02 If a member club desires to conduct tests at the principal skating headquarters of another member club, the prior consent of the latter ~~shall be is~~ required (see MR 7.01(B)). ~~If, however, a member club conducts regular sessions at a location other than its own principal skating headquarters, the prior consent of any member club listing such location as its principal skating headquarters shall not be necessary, nor shall such consent be necessary when two or more member clubs occupy the same principal skating headquarters.~~

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

58. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend rules 4111 Adult Championship Pairs, 4116 Adult Master Pairs and 4121 Adult Gold Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (pages 318-320 Rulebook) to replace the current well-balanced program requirements with the language below.

Lifts: Maximum of three different lifts. One may be a twist lift (**no limit to number of revolutions**). **If lifts are from the same group, they must be different (i.e., one star and one platter, both from Group 3). Minimum one revolution by lady; minimum one-half and maximum three-and-one-half revolutions by man.** Variations of the lady's position, no handed, one-handed and combination lifts are permitted. **Carry lifts are not permitted.**

Throw Jumps: Maximum of two different throw jumps. **No limit to the number of revolutions.**

Solo Jump: Maximum of one solo jump. Single, double or triple jumps are permitted.

Jump Combination or Sequence: Maximum of one jump combination or jump sequence. **No limit to the number of revolutions. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two.** No limit to the number of jumps in the jump sequence.

Pair Spin or Pair Spin Combination: Maximum of one* pair spin or pair spin combination. **Minimum two revolutions in each position.** If pair spin, minimum four revolutions with **optional change of position.** If pair spin combination, **minimum six revolutions with at least one change of position and one change of foot by each partner.**

Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination: Maximum of one solo spin or solo spin combination. **Minimum four revolutions if no change of foot; minimum six revolutions if change of foot. Minimum two revolutions in each position.**

Pivot or Death Spiral: Maximum of one* pivot spiral or death spiral. **Must be regular hand-hold.** At least one-half revolution with man **in full pivot position (buttocks not higher than knee of pivot foot). In the death spiral, the lady's lowest hip or buttock and head should not be higher than her skating knee. A slightly higher position of her hip or buttock is acceptable on back outside death spiral. The level of a death spiral without one-half revolution in the described man's and lady's simultaneous position cannot be more than one.**

Step or Spiral Sequence: Maximum of one* step sequence (circular, straight line or serpentine) or spiral sequence utilizing the full ice surface.

*Additional Element: Maximum of one additional element chosen from the following:

- Pair spin **if not already performed or pair combination spin if not already performed.**
- **Pivot spiral/death spiral (maximum two per program; must be different).**
- **Step sequence if not already performed or spiral sequence if not already performed.**

59. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4123 Adult Silver Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 321 Rulebook)** to replace the current well-balanced program requirements with the language below.

Lifts: Maximum of two different lifts. One must be from Group 1. The other lift may be a different lift from Group 1, from Group 2 or a **single** twist lift. **Minimum one revolution by lady; Minimum one-half and maximum three-and-one-half revolutions by man. Full extension is optional for Group 2 waist loop lift. Variation of the lady's position, no handed, one-handed, overhead, carry and combination lifts are not permitted.**

Throw Jumps: Maximum of one throw jump (single throw jumps only).

Solo Jump: Maximum of one solo jump (single jumps only).

Jump Combination or Sequence: Maximum of one jump combination or sequence. **Single jumps only. The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two.** No limit to the number of jumps in the jump sequence.

Pair Spin or Pair Spin Combination: Maximum of one pair spin or pair spin combination. **Minimum two revolutions in each position.** If pair spin, minimum three revolutions total with optional change of position. If pair spin combination, **minimum five revolutions total.**

Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination: Maximum of one solo spin or solo spin combination. **Minimum three revolutions if no change of foot. Minimum five revolutions if change of foot. Minimum two revolutions in each position.**

Pivot or Death Spiral: Maximum of one pivot spiral or death spiral. Pivot position not required. Type of hand-hold optional.

Step or Spiral Sequence: Maximum of one step sequence (circular, straight line or serpentine) or spiral sequence using at least one half of the ice surface.

60. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4125 Adult Bronze Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 322 Rulebook)** to replace the current well-balanced program requirements with the language below.

Lifts: Maximum of two different lifts. One must be from Group 1. The other lift may be a different lift from Group 1 or a Group 2 waist loop lift. **Minimum one revolution by lady; Minimum one-half and maximum three-and-one-half revolutions by man. Full extension is optional for Group 2 waist loop lift. Variation of the lady's position, no handed, one-handed, overhead, twist, carry and combination lifts are not permitted.**

Throw Jump: Maximum of one throw jump (single throw jump only). Throw Axel is not permitted.

Solo Jump: Maximum of one solo jump (single jumps only). Axel is not permitted.

Jump Combination or Sequence: Maximum of one jump combination or jump sequence. Single jumps only; Axel is not permitted. **The maximum number of jumps in the jump combination is two.** No limit to the number of jumps in the jump sequence.

Pair Spin or Pair Spin Combination: Maximum of one pair spin or pair spin combination. **Minimum two revolutions in each position.** If pair spin, minimum three revolutions total with optional change of position. If pair spin combination, **minimum five revolutions.**

Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination: Maximum of one solo spin or solo spin combination. **Minimum three revolutions if no change of foot. Minimum five revolutions if change of foot. Minimum two revolutions in each position.**

Pivot or Death Spiral: Maximum of one pivot spiral or death spiral. Pivot position not required. Type of hand-hold optional.

Step or Spiral Sequence: Maximum of one step sequence (circular, straight line or serpentine) or spiral sequence using at least one half of the ice surface.

61. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4120 Adult Gold Pairs (page 320 Rulebook)** to replace the current test requirements with the language below.

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

The first partner of a team in the adult gold pairs event must have passed at least one of the following tests:

- The adult gold pairs test but not the standard intermediate pairs test
- The adult gold free skate test
- The standard juvenile pairs test but no higher standard pairs test
- **The standard juvenile free skate test but no higher standard free skate test (see exception below)**

The second partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no less than one level lower **than the first partner** (that is, the adult silver pairs test, the adult silver free skate test, the standard preliminary and/or pre-juvenile pairs test, or the standard pre-juvenile free skate test).

Exception: Teams in which at least one member has passed the adult gold pairs test or the standard juvenile pairs test may choose to participate in an adult gold pairs event even if one or both members of the team have passed a standard free skate test at the intermediate level or higher.

62. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4122 Adult Silver Pairs (page 321 Rulebook)** to replace the current test requirements with the language below.

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

The first partner of a team in the adult silver pairs event must have passed at least one of the following tests:

- The adult silver pairs test but no higher adult pairs test
- The adult silver free skate test but no higher adult free skate test (see exception, below)
- **The standard pre-juvenile free skate test but no higher standard free skate test (see exception, below)**

The second partner must meet the requirements for this level or must have passed no less than one level lower **than the first partner** (that is, the adult bronze pairs test, the adult bronze free skate test, and/or the standard preliminary free skate test).

Either member of an adult silver pairs team may have passed the standard preliminary pairs test and/or the standard pre-juvenile pairs test, but no higher standard pairs test.

Exception: Teams in which at least one member has passed the adult silver pairs test may choose to participate in an adult silver pairs event even if one or both partners have passed the next level adult or standard free skate test (that is, the adult gold free skate test and/or the standard juvenile free skate test, but no higher standard free skate test).

63. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee and Pairs Committee

Amend **rule 4124 Adult Bronze Pairs (page 322 Rulebook)** to replace the current test requirements with the language below.

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

Each partner in the adult bronze pairs event must have passed at least one of the following tests:

- The adult bronze pairs test but no higher adult pairs test
- The adult bronze free skate test but no higher adult free skate test (see exception, below)
- The standard preliminary pairs test and/or the standard pre-juvenile pairs test but no higher than the standard pre-juvenile pairs test
- **The standard preliminary free skate test but no higher than the standard pre-juvenile free skate test (see exception, below)**

Exception: Teams in which at least one member has passed the adult bronze pairs test or the standard preliminary or pre-juvenile pairs test may choose to participate in an adult bronze pairs event even if one or both partners have passed the next-level adult or standard free skate test (that is, the adult silver free skate test and/or the standard pre-juvenile free skate test, but no higher adult or standard free skate test).

64. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

Add a new **rule 1024 under Nonqualifying Competitions (page 145 Rulebook)** to read:

1024 Nonqualifying competitions offered in conjunction with Regional Championships are only open to skaters from the host region.

65. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

Add a new **rule 1463(C) Events in Nonqualifying Competitions: Singles and Pairs (page 151 Rulebook)** to read:

C. Ladies and men may not compete against each other in any short program or free skate events in singles.

66. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee

Add a new **rule 3435(q)(vii) (page 235 Rulebook)** to retain language in the international judging system (IJS) mandating a -2.0 penalty for a stopped program that is the fault of the skater.

67. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **competition rules (CR)** to include the requirement that the Chair of the Technical Panel Committee has the authority to make recommendations in the case of all technical panel appointments.

68. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Add a new **rule 3242 (page 204 Rulebook)** to read: **Adult competitors who pass a free skate test, a pairs test or a dance test after the close of entries, at a level higher than the tests allowed for the event entered by the competitor will forfeit their eligibility to enter.**

69. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3273, 3276, 3277, 3280, 3281, 3282, 3283 (pages 208-210 Rulebook)** and all other applicable rules to reflect 24 as the maximum number of skaters before qualifying rounds are held.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

70. DID NOT APPROVE - Competitions Committee and Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2501 Authorized System of Judging (page 182 Rulebook)** to add the championship, masters and gold levels of singles, ~~pairs and dance (including masters open dance)~~ *[amended from the original proposal in the Meeting Book]* at the **adult sectional championships** to the list of qualifying events that will utilize the IJS and subsequently remove them from the list of events using the 6.0 system.

71. APPROVED - Competitions Committee and Adult Skating Committee

Amend **rule 2615 Referees and Accountants (page 184 Rulebook)** to permit the use of regional singles & pairs and dance referees and accountants for the adult sectional championships.

72. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules 3066, 3067 and 3068 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete (pages 190-192 Rulebook)** so that the deadlines match those of the competitions for which the skaters are applying.

73. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amend **rules CR 7.02 through CR 7.05 (pages 31-34 Rulebook)** and other applicable rules to eliminate the national event referee appointment.

74. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Propose to amend **rules CR 2.01, CR 7.22, CR 7.23, 2403, 2404, 2612 (pages 29, 35, 181 and 183 Rulebook)** and other rules as deemed appropriate to add systems specialists to the rulebook:

Competitions Committee – Organization

CR 2.01 (page 29 Rulebook)

G. A national vice chair of special projects: responsible for certifying all competition software. Oversees the certification/removal and activities of the System Specialists, as well as other duties delegated by the chair;

School, Activity, and Examination Requirements

CR 7.22 Schools (page 35 Rulebook)

D. To maintain their certification, System Specialists must attend a school or have hands-on experience according to the guidelines maintained and posted on the Accounting Central web site.

School, Activity, and Examination Requirements

CR 7.23 (page 35 Rulebook)

D. In the case of system schools or seminars for system specialists, obtain the written permission of both the national vice chair for special projects and the national vice chair for accountants of the Competitions Committee.

Accountants' Duties

Rule 2403 (page 181 Rulebook)

The chief accountant at each qualifying competition and the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championship shall **has the following duties:**

[Insert new paragraph A, and re-letter subsequent paragraphs]

A. At all competitions, to be responsible for the supervision of assistant accountants and system specialists.

[Insert new Rule 2404 and renumber subsequent rules]

Rule 2404 (page 181 Rulebook)

System specialists are specially trained and certified accountants who are responsible for the rink-side setup, operation, and teardown of the complete scoring system, both mini and large. System specialists coordinate with, and report to, the chief accountant, who retains overall responsibility for all accounting functions.

Rule 2612 (page 183 Rulebook)

The chief accountant, assistant accountants, **and system specialists will** shall have no other duties during the competition. This rule does not apply to IJS duties. **not accept appointment for more than one role at a qualifying competition. This rule does not apply to temporarily serving in the role of either data entry or video replay, if requested by the chief referee in coordination with the chief accountant.**

75. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 42.02 (page 47 Tests Book) as follows:

TR 42.02 ~~¶~~ All international dance tests **may be taken and judged as a couple or as a single test candidate. If the test is taken as a couple, both candidates must be paid and registered candidates for the test.** ~~the dancee couple shall be judged and shall "pass" or "retry" as a couple. A partner in such tests who has already passed the test being tried shall not be affected if a subsequent attempt of the same test with a different partner has been marked "retry."~~

76. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amend rule TR 50.01(C) (page 55 Tests Book) by replacing the current language with the following: **A candidate who has completed the prerequisite compulsory dances per TR 50.01 may bypass the lower level free dance tests and begin their free dance testing at the novice free dance test or higher.**

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

77. APPROVED AS AMENDED- Judges Committee

Amend rules JR 6.01 and JR 7.01 (pages 75-79 Rulebook) to create two new appointments for judges called **Nonqualifying Singles and Pairs Competition** and **Nonqualifying Dance Competition** that would enable a prospective candidate to judge all levels at nonqualifying competitions upon receiving the appointment.

78. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Add an additional item to rule 1222(B) (page 148 Rulebook) as follows.

3. A minority of a judging panel at a nonqualifying competition event can consist of judges with only a nonqualifying competition appointment.

79. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 4.08 (page 74 Rulebook) to allow appointed judges to teach skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests as part of a learn-to-skate or Basic Skills group lesson program while maintaining their eligibility to participate as a U.S. Figure Skating judge.

80. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 16.36 (page 87 Rulebook) as follows.

After the conclusion of a national, sectional or regional championship, the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, a national or sectional synchronized skating championship or an approved nonqualifying competition, **the trial judge chair or their representative for the host organization will distribute the trial judge papers as defined in and according to the latest version of the U.S. Figure Skating Trial Judge Management Kit, available from Headquarters or online at www.usfigureskating.org.**

81. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Amend rules JR 14.02, JR 15.01 (pages 84-85 Rulebook) and other relevant rules to allow national, national dance and national synchronized skating judges to resign only their national competition appointment and retain their lowest qualifying competition and/or test appointments, even while in the Honorary category.

82. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Judges Committee

Amend rule JR 7.01(D) (page 79 Rulebook) to allow judges with regional dance appointments to judge **dance events at sectionals through and including novice dance as a minority of the panel.**

83. APPROVED - Judges Committee

If item 326 passes, amend JR 7.01(D) (page 79 Rulebook) to change the name of regional dance judge to **novice sectional dance judge.**

84. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Propose to make appropriate changes to the Judges Rules to ensure that foreign judges and judges seeking reinstatement are allowed to obtain test appointments to judge singles, pairs, and dance tests, without first being educated in moves in the field. The rules will still mandate that all foreign judges and judges seeking reinstatement be properly educated in moves in the field before being eligible to judge moves in the field tests in the United States.

85. APPROVED - International Judges and Officials Committee

Amend rule IJO CR 2.01 (page 71 Rulebook) to add the Technical Panel Committee chair as a member of the International Judges and Officials Committee.

86. APPROVED - International Judges and Officials Committee

Amend rule IJO CR 3.01 (page 71 Rulebook) to remove the requirement to present judging candidates for promotion at two BOD meetings each year as follows:

World and international judges may be nominated by the Board of Directors ~~at either its spring or fall meeting~~ upon presentation of the candidate's name, recommendation and record by the chair of the International Judges and Officials Committee. *Balance of rule remains the same.*

87. APPROVED - International Judges and Officials Committee

Amend rules IJO CR 3.04 and IJO CR 3.05 (page 72 Rulebook) to require that technical panel officials obtain approval from the Board of Directors before nomination to the ISU.

88. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4061(C)(e) Novice Pairs Short Program Remarks (page 312 Rulebook) to add the following to the solo spin requirements.

Both partners must achieve a basic position (sit, camel or upright) for at least two revolutions. A spin without three revolutions is not counted as a spin but as a skating movement.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

89. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4062 Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 314 Rulebook) to add the following to the solo spin requirements.

A change of foot and flying entry in the solo spin and solo spin combination are optional. Both partners must achieve a basic position (sit, camel or upright) for at least two revolutions. A spin without three revolutions is not counted as a spin but as a skating movement.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

90. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 315 Rulebook) to add the following to the solo spin requirements.

A change of foot and flying entry in the solo spin and solo spin combination are optional. Both partners must achieve a basic position (sit, camel or upright) for at least two revolutions. A spin without three revolutions is not counted as a spin but as a skating movement.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

91. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4081 Juvenile Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 316 Rulebook) to add the following to the solo spin requirements.

A change of foot and flying entry in the solo spin and solo spin combination are optional. A spin without three revolutions is not counted as a spin but as a skating movement.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

92. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4061(C)(g) Novice Pairs Short Program (page 312 Rulebook) to add the following to the death spiral remarks.

In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position. The lady simultaneously must skate on a clean edge with her body and head close to the ice surface; however, she must not touch the ice or assist herself with any part of the body.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

93. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4062 Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 314 Rulebook) as follows:

Death Spiral: Maximum of one death spiral, with at least one full revolution by the man in pivot position. In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position. The lady simultaneously must skate on a clean edge with her body and head close to the ice surface; however, she must not touch the ice or assist herself with any part of the body.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

94. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 315 Rulebook) as follows:

Death Spiral: Maximum one death or pivot spiral with a regular hand hold. ~~Minimum one half revolution by the man in pivot position.~~ In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position. The lady simultaneously must skate on a clean edge with her body and head close to the ice surface; however, she must not touch the ice or assist herself with any part of the body.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

95. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4081 Juvenile Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 316 Rulebook) as follows:

Death Spiral: Maximum one death spiral or pivot spiral. ~~Minimum one half revolution by the man in pivot position.~~ The death spiral and pivot spiral are to be executed with the regular one-hand to one-hand hold position. The pivot spiral is not eligible for features. In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot spiral, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum one-half revolution with the man in a pivot position.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

96. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4061(C)(a) Novice Pairs Short Program (page 313 Rulebook) as follows:

Lifts: Type of lift is optional. One lift selected from Groups 1-5. One-handed variations, changes of hold or of the lady's position during the lift are permitted. ~~Minimum of one rotation by the male partner.~~ The lift must have a minimum of two revolutions of the lady, and a minimum of one and maximum of three and one-half revolutions by the man. The lift may not include a carry.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

97. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4062 Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 314 Rulebook) as follows:

Lifts: Maximum of two lifts from different ~~lifts~~ groups, one of which must be from Group 3 or 4. Variation of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are permitted. Lifts may not include a carry. All lifts must have a minimum of two revolutions of the lady, and a minimum of one and maximum of three and one-half revolutions by the man.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

98. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4071 Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 315 Rulebook) as follows:

Lifts: Maximum two lifts. Lifts are to be selected from the following: Group 1 lifts and Group 2 waist loop lift. In the alternative, the skaters may elect to perform one of their two lifts from among the following additional choices: a forward press lift, a two-handed star or a platter lift. Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, ~~and~~ combination lifts, lifts that include a carry and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted. However, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension is achieved is not a violation of this rule. All lifts must have a minimum of two revolutions of the lady, and a minimum of one and maximum of three and one-half revolutions by the man.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

99. APPROVED AS AMENDED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule 4081 Juvenile Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 316 Rulebook) to add the following to the lift requirements.

Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted. All lifts must have a minimum of one revolution of the lady, and a minimum of one and maximum of three and one-half revolutions by the man.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

100. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend rule TR 39.06 Senior Pairs Test (page 42 Tests Book) as follows:

One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface **or** one sequence of spirals fully utilizing the ice surface, number of spirals optional but must be balanced between the partners; all spirals must be held for a minimum of three seconds.

101. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amend TR 39.05 Junior Pairs Test (pages 41-42 Tests Book) as follows:

One straight line, circular or serpentine step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface **or** one sequence of spirals fully utilizing the ice surface, number of spirals optional but must be balanced between the partners; all spirals must be held for a minimum of three seconds.

102. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Add a new test rule **Requirements for Pairs Tests** as follows:

In the event of a substantive change to any required pairs technical element(s) by the ISU, the chair of the Pairs Committee will revise the affected pairs test(s) to include such change(s) as soon as practical. The chair will notify the chairs of the Judges, Rules and Tests Committees, and U.S. Figure Skating will post the change on the official web site, notify club test chairs and ensure test forms are modified accordingly.

103. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend rule TR 32.07 Junior Free Skate Test (page 33 Tests Book) to read:

Steps: ~~Men—two different/Ladies—one spiral sequence and~~ **One** step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface. See rule 3643 for description.

This was declared urgent to become effective May 15, 2009.

104. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Add a new test rule TR 27.03 (page 27) as follows:

In the event of a substantive change to any required singles technical element(s) by the ISU, the chair of the Singles Committee will revise the affected free skate test(s) to include such change(s) as soon as practical. The chair will notify the chairs of the Judges, Rules and Tests Committees, and U.S. Figure Skating will post the change on the official web site, notify club test chairs and ensure test forms are modified accordingly.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3701 Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook)** to read:

Jumps generally: Only two different double jumps may be attempted. The number of single jumps is not limited.
Balance of rule remains the same.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

105.APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3701 Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook)** to limit the double jumps that may be performed to double Salchow, double toe loop, and double loop. Neither a double flip nor double Lutz would be allowed.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

106.APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3691 Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 282 Rulebook)** to reduce maximum number of allowed jumping elements from six to five.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

107.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4680 Novice (page 396 Rulebook)** to change the age limit from under age 16 to: under age 16 with the exception that a maximum of four skaters may be 16 or 17.

108.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4730 Adult (page 398 Rulebook)** as shown below.

Requirements as of the preceding July 1:

21 years of age or older ~~with the majority of skaters 25 years of age or older.~~

109.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Eliminate the open junior level by deleting **rules 4750 and 4751 Open Junior (page 399 Rulebook)** and any other references to the open junior level.

110.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4791 Open Collegiate Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 401 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced open collegiate free skate must contain the following ~~five~~ six elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation

111.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4741 Masters Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 399 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced masters free skate must contain the following six elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation

112.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4731 Adult Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 398 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced adult free skate must contain the following ~~eight~~ **seven** elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ **One** intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation
- G. One additional element to be selected from ~~block, circle or line~~ **moves in the field or spin**

113.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4771 Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 400 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced open juvenile free skate must contain the following ~~five~~ **six** elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. **One movement in isolation**

114.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4701 Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 379 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced juvenile free skate must contain the following six elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ **One** intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. **One movement in isolation**

115.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 4691 Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 396 Rulebook)** as shown.

A well-balanced intermediate free skate must contain the following ~~eight~~ **seven** elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. Two intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation
- G. ~~One additional element to be selected from block, circle or line~~

116.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 4681 Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (page 396 Rulebook) as shown.

A well-balanced novice free skate must contain the following ~~eight~~ seven elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. ~~Two~~ One intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation
- G. ~~One additional element to be selected from block, circle or line~~ One no hold block

117.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 3259 Alternates on a Synchronized Skating Team (page 206 Rulebook) as shown.

- i. Qualifying competitions: Each synchronized skating team may have alternates listed on the team roster. ~~The number of alternates is unlimited;~~ The maximum number of alternates is four. Teams may have a total of four athletes on their roster in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

118.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 4790 Open Collegiate (page 401 Rulebook) as shown below.

Requirements as of the ~~preceding~~ July 1st entry deadline:

8-16 skaters

Must be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university. Team members ~~may be full-time or part-time students.~~ must be full-time students, as recognized by the college or university they attend.

119.APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend rule 4720 Collegiate (page 398 Rulebook) as shown below.

Requirements as of the ~~preceding~~ July 1st entry deadline:

12-20 skaters

Skaters must be enrolled in college/university degree program as full-time students (as recognized by the college or university).

120.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend rule 3431 IJS Competition Officials (page 223 Rulebook) as follows:

C. Officials

- 2. The following officials trained to function in the IJS ~~shall be recommended~~ must be certified to officiate at U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions:

- c. Technical panel to include at minimum ~~one technical specialist and one data operator to record called elements and assist the technical specialist in reviewing the called elements.~~

- i Technical Controller

- ii Technical Specialist

- iii Assistant Technical Specialist

In an emergency situation, when a shortage of technical panel personnel arises, the chief referee may assign one technical controller and one technical specialist to the technical panel.

121.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule 3432 Data Operator and Video Replay Operator Qualifications (pages 227-228 Rulebook)** as follows:

- F. Data operator
 - 1. Qualifications
 - e. Must be trained and certified to act as ~~a technical controller, technical specialist or as a data operator~~ by the ISU or by the Technical Panel Committee of U.S. Figure Skating if serving in a qualifying event.
- G. Video replay operator (for events using video replay)
 - 1. Qualifications
 - e. Must be trained and certified to act as a ~~technical controller, technical specialist, data operator or video replay operator~~ by the ISU or the Technical Panel Committee of U.S. Figure Skating if serving in a qualifying event.
 - 2. *Remains unchanged*
 - 3. ~~Assists in the set up and tear down of all video equipment for the event if required.~~
 - 4. ~~Attends~~ **May attend** practice sessions **to become** familiar with the skater(s)/teams programs in advance of the event.

122.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule 3432 (page 226 Rulebook)** with respect to qualification for initial certification of technical specialists for nonqualifying competitions as follows:

- E. Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist
 - 1. Qualifications
 - c. Nonqualifying competitions must be either a:
 - i a former senior, junior or novice, ~~intermediate or juvenile~~ competitor at a regional championships ~~or a U.S. Junior Championships~~

123.APPROVED - Technical Panel Committee

Amend **rule 3432(E)(1)(a)(ii), (b)(ii) and (c)(ii) (pages 226 Rulebook)** to further define coach of such a skater to specifically reference that role as the **coach/coaches responsible for 50% or more of such competitor's training.**

124.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Moves in the Field Task Force

Amend **rules TR 25.02-TR 25.08 (pages 13-22 Tests Book)**

TR 25.02 Preliminary Moves in the Field Test

- 1. Forward and backward crossovers – **combined pattern**
- 2. Consecutive outside and inside spirals
- 3. Forward power three-turns
- 4. Alternating forward three-turns
- 5. **Forward circle 8**
- 6. Alternating Backward Crossovers to Backward Outside Edges – **condensed pattern**

TR 25.03 Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field Test

- ~~1. Forward perimeter power crossover stroking~~
- ~~2. Backward perimeter power crossover stroking~~
- 1. **Forward and backward perimeter power stroking**
- ~~3.~~2. FO-BI three-turns in the field
- ~~4.~~3. FI-BO three-turns in the field
- ~~5.~~4. Forward and backward power change of edge pulls
- 5. **Backward circle 8**
- 6. Five-step mohawk sequence – **condensed pattern**

TR 25.04 Juvenile Moves in the Field Test

1. Stroking: Forward power circle
2. Stroking: Backward power circle
- ~~1~~ 3. Eight-step mohawk sequence – figure 8 pattern
- ~~2~~ 4. Forward and backward free skating cross strokes
- ~~3~~ 5. Backward power three-turns
- ~~4~~ 6. Forward double three-turns

TR 25.05 Intermediate Moves in the Field Test

- ~~1~~ Stroking: Forward power circle
- ~~2~~ Stroking: Backward power circle
- ~~3~~ Backward perimeter power crossover stroking with backward power three turns
- ~~4~~ 1. Backward double three-turns
- ~~6~~ 2. Spiral sequence – revised pattern
- ~~5~~ 3. Brackets in the field sequence
4. Forward twizzles
- ~~6~~ 5. Inside slide chassé pattern

TR 25.06 Novice Moves in the Field Test

- ~~1~~ Backward perimeter power stroking with back inside three turns and forward inside three turns
- ~~2~~ Forward perimeter power crossover stroking to a backward quick rocker turn sequence
1. Backward and forward inside three turns/rocker-choctaw sequences
- ~~3~~ 2. Forward and backward outside counters
- ~~4~~ 3. Forward and backward inside counters
4. Forward loops
5. Backward rocker choctaw sequence
6. Backward twizzles
- ~~7~~ Bracket three bracket pattern

TR 25.07 Junior Moves in the Field Test

- ~~1~~ Forward power circles
- ~~2~~ Backward power circles
- ~~3~~ 1. Forward and backward outside rockers
- ~~4~~ 2. Forward and backward inside rockers
- ~~5~~ 3. Power pulls
- ~~6~~ 4. Choctaw sequence
5. Backward loop pattern
6. Straight line step sequence

TR 25.08 Senior Moves in the Field Test

1. Sustained edge step
2. Extension spiral step – revised pattern
3. Backward outside power double three-turns to power double inside rockers
4. Backward inside power double three-turns to power double outside rockers
5. ~~Quick edge step~~ Serpentine edge step

125.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Adult Skating Committee

Amend rules TR 25.09-TR 25.11 (pages 22-25 Tests Book) to align adult moves in the field with the proposed standard track moves in the field revisions.

TR 25.09 Adult Pre Bronze Moves in the Field Test

1. Forward perimeter stroking
2. Basic consecutive edges
3. Forward and backward crossovers – **combined figure eight pattern**
4. Waltz eight
5. Forward three turns

TR 25.10 Adult Bronze Moves in the Field

- ~~1. Forward perimeter power crossover stroking~~
1. **Forward and** backward perimeter power crossover stroking
2. Forward power three-turns
3. Alternating back crossovers to back outside edges – **condensed pattern**
4. **Forward circle eight**
5. Five-step mohawk sequence – **condensed pattern**

TR 25.11 Adult Silver Moves in the Field

1. Eight-step mohawk sequence – **figure eight pattern**
2. Forward and backward free skating cross strokes
3. FO-BI three-turns in the field
4. FI-BO three-turns in the field
5. Forward right and left foot spirals
6. Forward and backward power change of edge pulls

126.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Moves in the Field Task Force

Implementation of all Moves in the Field changes: **September 2, 2010**

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)

127.DID NOT APPROVE - Nominating Committee

Delete the existing language of rule NCR 3.04(K) (pages 103-104 Rulebook) and replace with:

K. In the event there is a contested position in accordance with NCR 3.04(I), a public forum will be scheduled to provide delegates an opportunity to meet the candidates for such position(s).

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

128.APPROVED – Submitted by: Mike Meyer, Group Coordinator Membership Development

To allow the Program Development Committee to explore the concept of a national solo dance competition.

129.APPROVED - Submitted by: Pat St. Peter, Midwestern Vice President

Amend rule TR 28.04, Free Skate Test Rules, (page 28 Tests Book) to read as follows:

For free skate tests vocal music with lyrics is ~~not~~ permitted.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

130.APPROVED AS AMENDED - Submitted by: Pat St. Peter, Midwestern Vice President

Amend rule 3502(A), (page 252 Rulebook) to read as follows:

For singles and pairs short program and free skate, vocal music with lyrics is not permitted **except as follows: for all short and free skate programs up to and including the intermediate level and for all events using the 6.0 system of judging, vocal music with lyrics is permitted.**

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of the Governing Council.

NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

131.APPROVED to amend rule **JR 8.01 (pages 79-80 Rulebook)** to create a new appointment for judges called Nonqualifying Synchronized Skating Competition that would enable a prospective candidate to judge all levels of synchronized skating at nonqualifying competitions upon receiving the appointment.

132.DID NOT APPROVE to expand the fill up rule to include juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance progressing from sectionals to U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships.

133.APPROVED to amend rule TR 35.06, Pairs Test Rules, (page 38 Tests Book) to read as follows:

For pairs tests vocal music with lyrics is ~~not~~ permitted.

This was declared urgent to go into effect at the close of Governing Council.

OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

134.APPROVED the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 and **ACCEPTED** the audited financial report for the period ending June 30, 2008.

135.APPROVED to ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the year except those actions rescinded, referred, or amended by the Governing Council.

136.ELECTED the following:

OFFICERS

President	Patricia St. Peter
Pacific Coast and First Vice President	Jessica Gaynor
Midwestern and Second Vice President	Kathy Slack
Eastern and Third Vice President	Ann O'Keefe
Secretary	Samuel Auxier
Treasurer	Susan Keogh

GROUP COORDINATORS

Athlete Services	Brittney Bottoms
Membership Development	Michael Meyer
Technical	Hal Marron
Administrative/Legal	Winston Burbank

COACHING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Tammy Gambill
Mark Mitchell

137.ANNOUNCED

ATHLETE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD as elected by the athletes

Justin Dillon (Singles)	Voting Member
Deborah Koegel-Fediukov (Dance)	Voting Member
Mark Ladwig (Pairs)	Voting Member
Rebecca Search (Synchronized)	Non-Voting Member

138.The President ACCEPTED the Nominating Committee recommendations for the following committee chairs

Adult Skating	Alexis "Lexi" Rohner
Athlete Development	Benjamin "Ben" Miller
Athletes Advisory	Justin Dillon (elected by the athletes)
Coaches	Jackie Brenner
Collegiate Program	Gerald Miele
Competitions	Richard Kern
Dance	Janis Engel
Ethics	Karen Terry Perreault
Grievance	Gretchen Bonnie
International	Lorrie Parker
International Judges and Officials	Anne Cammett
Judges	Dawn Eyerly
Membership	Maureen Dalton
Memorial Fund	Leslie Gianelli
Pairs	Deveny Deck
Parents	Gordon Benson
Program Development	Roland Bessette
Rules	Heather Nemier
Sanctions and Eligibility	Karen Dillon
Selections	Kitty DeLio LaForte
Singles	Kim Heim
Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating	Sandy Lamb
Sports Sciences and Medicine	Kathryn "Kat" Arbour
State Games	Hope Wheeler
Strategic Planning	Terri Levine
Synchronized Skating	Karin Sherr
Technical Panel	Wendy Enzmann
Tests	Wayne Hundley

139.ANNOUNCED the following appointments made by the President:

USOC Representative	Charles Cyr
ISU Representative	Gale Tanger

140.ANNOUNCED the Nominating Committee for 2010-2011:

<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>MIDWESTERN</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term.		
Derrick Delmore (SA)	Jerod Swallow (EGL)	Laurie Johnson (CP)
Elected by the Governing Council in 2008 to serve a two year term – this is year two		
Joan Rozolis (NA)	Todd Bromley (SW)	Linda Chihara (NWP)
Alex Enzmann (NE)	Dann Krueger (UGL)	Sharon Watson (SWP)
Elected by the Athletes to serve a one year term		
Deborah Koegel-Fediukov (E)	Lindsey Weber (M)	Justin Dillon (P)

141.ANNOUNCED that the 2010 Governing Council meeting will be held at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa, Calif., on the dates of April 30-May1, 2010.

142.ELECTED Ron Hershberger as an Honorary Member of U.S. Figure Skating.