

## COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

### Taken by the

#### I. Board of Directors – In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots – May 1, 2011-May 2, 2012

#### II. Governing Council – Myrtle Beach, S.C. – May 4-5, 2012

- All bylaw amendments will go into effect with the publication of the rulebook, unless otherwise noted.
- All rule changes will go into effect on September 1, 2012, unless another implementation date is specified.

#### **I. Actions Taken by the Board of Directors Prior to the 2012 Governing Council Meeting (May 1, 2011-May 2, 2012):**

##### **May 1, 2011**

##### **1. APPROVED** the following persons as members of the Audit Committee for 2011-12:

- Kristin Arneson Cutler (new)
- Samuel Auxier (returning)
- Henry Fein (athlete – returning)
- Monte Jahnke (returning)
- Warren Naphtal (ex-officio)

##### **2. APPROVED** the following persons as members of the Compensation Committee for 2011-12:

- Mark Ladwig (athlete)
- Hal Marron
- Kathy Slack

##### **3. APPROVED** the creation of the Vice Presidents' Humanitarian Award starting with the 2012-13 season.

##### **June 6, 2011**

##### **4. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2011 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; July 21-24, 2011; Sun Valley, Idaho, Sun Valley FSC.

##### **5. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2012 National Showcase; August 2-4, 2012; Carlsbad, Calif.; Escondido FSC.

##### **6. APPROVED** the change of dates in the provisional sanction for the 2012 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships to Feb. 29–March 3, 2012; Worcester, Mass.; The SC of Boston. (Sanction was originally approved for March 7-10, 2012.)

##### **July 6, 2011**

##### **7. APPROVED** the team leader selection procedure form for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

##### **8. APPROVED** the following nominations to the USOC for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games:

- Team Manager/Technical Advisor for Single & Pairs: Kathy Slack
- Team Manager/Technical Advisor for Dance: John Millier
- Team Leader: Mitch Moyer
- Alternate Team Managers/Technical Advisors: Tina Lundgren, Singles & Pairs; Jenny Mast, Dance

##### **9. APPROVED** an amendment to rule 2621 to identify technical panel level requirements for IJS at adult sectional championships. (*This was implemented for the 2012 adult sectional championships.*)

##### **10. APPROVED** the competition entry fees for the U.S. Collegiate Championships, Regional Championships, Sectional Championships, Adult Sectional Championships, U.S. Adult Championships and Synchronized Sectional Championships as submitted by the chair of the Competitions Committee.

##### **11. APPROVED** the requested change of dates in the provisional sanction for 2012 National Showcase to August 9-11, 2012; Carlsbad, Calif.; Escondido FSC. (Sanction was originally approved for August 2-4, 2012.)

##### **12. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2012 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 10-14, 2012; Bensenville, Ill.; Skating Council of Illinois.

**August 8, 2011**

**13. APPROVED** the nominations of Wendy Enzmann and Lorrie Parker to take the examination for promotion to ISU singles/pairs judge in 2012.

**September 6, 2011**

**14. APPROVED** the Competitions Committee request to change 'birth certificate' to 'any proof of age' in the following rules 2821, 2824 and 3070:

**2820 Rosters, Substitutes, Alternates and Crossover Skaters**

**2821** The entry form of the first qualifying competition of the year for all synchronized skating events becomes the official team roster for the remainder of the year. The roster must list all team members, including alternates. No additions will be permitted from sectionals to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

A. The roster is to be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters with the entry form by Dec. 1;

B. Requests for substitutions to the roster must be submitted on the official form to the sectional vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee. Substitutions to the roster may be permissible up to two weeks prior to the start of the next qualifying competition. The request must be in writing and include the reason for the substitution together with a ~~birth certificate~~ proof of age, if applicable under rule 2824. The sectional vice chair for synchronized skating competitions will notify the national vice chair for synchronized skating competitions, the team manager, the chief referee and U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters of the decision at least one week prior to the start of the competition in question.

**2824 Documents required for qualifying competitions:**

A. ~~Birth certificates~~ Proof of age (i.e., copy of birth certificate, passport, driver's license, notarized affidavit, etc.) for members of senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile synchronized skating teams ~~must be filed by Dec. 1, with the team roster must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters by Dec. 1, prior to the member entering their first qualifying competition.~~ Birth certificates ~~Such proof need to be submitted only be submitted once per member, as they are to remain on file with~~ Upon receiving valid proof, U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters, will flag the member record and immediately destroy any documentation. The roster is to be verified by U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters on a yearly basis. Adult and masters synchronized skating teams must provide proof of age if so requested by the referee and/or local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered;

**3070 Eligibility to Compete – Synchronized Skating**

D. Documents required for nonqualifying competitions:

1. All levels except collegiate must provide proof of age (i.e., copy of birth certificate, passport, driver's license, notarized affidavit, etc.) if so requested by the referee ~~and/or the local organizing committee of the competition for which the team is entered.~~ Proof of age must be provided:

a. At credentialing if requested prior to the start of the competition, or

b. Within 24 hours of being asked by the referee.

i. Failure to furnish the requested proof will result in retroactive disqualification of the member's team.

**15. APPROVED** the Competitions Committee request to amend rule 2946, pertaining to synchronized skating, to delay the second playing of the music to the 7-minute mark of a 12-minute practice session:

**2946** For the free skate 12-minute segments, the music will be played for the first time no later than 1½ minutes into the session. The music will be played for the second time no later than ~~6½~~ 7 minutes into the session. A 30-second warning announcement will be given prior to the start of the music for both playings. Any time left in the session will be announced at the completion of the playing of the music for the second time.

**16. APPROVED** the final sanction for the 2011 Hilton HHonors Skate America; October 21-23, 2011; Ontario, Calif.;

**17. APPROVED** the president's reappointment of Bill Howard and Steve Cady as U.S. Figure Skating representatives to the STAR Board of Directors. The terms are for three years starting in September 2011.

**October 6, 2011**

**18. APPROVED** the final sanction for the 2012 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships; Dec. 10-14, 2011; East Lansing, Mich.; Lansing Skating Club.

### **November 5, 2011**

**19. ACCEPTED** the Audit Report for the 2011 FY Financials through June 30, 2011.

**20. ADOPTED** the November 2011 update to the Athlete Release Policy for those figure skating athletes (singles, pairs, ice dancing) who have competed for the U.S. internationally and would need a release from U.S. Figure Skating if they want to compete for another country/ISU Member.

**21. ADOPTED** the proposed U.S. Figure Skating Gender Policy.

**22. APPROVED** the following appointments and promotions:

#### **From the Competitions Committee**

- **National Announcer:** Patricia Vicary, Pleasanton, Calif.;
- **National Music Coordinator:** Barbara Leonard, Lutherville, Md.; Donald Rabbitt, Yorba Linda, Calif.;
- **National Singles/Pairs Referee:** Alexander Enzmann, Stow, Mass.;

#### **From the Judges Committee**

- **National Synchronized Judge:** Laura Days, West Roxbury, Mass.;

#### **From the Technical Panel Committee**

- **National Technical Controller – Singles:** Janis Engel, Valencia, Calif.; Laurie Johnson, Salt Lake City, Utah;
- **National Technical Specialist – Pairs:** Christopher Pottenger, Newark, Del.;
- **National Technical Specialist – Singles:** Wayne Hundley, Riverside, Calif.; Jessica Melton, Denver, Colo.; Suna Murray, Boston, Mass.;
- **National Data Operator – Singles, Pairs and Dance:** Sharon Hatcherson, Timonium, Md.; Steven Hsu, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lindsey Weber, Shelby Township, Mich.;
- **National Data Operator – Synchronized:** Sharon Watson, Los Angeles, Calif.;

**23. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2012 ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series competition; Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2012; Lake Placid, N.Y.

**24. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2013 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships; April 2-6, 2013; Boston, Mass.

**25. ADOPTED** the revised figure skating World Team Selection Procedures.

### **December 5, 2011**

**26. APPROVED** the updated athlete selection procedures for the Four Continents and World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

**27. APPROVED** the nomination of Wendy Enzmann and Richard Perez to take the exam for promotion to ISU synchronized skating judge.

### **January 17, 2012**

**28. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2012 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 15-18, 2012; South Dennis, Mass.; Yarmouth Ice Club.

### **February 18, 2012**

**29. APPROVED** an amendment to the U.S. Figure Skating Spending Policy to set limits on annual distributions.

**30. APPROVED** changes to the Travel Policy, dated March 2012, including amendments for VIK (value-in-kind) and hotel parking.

**31. APPROVED** the final sanction for the 2012 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 29-March 3, 2012; Worcester, Mass.; The SC of Boston.

**32. ACCEPTED** a memorial resolution honoring Honorary Executive Committee Member Howard Taylor for his many years of service to U.S. Figure Skating. Mr. Taylor passed away on Feb. 5, 2012.

**March 12, 2012**

**33. APPROVED** the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013.

**34. APPROVED** that Salt Lake Figure Skating be awarded a provisional sanction to host, in conjunction with U.S. Figure Skating, a U.S. senior "B" international competition; Sept. 12-16, 2012; Salt Lake City, Utah.

**April 4, 2012**

**35. APPROVED** the proposal of a two-year budget in the event that Exhibit D is adopted by the Governing Council.

**36. APPROVED** the final sanction for the 2012 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 10-14, 2012; Bensenville, Ill.; Skating Council of Illinois.

**37. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2013 Synchronized Skating World Junior Team Selection Competition; Jan. 11-13, 2013; Fraser, Mich.; Fraser FSC.

**38. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for National Showcase 2013; August 1-3, 2013; Hyannis, Mass.; Bourne Skating Club.

**39. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2013 National Theatre On Ice; June 20-24, 2013; Troy, Ohio; Troy Skating Club.

**40. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2013 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 27-March 2, 2013; Plymouth, Mich.; Detroit Metro Council.

**41. APPROVED** Julia Rey to attend the Frankfurt Seminar in July 2012 to take the exam for promotion to international technical specialist in ice dancing.

**42. APPROVED** Dann Krueger to attend the Frankfurt Seminar in July 2012 to take the exam for promotion to ISU technical controller in synchronized skating.

**43. APPROVED** John Cole to be recommended to the ISU as an international dance referee.

**44. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2012 Skate America; Oct. 17-21, 2012; Kent, Wash.

**May 2, 2012**

**45. ADOPTED** the proposed agenda.

**46. APPROVED** the Minutes of the April 4, 2012, conference call.

**47. ADOPTED** the Standing Rules as amended. The amendments are as follows:

Meetings are conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (currently 11th edition, 2011) and U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws.

6. Group Coordinator reports presented to the Governing Council will not exceed 15 minutes, except for the Technical Group Coordinator report, which will not exceed 30 minutes.

*The remaining items in the Standing Rules remain as written in the 2012 Governing Council meeting book.*

**48. APPROVED** to review and confirm the voting procedures for the election of the new Nominating Committee members with the Governing Council parliamentarian. The voting procedures for the election of the new Nominating Committee members will be announced by the vice presidents at the beginning of the sectional meetings on Friday, May 4.

**49. DID NOT APPROVE** the request to withdraw Exhibit D.

**50. APPROVED** the use of a closed ballot vote on Exhibit D.

**51. APPROVED** athlete selection procedures for the 2014 ladies, men's, pairs, ice dancing and team events at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. *(These procedures will now be submitted to the USOC for final approval.)*

**52. APPROVED** coach selection procedures for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. *(These procedures will now be submitted to the USOC for final approval.)*

53. **APPROVED** the final sanction for 2012 National Theatre On Ice; June 21-23, 2012; Strongsville, Ohio; Greater Cleveland Council of FSCs.
54. **APPROVED** the succession planning implementation dates and activities as the board amended them.
55. **APPROVED** the use of the feedback form within the guidelines that the Succession Planning Task Force chair has recommended.
56. **APPROVED** the creation, by the president, of a Governance Task Force to address the subjects that were recommended by the Succession Planning Task Force.

**II. Actions Taken by the Governing Council in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (May 4-5, 2012):**

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

57. **ADOPTED** the Standing Rules as amended in item 6 by the Board of Directors on May 2, 2012.
58. **ADOPTED** the proposed agenda as amended.
59. **RECEIVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the April 2011 Governing Council meeting held April 29-30, 2011, in Lombard, Ill.
60. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this meeting of Dina Gold (chair), Linda Chihara (Rules Committee chair) and Timothy McKernan (athlete member).
61. **AWARDED** the following provisional clubs full membership in U.S. Figure Skating:
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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Arcadia FSC                 | Phoenix, AZ      |
| Boulder FSC                 | Boulder, CO      |
| Center Ice of Oaks FSC      | Oaks, PA         |
| Central Iowa FSC            | Urbandale, IA    |
| Heartland FSC               | Independence, MO |
| Heritage FSC                | Lakeville, MN    |
| Jay Peak FSC                | Jay Peak, VT     |
| Jersey Coast FSC            | Farmingdale, NJ  |
| Marshfield Silver Laces FSC | Marshfield, WI   |
| Northern Maine FSC          | Presque Isle, ME |
| Palm Beach FSC              | Lake Worth, FL   |
| Pond FSC                    | Newark, DE       |

62. **WITHDREW – Exhibit A**  
 Amend Article NINTH of the U.S. Figure Skating Articles of Incorporation to amend the number of votes required of the Governing Council to amend the Articles of Incorporation of U.S. Figure Skating.

63. **ADOPTED – Exhibit B**  
 Amend Article V, Section 4 (B) (page 7, Rulebook), Article VIII, Sections 4 (C), 5 (C), 6 (C) and 7 (page 10, Rulebook), and Article XVI, Section 4 (page 19, Rulebook) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws to clarify who can be accorded the privilege of speaking at various meetings.

**ARTICLE V  
 Membership**

**Section 4 Honorary Members.**

B. Have no voting rights with respect to the government of U.S. Figure Skating; but may be accorded the privilege of speaking when present at official meetings of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to Governing Council.

**ARTICLE VIII  
 Board of Directors**

**Section 4 Ex-officio and Additional Members.**

C. Ex-officio and additional members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will ~~may~~ be accorded the privileges of speaking ~~the floor~~.

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



C. Honorary members of the Board of Directors may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will may be accorded the privileges of speaking the floor.

**Section 6 Representatives from other Figure Skating Sports Organizations.** U.S. Figure Skating will provide for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any sports organization which, in the sport for which recognition is sought:

C. Representatives from other figure skating sports organizations may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will may be accorded the privileges of speaking the floor, but will have no vote.

**Section 7 Attendance by Permanent Committee Chairs.** The chairs of the permanent committees specified in Article XVI of these bylaws may attend in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and, if present, may be accorded the privileges of speaking the floor but will have no vote.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Committees

**Section 4 Special and Ad Hoc Committees.** The president, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, may from time to time designate and appoint or abolish special and ad hoc committees and chairs thereof and special offices and officers, each with such duties as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, or by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The chairs of special and ad hoc committees and any officers appointed pursuant to this section may, upon the invitation of the president, attend meetings of the Board of Directors and, when present, will may be accorded the privileges of speaking the floor.

## 64. ADOPTED – Exhibit C

Amend **Article V, Section 2 (C) (page 7, Rulebook) and Article IX, Section 3 (D) (page 12, Rulebook) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** as follows:

## ARTICLE V

### Membership

**Section 2 Member Clubs.** Member clubs consist of:

- A. Full member clubs;
- B. Provisional member clubs; and
- C. Such other classes as may from time to time be determined by the Governing Council.

Any club fostering figure skating may apply in writing for membership and, if satisfactory and upon compliance with all requirements of U.S. Figure Skating, may be elected a provisional or full member club by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast of the Governing Council present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting. If an application for membership is received in the period between meetings of the Governing Council, the applicant may be admitted to provisional interim membership until the next subsequent annual meeting of the Governing Council, in such manner and upon such terms as may be set forth in the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Interim and pProvisional member clubs have only such privileges as are specified therein.

## ARTICLE IX

### Meetings of Governing Council and Board of Directors

**Section 3 Announcements and Notices of Meetings of the Governing Council.**

D. The exact wording of any proposed action need not be stated, except that the specific text of any proposed amendments to these bylaws must be stated, and the names and locations of all clubs to be proposed for provisional and full club membership will be stated.

## 65. DID NOT ADOPT – Exhibit D

Amend **the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** to support the four-year business plan of the organization by creating a streamlined Governing Council meeting format every other year, allow online voting by delegates, change the frequency with which bylaws and rules can be changed and the rulebook will be printed and allow for the approval of a two-year budget.

## 66. APPROVED – Exhibit E

Amend **Article VIII, Section 4 (B) (pages 9-10, Rulebook) and Article XV, Section 4 (B) (page 17, Rulebook) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws**, to clarify how the non-voting athlete member of the board will be determined and create a rotation between the disciplines such that no discipline should be represented by the non-voting member two years in a row.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Board of Directors

**Section 4 Ex-officio and Additional Members.**

B. An additional athlete representative member, elected pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 (B), from a discipline not otherwise represented by the athlete members of the board; and three additional individuals, one each named from the Professional Skaters Association, Ice Skating Institute and Serving the American Rinks from among their membership, are nonvoting members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XV

### Nominations and Elections of Officers and Board of Directors

#### Section 4 Elections.

B. The Athletes Advisory Committee ~~must conduct elections to elects the appropriate number of~~ four athlete members of the Board of Directors – one representing each discipline of ice dancing, pairs, singles and synchronized skating – pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Sections 2 and 4 (B), of these bylaws for a term of one year commencing upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Governing Council at which elections under paragraph A of this Section 4 occur, or until their respective successors are elected and assume office. From the four elected members, three will be voting members and one will be non-voting. The elected chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will always be a voting member. From the remaining three athlete board members, the non-voting member will rotate annually among the disciplines in alphabetical order.

**Proviso:** The rotation will begin with ice dancing and continue to rotate such that the non-voting member will be from the discipline that has gone the longest without being represented by the non-voting member. This is effective immediately.

#### 67. APPROVED – Exhibit F

Amend **Article XXI (page 23, Rulebook) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** to split Sections 1 and 2 of Article XXI into separate articles (renumber remaining articles and update cross references accordingly), and move the language from AACR 3.01 into the bylaws such that the full definition of an athlete will be located in one place – in new Article XXII.

## ARTICLE XXI

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

#### ~~Section 1~~ Prerequisites.

- A. Any person who is a member in good standing of a member club, collegiate club or an honorary or individual member and is registered with U.S. Figure Skating and is otherwise eligible to do so in accordance with the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating has the opportunity to participate in the activities of U.S. Figure Skating, including but not limited to:
- (i) The opportunity to compete in competitions, take tests and participate in carnivals and exhibitions sponsored by U.S. Figure Skating; and
  - (ii) The opportunity to serve as an officer, a director or committee member or as an official in figure skating.
- B. U.S. Figure Skating does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender or national origin.

## ARTICLE XXII

### Definition of Athlete

**Section 21** *Definition of Athlete.* For all purposes set forth in these bylaws or the official rules of U.S. Figure Skating, an athlete is defined as a member meeting the prerequisites of ~~Section 1~~ Article XXI of these bylaws and:

- A. Any person who has competed in a sectional championship in singles, pairs or ice 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 during the prior five years; or
- B. Any person who has placed first through fourth in singles, pairs or ice dance in the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships during the prior five years; or
- C. Any person who has competed for U.S. Figure Skating 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.

**Section 2** *Athlete Service on U.S. Figure Skating Bodies.* An athlete who is elected, selected or appointed for service as an Athlete Delegate to the Governing Council, on the Board of Directors, International Committee, International Committee Management Subcommittee, Nominating Committee, Synchronized Management Subcommittee, Selections Committee or Athletes Advisory Committee must have competed in either:

- A. A championship (senior) or junior event at the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships or U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, or
- B. An international competition as defined in Section 1 (C) of this Article XXII, within the 10 years preceding election.

#### 68. APPROVED – Exhibit G

Amend **Article VIII, Section 13 (C) (page 11, Rulebook) of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws** to define how unexpired terms affect term limits:

## ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

#### Section 13 Vacancies.

- C. A director elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of their predecessor in office: and may thereafter be elected to serve for the maximum number of terms allowed by these bylaws.

## ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)

### 69. APPROVED (as part of Exhibit F) – Rules Committee

Amend rule AACR 1.11 (page 35, Rulebook) and delete rules AACR 3.00 to 3.01 (page 35, Rulebook) as follows:

**AACR 1.11** The members of the Athletes Advisory Committee shall will be elected annually each spring as follows:

- A. Athletes meeting the definition of Article XXII, Section 2~~1~~, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws shall will elect those athletes meeting this the definition of “athlete” in Article XXII, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws ~~and also AACR 3.00~~ to serve as members of the committee for a period of one year and shall will number no more than 50.

#### ~~AACR 3.00 Athlete Service on U.S. Figure Skating Bodies~~

~~AACR 3.01~~ An athlete who is elected, selected or appointed for service on the Board of Directors, Governing Council, International Committee, International Committee Management Subcommittee, Synchronized Management Subcommittee, Selections Committee or Athletes Advisory Committee must have competed in either:

- A. A championship (senior) or junior event at the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Championships or U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, or  
B. An international competition as defined in Article XXI, Section 2, within the 10 years preceding election.

**Implementation date:** Upon publication of the rulebook (~July 10, 2012)

### 70. APPROVED – International Committee

Amend rule ICR 2.02 (pages 61-62, Rulebook) as follows:

**ICR 2.02** The responsibilities of the International Committee (IC) are:

- A. Mission: To select the U.S. Figure Skating Team that wins the maximum number of international medals and berths possible by strategically providing experience to qualified members of the U.S. Figure Skating Team, and by identifying and supporting the best qualified future prospects;
- B. ~~The relationship of U.S. Figure Skating~~ To foster relationships with the national skating associations and affiliated clubs of foreign countries;
- C. ~~The approval of~~ To approve criteria proposed and used to select international competitions in singles, pairs and ice dance;
- D. To select international competitions, based on the approved criteria; (*moved from G.*)
- ~~DE. The approval of~~ To approve criteria proposed and used to select and enter member athletes in ~~all international competitions~~; ISU championships, the Olympic Winter Games and the World University Games;
- ~~EF. The selection and entry of~~ To select and enter athletes to compete in the ISU championships and to nominate athletes to the United States Olympic Committee to compete in the Olympic Winter Games;
- ~~FG. The issuance of~~ To issue sanctions for member athletes to participate in skating activities in foreign countries (excluding Canada) and for all foreign athletes (except Canadians) in the U.S.;
- G. ~~The selection of international competitions, based on the approved criteria;~~ (*moved to D.*)

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

### 71. APPROVED – International Committee and Synchronized Management Subcommittee

Amend rules ICR 4.01 (page 62, Rulebook) and ICR 9.01 (page 64, Rulebook) as follows:

#### **ICR 4.00 United States Figure Skating Team**

**ICR 4.01** The U.S. Figure Skating Team shall consist of the singles, pairs and ice dance athletes, team leaders, coaches, medical staff, ~~referees; and~~ and judges ~~and accountants~~ selected by U.S. Figure Skating to participate in all international competitions, ISU championships; and the Olympic Winter Games ~~and the World University Games~~ for the international competition season of July 1-June 30.

#### **ICR 9.00 United States Synchronized Skating Team**

**ICR 9.01** The United States Synchronized Skating Team shall consist of the synchronized athletes, team leaders, coaches, medical staff, ~~referees; and~~ and judges ~~and accountants~~ selected by U.S. Figure Skating to participate in all international competitions, ISU championships and the World University Games for the international competition season of July 1–June 30.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012



## 72. APPROVED AS AMENDED – International Committee and International Management Subcommittee

Amend **rule ICR 6.04 (page 63, Rulebook)** as follows:

**ICR 6.04** The ICMS ~~shall nominate~~ will name the athletes to all international competitions and the World University Games; the International Committee ~~shall will~~ name the athletes to the ISU championships and nominate the athletes to the Olympic Winter Games. ~~Athletes who are nominated to a team envelope are not guaranteed selection to international competition. Furthermore, athletes do not have to be nominated to a team envelope to be selected for international competition.~~

D. U.S. Figure Skating Olympic Team Selection Process:

Selections in each discipline for the U.S. Olympic Team will be nominated to the United States Olympic Committee by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, ~~taking into consideration the results of events in the following order of importance:~~ according to the USOC approved team selection procedures.

1. ~~Current U.S. Figure Skating Championships~~
2. ~~Most recent Senior Grand Prix Final~~
3. ~~Most recent World Figure Skating Championships~~
4. ~~Most recent Four Continents Figure Skating Championships~~
5. ~~Most recent World Junior Figure Skating Championships~~
6. ~~Most recent ISU Junior Grand Prix Final~~

Skaters meeting the above criteria who did not compete or complete competition in the current U.S. Figure Skating Championships due to injury or illness, verified by U.S. Figure Skating personnel, may be considered for selection. In addition, U.S. Figure Skating medical personnel must verify that the athlete(s) will be physically ready to compete at the Olympic Games. The complete USOC approved team selection procedures will be posted on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org).

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

## 73. APPROVED – International Committee

Amend **rule ICR 6.08 (page 64, Rulebook)** as follows:

**ICR 6.08** Entries of competitors to represent U.S. Figure Skating in world and other international competitions must be certified by ~~the secretary of U.S. Figure Skating or by the chair of the International Committee or their~~ the chair's duly authorized representatives.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

## 74. APPROVED – International Committee and Synchronized Management Subcommittee

Amend **rules ICR 10.02 to ICR 10.16 (page 65, Rulebook)** as follows:

**ICR 10.02** The Synchronized Management Subcommittee consists of the International Committee chair, the International Committee immediate past chair, the Synchronized Skating Committee chair, one international synchronized skating coach, three synchronized skating athletes who are not actively competing and five at-large members. In addition, the Synchronized Management Subcommittee immediate past chair and the Synchronized Skating Committee immediate past chair are ex-officio members of this subcommittee. The International Committee chair ~~shall will~~ appoint the SMS chair from among the members of this subcommittee.

A. A quorum of the SMS consists of a majority of the voting members. An action of the SMS will be determined by a two-thirds majority of the members actually voting.

**ICR 10.03** The responsibilities of the Synchronized Management Subcommittee (SMS) are:

**ICR 10.10** ~~Subcommittee Responsibilities~~

**ICR 10.11** A. To select the U.S. Synchronized Skating Team that has the potential to win the maximum number of international medals and berths possible by strategically providing experience to qualified members of the U.S. Synchronized Skating Team, and by identifying and supporting the best qualified future prospects.

**ICR 10.12** B. The relationship of U.S. Figure Skating To foster relationships with the national skating associations and affiliated clubs of foreign countries as it relates to synchronized skating.

**ICR 10.13** C. The approval of To approve criteria proposed and used to select international competitions in synchronized skating.

**ICR 10.14** D. The approval of To approve criteria proposed and used to select and enter member teams in all international synchronized skating competitions, the World Synchronized Skating Championships and the World University Games.

**ICR 10.15** E. The selection and entry of To select and enter synchronized teams to compete in the World Synchronized Skating Championships, Synchronized Skating Junior World Championships and the World University Games.

~~ICR 10.16~~ F. ~~The formulation of~~ To formulate rules, policies and procedures covering the matters within its jurisdiction, and ~~of keeping to keep~~ said rules, policies and procedures current.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**75. APPROVED – International Committee and Synchronized Management Subcommittee**

Amend **rule ICR 10.25 (A) (page 65, Rulebook)** as follows:

**ICR 10.25** The SMS ~~shall~~ will nominate the teams to all international competitions.

- A. The U.S. World Synchronized Skating Team must include the current U.S. champion. The remaining selection (if designated) will be based upon the results of the two most recent U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the most recent World Championships, and all other international events ~~and the current International Committee Ranking System placements.~~

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)**

**76. APPROVED (as part of Exhibit C) – Membership Committee**

Amend **rules MR 3.01 to MR 3.08 (page 81, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 3.00 Applications**

**MR 3.01** Any club, individual, coach, school, Theatre On Ice/Teams, college or university meeting the qualifications for membership and desiring admission thereto ~~shall~~ will file application on the appropriate forms which are available from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters or online.

**MR 3.02** Applications by Theatre On Ice/Teams, or by schools, colleges and universities for school-affiliated or collegiate club membership can be made at any time of the year and ~~shall~~ will be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

**MR 3.03** Applications by clubs ~~shall~~ may be forwarded to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters at any time of the year. ~~For the application to be considered for full club membership at the next meeting of the Governing Council, it must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31.~~

**MR 3.04** The sectional vice chair ~~shall~~ will thoroughly investigate all membership applications from clubs. Said investigation ~~shall~~ will include any club using the same principal skating headquarters. The sectional vice chair ~~shall~~ will report a recommendation to the chair of the Membership Committee for appropriate action. ~~For the application to be considered for full club membership at the next Governing Council, the approved application must be forwarded to the chair no later than Feb. 1.~~

- A. An applicant club may be granted ~~provisional~~ interim membership by the chair of the Membership Committee ~~if the application has been investigated and approved at other times of the year~~ if so recommended by the sectional vice chair of the committee.

- B. Provisional and full club membership will only be granted by the Governing Council at or in connection with its annual meeting.

**MR 3.05** ~~The chair of the Membership Committee shall submit recommendations to the Governing Council for acceptance of applications for full club membership~~ will report and make recommendations of such interim and provisional member clubs to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters by March 1. Such report and recommendations will be included in the notice for such the annual meeting, at which meeting of the Governing Council. The Governing Council will either accept or reject the interim clubs as provisional and the provisional clubs as a full club members clubs.

**MR 3.06** ~~An applicant club may be granted provisional membership by the chair of the Membership Committee if the application has been investigated and approved at other times of the year. (moved to MR 3.04(A))~~

**MR 3.07** ~~Prior to the annual meeting of the Governing Council, the chair of the Membership Committee will report and make recommendations of such provisional member club to the U.S. Figure Skating secretary in care of U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters. Such report and recommendations will be included in the notice for such annual meeting, at which meeting the Governing Council will either accept or reject the club as a full club member. (incorporated with MR 3.05)~~

**MR 3.08** ~~Approval of full club membership is also contingent upon fulfilling education~~ additional requirements as specified by the Membership Committee.

**77. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Membership Committee**

Amend **rule MR 4.07 (page 82, Rulebook)** and **rule MR 6.10 (page 86, Rulebook)** to read as follows:

**MR 4.07** The applicant club shall have not less than 25 home club members, 10 of whom are adult members over the age of 18 years.

A. Clubs unable to meet this requirement that wish to remain active may be approved at the discretion of both the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee and the chair of the Membership Committee.

**MR 6.10** Maintain a total membership of not less than 25 active home club members, at least 10 of whom are adult members over the age of 18 years.

A. Clubs unable to meet this requirement that wish to remain active may be approved at the discretion of both the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee and the chair of the Membership Committee.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2012

**78. APPROVED – Membership Committee**

Amend **rule MR 7.01 (B) (page 86, Rulebook)** to add a general statement that permission must not be unreasonably withheld.

**MR 7.01 B.** It ~~shall be~~ is an unfair practice for a member club, full or provisional, to conduct tests or sanctioned events such as carnivals, exhibitions, U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills programs or competitions at the principal skating headquarters of another member club (full or provisional), without first having obtained the consent of the other member club. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld. However, if a facility usage form is not on file with U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters for the current season, permission is not required.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**79. APPROVED – Membership Committee**

Amend **rule MR 8.07 (page 87, Rulebook)** to read as follows:

**MR 8.07** Member clubs must submit to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters between May 1 and June 1 any time during the current registration year a list of those members not in good standing with said club. Such members will be flagged in the U.S. Figure Skating database until such financial matter has been resolved. Outstanding financial obligation is the only valid reason for submitting a member on this list.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)**

**80. APPROVED/ACCEPTED/ACKNOWLEDGED – Competitions Committee, Judges Committee and Technical Panel Committee**

**From the Competitions Committee**

1. **APPROVED** the following promotion(s):

- **National Accountant:** Katherine Bosworth, Sherwood, Ore.; Ellen Izuka, San Carlos, Calif.; Rodney Williams, Anchorage, Alaska;
- **National Dance Referee:** John Millier, Atlanta, Ga.;
- **National Music Coordinator:** James Chen, Fair Lawn, N.J.;
- **National Showcase Referee:** Aileen Arenson, Escondido, Calif.; Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque, N.M.; Kathleen Harmon, Federal Way, Wash.; John LeFevre, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio; Morry Stillwell, Fallbrook, Calif.;
- **National Synchronized Referee:** Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, Mass.;
- **National Theatre On Ice Referee:** Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, Mass.; Jeanette Davey, La Mesa, Calif.; Judith Edmunds, W Yarmouth, Mass.; Ann Fauver, Kennebunk, Maine; Susan Haugh, Livonia, N.Y.; Chip Ludlow, Venice, Fla.; Donald Mumper, Athens, Ala.; Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio; Lauren Whittaker, Naperville, Ill.;

2. **ACCEPTED/ACKNOWLEDGED** the following vacated national appointments:

Joan Lucas, San Leandro, Calif., passed away Dec. 2011 (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Referee)

Harry McBeth, Upland, Calif., passed away Feb. 2012 (National Accountant)

Howard Taylor, Walnut Creek, Calif., passed away Feb. 6, 2012 (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Referee)

Janice Thielman, Portola, Calif., didn't renew membership (National Music Coordinator)

3. **ACCEPTED** the following resignations:  
Jeffrey Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo. (National Music Coordinator)  
Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie, Texas (National Accountant)

**From the Judges Committee**

1. **APPROVED** the following promotion(s):
- **National Showcase Judge:** Deb Alsen, Calgary, AB, Canada; Aileen Arenson, Escondido, Calif.; Anthony Bardin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Shirley Bourquin, Marlborough, Mass.; Melissa Bowman, Fairview, Texas; Harland Burge, Laguna Hills, Calif.; Rita Cerny, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Elizabeth Clark, Ottawa, ON, Canada; Holly Cole, Hunt Valley, Md.; John Cole, Hunt Valley, Md.; Edwin Cossitt, Water Mill, N.Y.; Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque, N.M.; Jeanette Davey, La Mesa, Calif.; Judith Edmunds, W. Yarmouth, Mass.; Kathleen Harmon, Federal Way, Wash.; Mary Hiser, Worthington, Ohio; Robert Horen, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; John LeFevre, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Chip Ludlow, Venice, Fla.; Mary Anne McGivern, Tulsa, Okla.; Marie Pearce, Atlanta, Ga.; Carolyn Pierce, Hyannis, Mass.; Mary Lou Rothman, Cypress, Calif.; Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio; Karen Snoddy, Willoughby, Ohio; Morry Stillwell, Fallbrook, Calif.; Elisabeth Vaughn, Richardson, Texas; Lauren Whittaker, Naperville, Ill.;
  - **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Najja Bracey, Alexandria, Va.; Katherine Conrad, Kansas City, Mo.; Christy Cullen Williams, Pembroke Pines, Fla.; Kelly Davies, Kirkland, Wash.; Alison Hershberger, San Jose, Calif.; Nancy Iida, Irving, Texas; Michelle Zeles-Hahn, Westminster, Colo.;
  - **National Synchronized Judge:** Elizabeth Barrow, Macomb, Mich.; Mary Ann Wilcox, Rock Springs, Wyo.;
  - **National Theatre On Ice Judge:** Aileen Arenson, Escondido, Calif.; Robert Bell, Lincoln, R.I.; Michele Blatt, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Shirley Bourquin, Marlborough, Mass.; Joyce Burden, San Carlos, Calif.; Joan Burns, San Mateo, Calif.; Glennace Cohen, Castle Rock, Colo.; Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, Mass.; Stephanie Crugnola, Franklin, Mass.; Kathaleen Cutone, Reading, Mass.; Jeanette Davey, La Mesa, Calif.; Judith Edmunds, W. Yarmouth, Mass.; Ann Fauver, Kennebunk, Maine; Susan Haugh, Livonia, N.Y.; Mary Hiser, Worthington, Ohio; Robert Horen, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Chip Ludlow, Venice, Fla.; Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, N.J.; William Mein, Hannawa Falls, N.Y.; Gerald Miele, Greenville, R.I.; Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, Vt.; Wendy Mlinar, Pound Ridge, N.Y.; Donald Mumper, Athens, Ala.; Kristy Panos, Novi, Mich.; Daren Patterson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Marie Pearce, Atlanta, Ga.; Carolyn Pierce, Hyannis, Mass.; Martha Rasmussen, Orchard Park, N.Y.; Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio; Dorothy Tank, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Lauren Whittaker, Naperville, Ill.;
2. **ACCEPTED/ACKNOWLEDGED** the following vacated national appointments:  
Junko Hiramatsu, Japan, didn't renew membership (National Singles/Pairs Judge)  
Carole Ludlow, Venice, Fla., passed away Feb. 11, 2012 (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Judge)  
Howard Taylor, Walnut Creek, Calif., passed away Feb. 5, 2012 (National Singles/Pairs and Dance Judge)

**From the Technical Panel Committee**

1. **APPROVED** the following promotion(s):
- **National Technical Controller – Pairs:** Wayne Hundley, Riverside, Calif.;
  - **National Technical Controller – Singles:** Cassy Papajohn, Englewood, Colo.;
  - **National Technical Specialist – Dance:** Andrew Skillington, Colorado Springs, Colo.;
  - **National Technical Specialist – Pairs:** Eugene Heffron, Rockford, Ill.; Steven Hsu, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sandra Hurtubise-Ulmer, Fairfax, Va.;
  - **National Technical Specialist – Singles:** Phillip DiGuglielmo, San Francisco, Calif.; Camie Doyle, River Edge, N.J.; Yevgeny Martynov, Naperville, Ill.; Janet Melville-Ford, Holly Springs, N.C.; Christian Newberry, Hummelstown, Pa.;
  - **National Data Operator – Singles, Pairs and Dance:** Lynn Goldman, Austin, Texas;

**From the Past Chair of the Technical Panel Committee**

1. **APPROVED** the following promotion(s):
- **National Technical Controller – Singles:** Alexander Enzmann, Stow, Mass.;

**81. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the jump requirements in **rule TR 32.12 (page 24, Tests Book)** as follows:

**TR 32.12 Adult Gold Free Skate Test**

**Jumps:**

1. Choice of Axel jump, double Salchow or double toe loop (as a solo jump, not in combination or sequence)

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**82. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the spin requirements in **rule TR 32.11 (page 24, Tests Book)** as follows:

**TR 32.11 Adult Silver Free Skate Test**

**Spins:** Recommended two spins which must include the following:

1. One camel spin (minimum three revolutions in position)
2. ~~One layback, attitude or sit spin (minimum four revolutions in position)~~
3. ~~One combination spin with only one change of position (minimum three revolutions in each position). Change of foot is optional.~~

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**83. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend spin requirements in **rule TR 32.10 (page 23, Tests Book)** as follows:

**TR 32.10 Adult Bronze Free Skate Test**

**Spins:**

1. ~~One-foot upright spin (minimum four revolutions in position)~~
2. ~~One-foot backspin, entry optional (minimum three revolutions in position)~~
3. Sit spin (minimum three revolutions in position)

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**84. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the jump and step requirements in **rule 4590 (page 218, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4590 Adult Bronze**

<b>ADULT BRONZE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b>	
<b>1:50 maximum time</b>	
<b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>JUMPS</b>	Maximum of four jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be repeated only once and only in combination or in sequence</li> <li>• There must be at least one, but no more than <del>three</del> <u>two</u>, jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>• One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other <del>two</del> may have only two jumps</li> <li>• Only single jumps are allowed</li> <li>• No Axels, double or triple jumps are permitted</li> </ul>
<b>SPINS</b>	Maximum of <del>three</del> <u>two</u> spins of a different character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a spin includes a change of foot, it must have a minimum of three revolutions on each foot. All other spins must have a minimum of three revolutions.</li> <li>• There must be a minimum of two revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted</li> <li>• Spins with a flying entry are not permitted</li> <li>• The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed</li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012



**85. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the jump and spin requirements in **rule 4600 (page 219, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4600 Adult Pre-Bronze**

<b>ADULT PRE-BRONZE WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>1:40 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>JUMPS</b>	The number of half and single-revolution jumps is not limited <u>Maximum of four jump elements</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, in jump combinations and in jump sequences.</li><li>• <u>May be repeated only once and only in combination or in sequence</u></li><li>• <u>Only single or half-revolution jumps are allowed</u></li><li>• No Lutz, Axel or double jumps are permitted</li><li>• Jump combinations and jump sequences are optional. No more than <del>three</del> <u>two</u> jump combinations or jump sequences may be included. <del>The number of jumps to be included is not limited.</del> <u>One jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps.</u></li></ul>
<b>SPINS</b>	A minimum <del>maximum</del> of two and no more than three spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spins with a flying entry are not permitted</li><li>• Spins must have a minimum of three revolutions</li><li>• The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed</li></ul>

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**86. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the lift requirements in **rule 5550 (pages 254-255, Rulebook)** as follows:

**5550 Adult Bronze Pairs**

<b>ADULT BRONZE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>2:10 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFTS</b>	Maximum of <del>two different lifts</del> <u>one lift</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <del>One of which must</del> <u>May</u> be from Group 1; <del>the other lift may be a different lift from Group 1 or a Group 2</del> waist loop lift</li><li>• Minimum of one revolution by the lady</li><li>• Minimum of one-half and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li><li>• Full extension is optional for Group 2 waist loop lift</li><li>• Variations of the lady's position, no-handed, one-handed, overhead, twist, carry and combination lifts and lifts that include a carry feature are not permitted</li></ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**87. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the lift and additional element requirements in **rule 5510 (pages 246-247, Rulebook)** as follows:

**5510 Championship Adult Pairs**

<b>CHAMPIONSHIP ADULT PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>3:40 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFTS</b>	Maximum of <del>three</del> <u>two</u> * different lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One may be a twist lift (no limit to the number of revolutions)</li> <li>• If lifts are from the same group, they must be different (e.g. one star and one platter, both from Group 3)</li> <li>• Minimum of one revolution by the lady</li> <li>• Minimum of one-half and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li> <li>• Variations of the lady’s position, no-handed, one-handed and combination lifts are permitted</li> <li>• Carry lifts and lifts that include a carry feature are not permitted</li> </ul>
<b>STEP OR SPIRAL SEQUENCE</b>	Maximum of one* element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One* choreographic step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) utilizing the full ice surface</li> <li>OR</li> <li>• One* choreographic spiral sequence (consisting of at least two spiral positions held by both partners for three seconds each or one spiral position held by both partners for six seconds)</li> </ul> <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE</li> <li>• A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value</li> <li>• Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such <del>(for exception to this, see “Additional Element”)</del>.</li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL ELEMENT</b>	*Maximum of one additional element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pair combination spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pivot figure/death spiral (maximum two per program; must be different)</li> <li>• <u>Lift (maximum of three per program; must be different)</u></li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence if not already performed</li> <li>• Choreographic spiral sequence if not already performed</li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**88. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the lift and additional element requirements in **rule 5520 (pages 248-249, Rulebook)** as follows:

**5520 Adult Masters Pairs**

<b>ADULT MASTERS PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>3:40 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFTS</b>	Maximum of <del>three</del> <u>two</u> * different lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One may be a twist lift (no limit to the number of revolutions)</li> <li>• If lifts are from the same group, they must be different (e.g. one star and one platter, both from Group 3)</li> <li>• Minimum of one revolution by the lady</li> <li>• Minimum of one-half and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li> <li>• Variations of the lady’s position, no-handed, one-handed and combination lifts are permitted</li> <li>• Carry lifts and lifts that include a carry feature are not permitted</li> </ul>
<b>STEP OR SPIRAL SEQUENCE</b>	Maximum of one* element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One* choreographic step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) utilizing the full ice surface</li> <li style="text-align: center;">OR</li> <li>• One* choreographic spiral sequence (consisting of at least two spiral positions held by both partners for three seconds each or one spiral position held by both partners for six seconds)</li> </ul> <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE</li> <li>• A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value</li> <li>• Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such <del>(for exception to this, see “Additional Element”)</del>.</li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL ELEMENT</b>	*Maximum of one additional element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pair combination spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pivot figure/death spiral (maximum two per program; must be different)</li> <li>• <u>Lift (maximum three per program; must be different)</u></li> <li>• <u>Choreographic step sequence if not already performed</u></li> <li>• <u>Choreographic spiral sequence if not already performed</u></li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**89. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend the lift and additional element requirements in **rule 5530 (pages 250-251, Rulebook)** as follows:

**5530 Adult Gold Pairs**

<b>ADULT GOLD PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>3:40 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFTS</b>	Maximum of <del>three</del> <u>two</u> * different lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One may be a twist lift (no limit to the number of revolutions)</li> <li>• If lifts are from the same group, they must be different (e.g. one star and one platter, both from Group 3)</li> <li>• Minimum of one revolution by the lady</li> <li>• Minimum of one-half and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li> <li>• Variations of the lady’s position, no-handed, one-handed and combination lifts are permitted</li> <li>• Carry lifts and lifts that include a carry feature are not permitted</li> </ul>
<b>STEP OR SPIRAL SEQUENCE</b>	Maximum of one* element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One* choreographic step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) utilizing the full ice surface</li> <li style="text-align: center;">OR</li> <li>• One* choreographic spiral sequence (consisting of at least two spiral positions held by both partners for three seconds each or one spiral position held by both partners for six seconds)</li> </ul> <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE</li> <li>• A sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value</li> <li>• Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such <del>(for exception to this, see “Additional Element”)</del></li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL ELEMENT</b>	*Maximum of one additional element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pair combination spin if not already performed</li> <li>• Pivot figure/death spiral (maximum two per program; must be different)</li> <li>• <u>Lift (maximum of three per program; must be different)</u></li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence if not already performed</li> <li>• Choreographic spiral sequence if not already performed</li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**90. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend **rules 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540, 4550, 4560, 4570, 4580 and 4590 (pages 210-218, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4510 Championship Masters Junior-Senior**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

**4520 Masters Senior**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard junior free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 6th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

**4530 Masters Junior**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard novice free skate test and on or after Oct. 1, 1995, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 4th figure test and no higher than the 7th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

**4540 Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:
  - 1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
  - 2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and no higher than the 4th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

If a skater has previously qualified to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Championship Masters Junior-Senior, said skater cannot compete in Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice.

**4550 Masters Novice**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:
  - 1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
  - 2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and no higher than the 5th figure test;
- C. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, the 8th figure test.

**4560 Masters Intermediate**

Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- A. The standard intermediate free skate test and:
  - 1. On or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard junior free skate test;
  - 2. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard novice free skate test;
- B. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and, on or after Oct. 1, 1974, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, no higher than the 7th figure test.

**4570 Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold**

Test Qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

A. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:

- 1. The adult gold free skate test;
- 2. The standard juvenile free skate test, and:
  - a. Prior to Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard intermediate free skate tests;
  - b. On or after Oct. 1, 1991, no higher than the standard juvenile free skate test; If a skater has passed the standard juvenile free skate test on or after Oct. 1, 1994, and no higher standard free skate tests, the skater must compete in adult gold.
- 3. Prior to Oct. 1, 1977, the 3rd figure test and no higher than the 5th figure test.

B. Skaters may have passed:

- 1. The 2nd figure test, and no higher, before Oct. 1, 1977.
- 2. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, except for the 8th figure test;
- 2. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct. 1, 1979.

If a skater has previously qualified to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice, said skater cannot compete in Championship Adult Gold.



#### 4580 Adult Silver

Test Qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

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

#### 4590 Adult Bronze

Test Qualifications as of the closing date for entries:

- A. Skaters must have passed at least one of the following:
  1. The adult bronze free skate test and no higher adult free skate tests.
  2. The standard preliminary free skate test and no higher standard free skate tests.
- B. Skaters may have passed:
  1. The 2nd figure test, and no higher, before Oct. 1, 1977;
  2. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct. 1, 1977, and prior to Oct. 1, 1979, except for the 8th figure test;
  3. Any figure tests or moves-in-the-field tests on or after Oct. 1, 1979.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

### 91. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee and Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2055 (B) (page 144, Rulebook)** and **rules 6620 to 6681 (page 289, Rulebook)** to add adult pre-silver solo dance and adult pre-gold solo dance events to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, and amend the test requirements for Adult Bronze, Adult Silver and Adult Gold Solo Dance events as follows:

#### Test Qualifications

- Adult Bronze Solo Dance
  - Minimum: Complete ~~preliminary~~ pre-bronze dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One pre-silver dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
- Adult Pre-Silver Solo Dance
  - Minimum: One pre-silver dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One silver dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
- Adult Silver Solo Dance
  - Minimum: One ~~pre~~-silver dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One pre-gold dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
- Adult Pre-Gold Solo Dance
  - Minimum: One pre-gold dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One gold dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
- Adult Gold Solo Dance
  - Minimum: One ~~pre~~-gold dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: No maximum dance test for this event

#### Selection of Dances

- Adult Pre-Silver
    - Dance 1: One bronze dance
    - Dance 2: One pre-silver dance
  - Adult Pre-Gold
    - Dance 1: One silver dance
    - Dance 2: One pre-gold dance
- Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.
  - Draw for the skating order will be made in accordance with rule 6074.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

## 92. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rules CR 7.00 to CR 7.06 (pages 40-42, Rulebook)** to add showcase and Theatre On Ice referees, and to expand the board meetings at which national appointments can be considered as follows:

### CR 7.00 Appointment Process

**CR 7.01** National singles/pairs referees, national dance referees, national synchronized skating referees, national showcase referees, national Theatre On Ice referees, national accountants, national music coordinators, national announcers and national ice technicians may be appointed by the Board of Directors at ~~either its spring or fall~~ any in-person meeting upon presentation of the candidate's name, recommendation and record by the chair of the Competitions Committee.

**CR 7.02** Recommendations for national, sectional and regional singles/pairs referees; national and sectional dance referees; national and sectional synchronized referees; national showcase referees; national Theatre On Ice referees; and national, sectional and regional accountants may be made in writing by any of the following:

G. The vice chair of theatrical skating competitions in the case of national showcase and national Theatre On Ice referees.

**CR 7.03** Recommendations for appointment for:

D. National showcase and national Theatre On Ice referees should include: a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e. experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.):

1. A candidate for national showcase referee:

a. Must be at least a sectional or national level singles/pairs, dance or synchronized referee, and

b. Must have acted as an assistant referee for at least one National Showcase competition.

2. A candidate for national Theatre On Ice referee:

a. Must be at least a sectional or national level singles/pairs, dance or synchronized referee, and

b. Must have acted as an assistant referee for at least one National Theatre On Ice competition.

DE. National, sectional and regional accountant, national music coordinator, national announcer and national ice technician should include: a summary of the candidate's qualifications (i.e., experience, temperament, competitions attended, U.S. Figure Skating number, etc.).

**CR 7.04** The recommendations for national appointments should be sent:

C. For national showcase or national Theatre On Ice referee, to the vice chair for theatrical skating competitions;

ED. For national accountant, national music coordinator, national announcer and national ice technician: to the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee;

DE. To be received by:

1. at least 60 days in advance of the in-person meeting of the Board of Directors at which the candidate is to be considered. Sept. 1 for application to be considered at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors;

2. April 1 for application to be considered at the spring meeting of the Board of Directors.

**CR 7.05** The sectional or national vice chair ~~shall will~~ add a recommendation for appointment and ~~shall~~ forward the complete file for:

A. National singles/pairs referee, and national dance referee, national showcase referee and national Theatre On Ice referee; to the chair of the Competitions Committee;

B. National synchronized referee: The sectional vice chair for synchronized skating competitions shall add a recommendation for appointment of the national synchronized skating referee and shall forward the complete file to the national vice chair for synchronized skating competitions. The national vice chair for synchronized skating competitions shall will add a recommendation and forward the complete file to the chair of the Competitions Committee;

C. National accountant, national music coordinator, national announcer and national ice technician: to the appropriate national vice chair, who will add a recommendation and forward the complete file to the chair of the Competitions Committee;

D. To be received by:

1. at least 20 days in advance of the in-person meeting of the Board of Directors. Oct. 1 for application to be considered at the fall meeting of the Board of Directors;

2. April 15 for application to be considered at the spring meeting of the Board of Directors.

E. The chair shall will present all candidates' names, records and whether recommended or not, to the Board of Directors at its next ensuing in-person meeting for consideration and appropriate action by that body.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**93. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule CR 7.27 (page 43, Rulebook)** as follows:

**CR 7.27 Examination:**

- A. There will not be an annual examination for current referees. ~~Instead, a mailing will be sent out from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters apprising them of new rules and rule changes.~~

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**94. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 1122 (D) (page 131, Rulebook)**, change **section header (page 179, Rulebook)** and add **new rule 3500 (page 184, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 1122** Except as noted above, the chair of the Competitions Committee, or the appropriate sectional or regional vice chair, must sanction all U.S. Figure Skating figure skating competitions held in the United States.  
D. See, also, rules 2000, 3000, 3110, 3131, 3200, 3301, ~~and~~ 3400 and 3500.

**Rules for Nonqualifying Competitions**

**Including: Intercollegiate, Basic Skills, Special, Club, Special Olympics, ~~and~~ National Showcase and National Theatre On Ice**

**3500 Rules for National Theatre On Ice Competitions**

For specific guidelines for the conduct of National Theatre On Ice competitions, refer to the National Theatre On Ice Competition Manual posted on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org).

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**95. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 1122 (C) (page 131, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 1122** Except as noted above, the chair of the Competitions Committee, or the appropriate sectional or regional vice chair, must sanction all U.S. Figure Skating figure skating competitions held in the United States.  
C. A member club that uses the principal skating headquarters of another member club for a competition must receive permission in writing from the home club before a sanction may be issued. Such permission may not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the letter of permission must be attached to the competition sanction application.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**96. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 1214 (page 133, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 1214** Within 30 days after a qualifying competition, the referee will complete a report:
- A. Including the following:
1. Any deviations from or comments regarding:
    - a. Rules governing competitions
    - b. The official schedule
    - c. Proper conduct of judges all officials
  2. Any adverse comments or particularly favorable comments regarding:
    - a. Rink conditions
    - b. Housing
    - c. Transportation
    - d. Music
    - e. Rinkside IJS computer equipment (IVR system)
  3. Any protests, accidents or unusual happenings
  4. Any accidents that also must be reported to the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee
  5. A record of the initial and final placements in each event
  6. A judges<sup>2</sup>, referees and technical panel assignment sheet (Form 104)
  7. CEU/activity report of officials (judges, referees, technical panel)

B. Which will be sent as follows:

TO:	Items 1-4 Referee's Report	Item 5 Component/Cumulative Results	Item 6 Officials' Assign Sheet (Form 104)	Item 7 Officials' CEU Report
President	√	√ (A)	√	
Technical Group Coordinator	√	√	√	
Chair, Competitions Committee	√	√ (B)	√	
Chair, Judges Committee	√	√	√ (C)	
Chair, Technical Panel Committee	√	√	√ (C)	
Appropriate Sectional Vice Chair Competitions Committee	√ (C)	√ (C)	√ (C)	
Appropriate Sectional Vice Chair, Judges Committee for: Singles/Pairs, Dance and/or Synchronized	√ (C)	√ (C)	√	
Appropriate Sectional Vice Chair, Technical Panel Committee	√ (C)	√ (C)	√	
U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters	√	Sent by accountants	√	√ (D)

Footnote: (A) - Send for U.S. Championships only

(B) - Send for sectional and U.S. Championships only

(C) - Send for regional and sectional championships only

(D) - Send for nonqualifying competitions only

**Note:** The requirements listed in items 5 and 6 in the chart may be fulfilled via e-mail at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**97. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Move **rule 1231 (page 134, Rulebook)** to **rule 2455 (page 158, Rulebook)** and amend **rule 1232 (pages 134-135, Rulebook)** to clarify the duties of the chief accountant regarding submitting competition results.

**1230 Duties of the Chief Accountant**

**1231** The complete final results of all qualifying competitions shall be promptly posted on the icenetwork.com website and published in SKATING magazine along with results from ISU competitions involving U.S. Figure Skating competitors.

~~**1232**~~ The chief accountant at each competition has the following responsibilities ~~duties~~:

- A. At all competitions, ~~is responsible~~ for the supervision of assistant accountants and technical accountants.
- B. At all qualifying competitions and official trial judge events at nonqualifying competitions, ~~the accountant will~~ for supplying the trial judges' chair with a complete record of the placements of official judges for each component segment of each event. Copies of signed component segment and cumulative results (if applicable) for each event shall will be used.
- C. At the conclusion of all qualifying competitions, ~~the accounting room is responsible~~ for sending the following:
  1. To the IJS technology specialist, no later than one day after the competition: ~~– for IJS categories only – the database files for the IJS Competition attached to an e-mail~~
    - a. For IJS categories – the final and complete IsuCalcFS competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via e-mail.
    - b. For 6.0 events – the final and complete HAL2.0 competition database folder containing all files, saved to a zipped folder and sent via e-mail.
  2. ~~To the director of technical services – for 6.0 events only - complete sets of results and panel of judges for each segment and overall results – attached to an e-mail in htm format~~
  3. ~~To the Archivist at U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters, by mail:~~
    - a. A clean program
    - b. Individual judges sheets for each 6.0 segment
    - c. Original signed copies of all results for each segment and cumulative (where applicable)

D. In addition to the above, the chief accountant will ~~send via e-mail the necessary files for posting on the website as spelled out in the posting documents distributed by headquarters before the start of the qualifying competition season, including the U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships work with the technical accountants to post starting orders and results to icenetwork.com using the IJS Live program for all qualifying competitions.~~

**2450 Reports from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters**

**2455** The complete final results of all qualifying competitions will be promptly posted on the icenetwork.com website and published in SKATING magazine along with results from ISU competitions involving U.S. Figure Skating competitors.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**98. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2117 (page 146, Rulebook)** and **rule 3033 (page 181, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2117** For qualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives ~~shall not be permitted to~~ may serve as referees, accountants, judges or members of the technical panel officials in the same event provided they are not on the same panel or serving as the same type of official (for example, both on the technical panel or both on the judging panel).

**3033** For nonqualifying competitions, members of the same family or close relatives shall not be permitted to serve as technical specialists and/or controllers ~~judges or members of the technical panel~~ in the same event. For other restrictions, see rules section ~~2110~~ 2111, 2112, 2113 and 2115.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**99. APPROVED – Competitions Committee and the International Committee**

Amend **rules 2230 through 2249 (pages 152-153, Rulebook)** and add **new rule ICR 6.09 (page 64, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2230 Eligibility of U.S. Citizen Returning From Competing for Another ISU Member**

**2231** In order to compete at a ~~national, sectional or regional championship~~ U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition after having ~~competed for another country~~ represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition, an applicant must complete the “Returning U.S. Citizen Application to Compete” (available online at usfigureskating.org), submit it to the chair of the Competitions Committee at least seven calendar days before the close of entries as provided in rule 2401 and include:

- A. Written proof that applicant has resided in the United States for one year or has a valid U.S. passport;
- B. A copy of the applicant’s domestic and international competitive record in its entirety; and
- C. ~~Written Proof~~ Written Proof that applicant is a current member of U.S. Figure Skating; and
- D. ~~A signed release from the foreign federation for which the applicant competed.~~

**2232** A skater may not compete in U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions and the qualifying competitions of another federation or represent another federation in an ISU event in the same competition season. If a skater enters a qualifying competition or ISU event for another federation while registered for a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition, the skater will be considered withdrawn from the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition. If the skater has already completed the qualifying season for U.S. Figure Skating, the skater’s results will be forfeited.

**2240 Eligibility of Non-U.S. Citizens to Compete in ~~National, Sectional or Regional Championships~~ U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Competitions in Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchronized Skating**

**2241** Non-U.S. citizens who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have never ~~competed internationally for another national skating federation~~ represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition may enter U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions if qualified by test level. It is not necessary to complete the “Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete”.

**2242** Non-U.S. citizens who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and have ~~competed internationally for another national skating federation~~ represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition will make application 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 dance couples, one partner of the couple must be a citizen of the United States. ~~The non-U.S. citizen partner must have permission from the foreign federation of the country of which the skater is a citizen.~~
  - 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 as long as all other requirements of rules 2240 through 2249 are met.
- C. A non-U.S. citizen may compete for a U.S. synchronized skating team provided that:
  - 1. ~~The foreign federation of the country of which the skater is a citizen provides permission;~~



- 2.—The skater has not represented a foreign federation in the course of the same membership year (July 1 through June 30);
3. At least 75 percent of the team members are citizens of the United States.
- 2243** The application and supporting documentation, including ~~release from the previous federation~~, competitive history and a copy of the applicant's valid passport from the country of citizenship, must be submitted in English no later than seven days before the deadline for registration for the competition the skater is seeking to enter.
- A. Non-U.S. citizens wishing to compete in any qualifying (championship) events at an adult sectional or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships who have competed internationally for another national skating federation must make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee as stated above, ~~however~~, Such skaters do not need a release from the previous federation.
- 2244** In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in rule 2401. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken; and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement.
- 2245** Any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact on the application, the entry form or on any documents provided will subject the applicant to discipline as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. For purposes of this rule, a material fact is a fact which, if it were properly disclosed, would result in an application being denied and an entry rejected.
- ~~**2246** Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 2248, a pair or ice dance couple may represent the United States in an international competition if the non-citizen partner has complied with rules 2240-2245. In addition, the non-citizen partner must be in full compliance with all applicable ISU rules pertaining to the applicant's participation in any international or world competition.~~
- ~~**2247** Except as otherwise provided, only citizens of the United States are eligible for selection to the U.S. Olympic Team, the U.S. World Team, the U.S. World Junior Team or U.S. Figure Skating Team.~~
- ~~**2248** All non-U.S. citizens who have at any time skated in United States national, sectional or regional championship a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition and subsequently represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition will not be eligible to compete in United States national, sectional or regional championship a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition unless they reapply for permission to compete as provided for under the provisions of this rule section 2240.~~
- ~~A. A skater may not compete in U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions and the qualifying competitions of another federation or represent another federation in an ISU event in the same competition season. If a skater enters a qualifying competition or ISU event for another federation while registered for a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition, the skater will be considered withdrawn from the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition. If the skater has already completed the qualifying season for U.S. Figure Skating, the skater's results will be forfeited.~~
- ~~**2249** For singles, pairs and dance events, non-U.S. citizens who have competed internationally for another country must compete in the U.S. at the same level, unless they apply for and receive permission to begin competing one level lower than the level at which they competed for the other country. Applications should be sent as follows:~~
- ~~A. For singles events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Singles Committees.~~
- ~~B. For pairs events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Pairs Committees.~~
- ~~C. For ice dancing events: apply jointly to the chairs of the Competitions and Dance Committees.~~

**ICR 6.09** To compete internationally on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating, a skater must meet the current requirements of the ISU for participation in international competitions.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

#### **100.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Move **rule 2300 (page 154, Rulebook)** to **rule 1600 (page 140, Rulebook)**, and amend header as follows:

##### **16002300 Qualifying Competitions—Release of Liability**

U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**101.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2841 (page 172, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2840 Byes – Synchronized Skating**

**2841** If a synchronized team, because of some unusual circumstance is unable to compete in a sectional championship, such team may apply to the chair of the Competitions Committee for a bye to bypass the competition and advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

- A. The team ~~shall~~ must apply for a bye:
- ~~1.~~ no fewer than 14 days before the close of entries for the competition the team has applied to bypass;
  - ~~2~~1. In extraordinary circumstances, the chair of the Competitions Committee may, in the chair's sole discretion, waive the 14-day deadline;
  - ~~3~~2. A decision on the bye ~~shall~~ will be delivered to the team within 15 days of due receipt of a complete application for such bye;
  - ~~4~~3. In the case of a denial, a detailed, written explanation of the grounds for denying such bye ~~shall~~ will be provided to the team and ~~shall~~ will cite specific U.S. Figure Skating rules as basis for denying the bye.
- B. The application for a bye ~~shall~~ will be made on the current Competition Bye Application adopted by the Competitions Committee. The team ~~shall~~ will state:
1. The reasons why the team cannot compete in the competition; and
  2. Why the team would have a reasonable chance of finishing in first, second, third or fourth place at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.
- C. A bye will be granted to bypass a sectional championship with the approval of ~~a majority of the chair of the Competitions Committee in consultation with, the chair of the Synchronized Skating Committee, the national vice chair of the Synchronized Skating Competitions Subcommittee, the vice chair of the Synchronized Management Subcommittee and the appropriate sectional vice chair.~~

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**102.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rules 2490 to 2495 (page 161, Rulebook)** and **rules 2512 to 2513 (page 162, Rulebook)** to allow the fill-up rule at the appropriate U.S. Championships for pairs and ice dancing events for juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior where there are not already 12 teams qualified (including automatic invitations and byes). (See rules 2516, 2517, 2520 and 2521.)

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**103.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2551 (pages 164-165, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2550 Qualifying Rounds – Adult Championships**

**2551** Qualifying rounds may be held at adult competitions with the exception of adult solo dance and artistic/showcase type events, which will have no qualifying rounds. If there are more than 24 entries in any event, skaters will be divided ~~by age~~ into groups in accordance with rule 2466.

- A. The chief referee, with the approval of the chair of the Competitions Committee, has the authority to adjust group sizes to meet the logistical needs of any event(s) at an adult sectional championship competition. Any modifications will be balanced in such a way as to ensure fairness to skaters in the event.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**104.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2552 (B) (pages 164-165, Rulebook)** as follows:

**2550 Qualifying Rounds – Adult Championships**

**2552** There ~~shall~~ will be age ~~categories~~ classes for all free skate, dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (does not include pairs, solo dance or partnered dance events).

- Class I: 21 years through 30 years
- Class II: 31 years through 40 years
- Class III: 41 years through 50 years
- Class IV: 51 years through 60 years
- Class V: 61 years and over

- A. All age groups classes will be combined in qualifying championship events at adult sectionals.
- B. All age categories may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries. The chief referee has authority to make this decision.
- ~~C. Proof of age is required.~~
- C. The chief referee may combine age classes and levels, if the entry numbers warrant, after consultation with the vice chair of adult competitions and the chair of the Competitions Committee.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**105.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2713 (page 165, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2713** At qualifying competitions, the chart in rule 2714 will be used for determining the size of the warm-up groups ~~and the official pre-event warm-up groups.~~
- A. This chart does not apply to official practice ice.
  - B. The chief referee may extend the maximum number on the warm-up ~~and/or official pre-event warm-up~~ by one skater/couple if needed.
  - C. In the event of a withdrawal after the skating order has been posted, warm-up groups will not be adjusted to fill the open position.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**106.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Add **new rule 2721 (page 166, Rulebook)** and renumber current **rules 2721 to 2722 (page 166, Rulebook)** to “seed” the draws for the senior short program/dance events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships as follows:

- 2721** At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, the championship (senior) ladies, men’s and pairs short program and championship (senior) short dance events will be drawn in two subgroups:
- A. The skaters who received automatic invitations (see rule 2517) will draw randomly from the first subgroup to skate within the last two warm-up groups;
  - B. The remaining competitors will draw randomly from the second subgroup to skate in the remaining spots, including any spots remaining in the last two warm-up groups.
- 27212** For all qualifying competition events except the championship (senior) ladies, men’s, pairs and dance events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships (see rule 2721), there will be a random draw for starting order in the first segment of each event.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**107.APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 2722 (page 166, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2722** Initial closed draws for short program for singles and pairs, free skate events that do not have a short program, pattern dances or short dance in the initial rounds of dance events:
- A. May be drawn by the chief referee or chair of the competition, in the presence of at least two judges or other officials, at any convenient time after the closing of entries; or
  - B. May be drawn by the chief accountant, in the presence of at least two other officials, by using the random draw feature of an approved U.S. Figure Skating program.
- The drawn starting orders for each event must be posted no less than 12 hours before the start of the first respective event of the competition.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

## 108.APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2735 (B) (pages 168-169, Rulebook)** to include pairs and ice dancing as follows:

### B. TV Rule

1. At the U.S. Figure Skating Championships only, for the championship (senior) ladies, men's and pairs free skate, and for championship (senior) free dance events, ~~the final draw group shall consist of~~ will be drawn as follows:  
*Ladies and men:* the last two warm-up groups will consist of not fewer than 10 and not more than 12 competitors, with the exact number to be decided by the chief referee in consultation with the executive director prior to the draw of the short program.
  - a. Starting order for the final two groups will be drawn in four subgroups.
    - i. The top three finishers in the short program ~~shall~~ will be the last to skate in the final group and will be drawn from the first subgroup.
    - ii. The fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place (or fourth- and fifth- place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the final group, and will draw from this second subgroup.
    - iii. The seventh-, eighth- and ninth-place (or sixth-, seventh- and eighth-place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the second-to-last group, and will draw from this third subgroup.
    - iv. The 10th-, 11th- and 12th-place (or ninth- and 10th-place if five in group) finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the second-to-last group, and will draw from this fourth subgroup.

*Pairs:* ~~four couples in the final group;~~ the last warm-up group will consist of four couples.

  - a. Starting order for the final group will be drawn in two subgroups.
    - i. The top two finishers in the short program will be the last to skate in the final group and will draw from the first subgroup.
    - ii. The third- and fourth-place finishers in the short program will be the first to skate in the final group and will draw from the second subgroup.

*Ice Dance:* ~~five couples in the final group;~~ the last warm-up group will consist of five couples.

  - a. Starting order for the final group will be drawn in two subgroups.
    - i. The top three finishers in the short dance will be the last to skate in the final group and will draw from the first subgroup.
    - ii. The fourth- and fifth-place finishers in the short dance will be the first to skate in the final group and will draw from the second subgroup.
2. The policy of U.S. Figure Skating is to keep some format of random draw and not go to a reverse placement skating order in the future.
3. The remaining competitors ~~shall~~ will be drawn as follows:
  - a. If the remaining competitors are more than the maximum permitted in a warm-up group, they ~~shall~~ will be divided into the smallest possible number of equal groups of not more than the maximum permitted.
  - b. If the number of remaining competitors is not equally divisible, the last group (the last-placed competitors) must contain one less competitor than the next group(s).
4. Tied competitors must be in the same draw group:
  - a. Starting with the lowest-placed competitor, tied competitors in different draw groups ~~shall~~ will be placed together in the same draw group. The draw group from which the competitor(s) was (were) removed ~~from~~ is reduced accordingly.
  - b. When one or more tied competitors are included in the same draw group, the maximum number permitted to warm-up at the same time may be exceeded by one competitor.
  - c. If these tied competitors increase the maximum group size allowed by two or more, the draw group in question ~~shall~~ will be divided into two subgroups. One subgroup ~~shall~~ will consist of these tied competitors. The other subgroup ~~shall~~ will consist of the remaining competitors from the group.
  - d. The movement of tied competitors in the event does not affect the other competitors. Their assigned draw group does not change.
  - e. When competitors are tied, there will be a separate draw before the main draw to determine the draw order for the tied competitors.
5. Start the draw with the best-placed competitor. The starting order in each group will be drawn in order of placement.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**109.APPROVED – Competitions Committee and Judges Committee**

Amend **rule 3032 (page 181, Rulebook)** and **rules JR 6.01 (H)(1), JR 7.01 (D)(1) and JR 8.01 (A)(1) (pages 69-71, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 3032** For all sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, the local organizing committee shall must select the following officials:
- A. A chief referee. Additional referees may be selected at the discretion of the host club.
    - 1. Either the chief referee or the chief accountant must be a regional, sectional or national official in the area of service, selected from the official lists;
    - 2. The chief referee, if not selected from the official lists a regional, sectional or national referee, must be an official judge;
    - 3. ~~A regional referee may serve as chief referee at nonqualifying competitions.~~
  - B. Judges:
    - 1. No fewer than three but no more than nine judges shall will be assigned to each event of any sanctioned competition. A five-judge panel is recommended.
      - a. An odd number of judges must be used with 6.0 scoring;
      - b. Either an odd or even number of judges may be used in events conducted under the IJS.
    - 2. ~~A minority of a judging panel at a nonqualifying competition event can consist of judges with only a non-qualifying competition appointment.~~
    - 3. ~~See rules JR 6.00–JR 8.00 for judge types and levels.~~
  - C. Technical Panel Officials (for IJS events only, see rule 2133) to include at a minimum:
    - 1. Technical controller
    - 2. Technical specialist
    - 3. Assistant technical specialistIn 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.
  - D. ~~An~~ chief accountant to calculate results using the calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software. Additional accountants may be selected at the discretion of the host club.
    - 1. ~~Regional accountants may serve as the chief accountant for nonqualifying competitions.~~
    - 2. ~~For competitions holding IJS events and using the IVR judging equipment, an technical accountant to operate the equipment at rinkside calculate results using calculation computer program selected by U.S. Figure Skating as the official calculation software.~~
  - E. Other officials as may be necessary.

**JR 6.00 Figure, Singles/Pairs Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge**

**JR 6.01** The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction (see JR 4.03). Judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

H. Nonqualifying singles/pairs competition judges:

- 1. All levels of single and pair events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, ~~as a minority of the panel only.~~

**JR 7.00 Dance Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge**

**JR 7.01** The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See JR 4.03. Dance judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified in the international judging system (IJS) by the Judges Committee may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

D. Nonqualifying dance competition judges:

- 1. All dance events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, ~~as a minority of the panel only.~~

**JR 8.00 Synchronized Skating Competition Judges Authorized to Judge**

**JR 8.01** The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge synchronized skating events and competitions as follows, except that only the judges certified by the Judges Committee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS:

A. Nonqualifying synchronized skating competition judges:

- 1. All synchronized skating events of sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, ~~as a minority of the panel only.~~

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012



**110. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 60.01 (page 49, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 60.01** The standard solo free dance tests are divided into five classes to be taken in the following order:

Solo free dance test	Prerequisite
Juvenile solo free dance	Complete preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or juvenile MIF test
Intermediate solo free dance	Complete bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or intermediate MIF test <u>and or</u> juvenile free dance test (partnered or solo)
Novice solo free dance	Complete pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or novice MIF test <u>and or</u> intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo)
Junior solo free dance	Complete silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or junior MIF test <u>and or</u> novice free dance test (partnered or solo)
Senior solo free dance	Complete gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo) or senior MIF test <u>and or</u> junior free dance test (partnered or solo)

- A. Any solo free dance test may be taken only after the candidate has completed the required prerequisite pattern dance test (standard or adult) or moves in the field test and or free dance test as shown above. No solo free dance test is a prerequisite to any pattern dance test.
- B. A solo free dance test may not serve as a prerequisite for any partnered free dance test.
- C. Solo free dance tests may not serve as a test requirement for any partnered competition events.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**111. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 61.01 (J) (page 50, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 61.01 General Requirements:**

- J. Jumps of more than one-half revolution are not permitted.

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**112. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 64.04 (page 54, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 64.04 Junior Solo Free Dance Test**

**Twizzle Series:** ~~One or t~~Two twizzle series, but no more. ~~If more than one series is executed,~~ One series of twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation for the two twizzles. The second series must be different than the first. For both series, a mMinimum of two revolutions is required on each twizzle. No more than three steps are allowed between twizzles.

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**113. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 64.05 (page 54, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 64.05 Senior Solo Free Dance Test**

**Twizzle Series:** Two twizzle series but no more. One series of twizzles must have a different entry edge and different direction of rotation for the two twizzles with a mMinimum of two revolutions on each twizzle and no more than three steps between twizzles. The second series must be different than the first and have a minimum of two revolutions on each twizzle with only one step between twizzles.

**Implementation date:** September 2, 2012

**114. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule 6221 (A)(2) (page 278, Rulebook) to allow **novice** dance couples to choose their own music for all pattern dances competed at sectional championships and U.S. Championships. Couples may choose any piece of music that complies with the guidelines for that dance, including an existing ISU or U.S. Figure Skating approved selection.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012



**115. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6231 (A)(2) (page 280, Rulebook)** to allow **intermediate** dance couples to choose their own music for all pattern dances competed at sectional championships and U.S. Championships. Couples may choose any piece of music that complies with the guidelines for that dance, including an existing ISU or U.S. Figure Skating approved selection.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**116. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6241 (A)(2) (page 282, Rulebook)** to allow **juvenile** dance couples to choose their own music for all pattern dances competed at sectional championships and the U.S. Championships. Couples may choose any piece of music that complies with the guidelines for that dance, including an existing ISU or U.S. Figure Skating approved selection.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**117. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Dance Committee and Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 1220 (B) (pages 133-134, Rulebook), rules 6221 (A)(2), 6231 (A)(2) and 6241 (A)(2) (pages 278, 280 and 282, Rulebook) and rule 6921 (B)(4)(b)(v) (page 292, Rulebook)** as follows:

**1220 Duties of the Event Referee – IJS**

B. The event referee:

12. In ice dancing, with the assistance of a timekeeper (if necessary), times each piece of music used for a “skaters’ choice” pattern dance event and takes a 1.0 music deduction if the beats per minute are outside of the allowable range.

123. Allows a skater/team to restart according to rules 1400-1403.

**6221/6231/6241 Selection of Novice/Intermediate/Juvenile Pattern Dances**

For each competition season, the following groups of three pattern dances will alternate in the order shown:

A. **2012–13**

2. Each couple will provide their own music...Couple’s chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals. If the tempo of the chosen music is incorrect, it must be reflected by each judge in the timing component. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.

**6921 Marking the Pattern Dances – IJS**

B. Program Component Score

4. Timing

b. Criteria:

v. Correctness of the rhythm(s) and/or range of tempo of the music chosen (if skaters provide their own music)

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**118. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rules 6031 (A) and 6032 (pages 263-264, Rulebook)** as follows:

**6030 Music – Dance**

**6031** For dance events, music is chosen by the competitor except for pattern dances that have not been designated as a “skaters’ choice” dance.

A. For pattern dances, the music shall must conform to the type and tempo specified in the description of the dance, except as outlined for the “skaters’ choice” dances, which have their own tempo regulations. See the tests book for the dance diagrams and descriptions.

**6032** For tests and nonqualifying competitions, pattern dance music may be either vocal or orchestral, and shall must conform to the type and tempo specified in the description of the dance. For qualifying competitions, standardized music from the ISU must be used with the exception of pattern dances designated as a “skaters’ choice” dance, where the music can be an original piece chosen by the skaters while conforming to the type and tempo requirements set forth by the Dance Committee. The Dance Committee will announce each season, by Governing Council, the music requirements for each of the “skaters’ choice” dances. This will include, but may not be limited to, the length of the allowable time for each dance. For free dance tests and competition and short dance competition see rules 6090, 6095 and TR 51.05.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**119.APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6243 (page 283, Rulebook)** and **rule DG 5.04 (page 149, Tests Book)** to change the required step sequence in the juvenile free dance to a choreographic step sequence with values of a Level 1 step sequence. The choreographic step sequence must fit the definition of one of the required step sequences (circular, midline or diagonal in hold) and fully utilize the ice surface. In IJS events, if the step sequence meets these requirements, it will be awarded a fixed base value and will only be evaluated by the judges in GOE.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**120.APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6921 (A) (page 291, Rulebook)** to have **intermediate** pattern dances judged using key points for each sequence/section, assessed by the technical panel to establish the level, with the judges giving one GOE for each sequence/section.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**121.APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6921 (A) (page 291, Rulebook)** to have **juvenile** pattern dances judged using key points for each sequence/section, assessed by the technical panel to establish the level, with the judges giving one GOE for each sequence/section.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2013

**122.APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6921 (A)(2) (page 291, Rulebook)** as follows:

**6921 Marking the Pattern Dances – IJS**

A. Technical Score

2. ...four key points in each sequence/section of the dance will be assessed by the technical panel to establish the level of the whole sequence/section as one unit, and judges will give one GOE for the whole sequence/section. The key points will be taken into consideration by the technical panel to establish the level of each sequence/section of the dance. ~~The key points will be determined by the ISU. If the ISU has not already assigned key points for a dance to be skated in an upcoming season, they will be determined by the U.S. Figure Skating Dance Committee.~~ The key points and calling specifications will be announced at the Governing Council meeting prior to the start of the season and posted on usfigureskating.org.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**123.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 2.02 (page 68, Rulebook)** to add a national vice chair for theatrical skating judges on the Judges Committee:

**JR 2.02 The Judges Committee consists of:**

- D. A national vice chair for theatrical skating judges; (Renumber remaining subsections.)

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**124.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Add **new rule section JR 9.00 (page 73, Rulebook)** as follows and renumber subsequent rule sections accordingly:

**JR 9.00 Showcase Judges Authorized to Judge:**

**JR 9.01** The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge showcase events and competitions as follows:

A. National showcase judges:

1. All showcase events at all competitions over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**125.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Add **new rule section JR 10.00 (page 73, Rulebook)** as follows and renumber subsequent rule sections accordingly:

**JR 10.00 Theatre On Ice Judges Authorized to Judge:**

**JR 10.01** The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See JR 4.03. Judges are authorized to judge Theatre On Ice events and competitions as follows:

**A. Nonqualifying Theatre On Ice judges:**

**1. All Theatre On Ice events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.**

**B. National Theatre On Ice judges:**

**1. All Theatre On Ice events at all competitions over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction.**

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**126.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Add **new rule JR 9.07 (page 73, Rulebook)** as follows and renumber current **rules JR 9.07 to JR 9.11 (pages 73-74, Rulebook)** accordingly (*note, because items 124 and 125 were approved, this will become rule JR 11.07 when the 2012-13 rulebook is published in July*):

**JR 9.07** The national vice chair for theatrical skating may appoint nonqualifying Theatre On Ice judges and, within 60 days, will notify the candidate of the committee's action.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**127.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 9.08 (page 74, Rulebook)** as follows:

**JR 9.08** Applications for national appointment ~~shall~~ will be sent directly to the candidate's sectional vice chair no later than 60 days prior to any in-person meeting of the Board of Directors by Aug. 1 or March 1. After compiling recommendations and committee evaluations, the candidate's file must be received by the chair no later than 30 days before the next meeting of the Board of Directors. In the case of an application for national synchronized appointment, the sectional vice chair ~~shall~~ will forward the candidate's file to the national vice chair of synchronized skating judges. In the case of an application for national Theatre On Ice judges or national showcase judges, the candidate's file will be sent directly to the national vice chair of theatrical skating judges. The chair ~~shall~~ will present all candidates to the board, whether recommended or not, and ~~shall~~ will direct the sectional or national vice chair to notify the candidate of the board's action.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**128.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 9.22 (page 74, Rulebook)** as follows:

**JR 9.22** Application for appointment to any level of singles/pairs, dance, ~~or~~ synchronized skating, showcase or Theatre On Ice judge shall will include a summary of the candidate's qualifications including skating and judging experience, judges schools attended, judges examination scores, activity and performance at the candidate's current level (if applicable) and a trial judging record for the level and discipline applied for. An evaluation of judicial knowledge, temperament and ability ~~shall~~ will be solicited from the committee and other sources and ~~shall~~ will accompany the application.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**129.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 6.01 (E)-(K) (pages 69-71, Rulebook)** to allow bronze singles/pairs test judges, silver singles/pairs test judges, gold singles/pairs test judges, nonqualifying singles/pairs competition judges, regional singles/pairs competition judges, sectional singles/pairs competition judges and national singles/pairs competition judges to judge all showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**130.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 7.01 (A)-(G) (pages 71-72, Rulebook)** to allow bronze dance test judges, silver dance test judges, gold dance test judges, nonqualifying dance competition judges, novice sectional dance competition judges, sectional dance competition judges and national dance competition judges to judge all showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**131.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 8.01 (A)-(D) (pages 72-73, Rulebook)** to allow nonqualifying synchronized skating competition judges, junior sectional synchronized skating competition judges, senior sectional synchronized skating competition judges and national synchronized skating competition judges to judge all showcase events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**132.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 11.01 (B) (page 76, Rulebook)** as follows:

**JR 11.00 Foreign Judge Appointments**

**JR 11.01** A judge of a member association of the ISU who is residing either temporarily or permanently in the United States may be appointed as a judge upon application to the chair of the Judges Committee on the following basis:

- B. A foreign judge of the equivalent level of gold singles/pairs test, sectional singles/pairs competition, gold dance test, sectional dance competition, senior sectional synchronized competition or lower may be appointed by the Judges Committee as a judge one grade lower in each of the test and competition levels. In the case of a test judge, the judge may judge singles, pairs, pattern dance and free dance tests at the appointed level but in order to judge any moves in the field tests must first be educated in moves in the field and receive the certification to judge moves in the field from the Judges Committee;

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**133.APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 16.11 (page 78, Rulebook)** as follows:

**JR 16.10 Trial and Practice Judging Applications**

**JR 16.11** Applications to trial or practice judge ~~shall~~ will be submitted in writing by the applicant not later than Sept. 1 for qualifying competitions and Skate America, Dec. 1 for qualifying synchronized skating competitions and not later than ~~the close of entries~~ 60 days prior to the start of the competition for other approved nonqualifying competitions. Late requests may be considered at the discretion of the appropriate vice chair. Requests to trial or practice judge must be limited to events required for promotion, appointment or to supplement judging activity.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**134.APPROVED – Pairs Committee**

Amend rule 5240 (page 244, Rulebook) as follows:

**5240 Juvenile Pairs**

<b>JUVENILE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>2:30 +/- 10 seconds</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFTS</b>	Maximum of two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Both lifts may be from Group 1 or one may be a Group 2 waist loop lift Each lift may be chosen from Group 1 or 2 (so both may be from Group 1, both may be from Group 2 or one may be from Group 1 and one from Group 2). If chosen from the same group, the lifts must have different take offs</u></li> <li>• One of the two lifts may be a single twist lift (take off must be a flip or a Lutz)</li> <li>• Variations of the lady’s position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted</li> <li>• Minimum of one revolution by the lady</li> <li>• Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li> </ul>
<b>THROW JUMP</b>	Maximum of one (single or double)
<b>STEP SEQUENCE</b>	Maximum of one <u>choreographic step sequence</u> (straight line, circular or serpentine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must fully utilize the ice surface</li> </ul>
<b>REMARKS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 5100).</li> </ul>	

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**135.APPROVED – Pairs Committee and Competitions Committee**

Amend rules 5061, 5062 and 5080 (page 228, Rulebook) and rule 5230 (pages 242-243, Rulebook) to add an intermediate pairs short program to qualifying competitions:

**5060 Composition of Pair Events**

**5061** Senior, junior, ~~and~~ novice and intermediate pair events will consist of a short program and a free skate, which will be skated and judged as provided in rules 5200, 5210, ~~and~~ 5220 and 5230 respectively. If a qualifying round is necessary at qualifying competitions, only the free skate ~~shall~~ will be skated in the qualifying round. The championship round ~~shall~~ will consist of a short program and a free skate. The short program must precede the free skate except in qualifying rounds.

**5062** ~~Intermediate and juvenile~~ pair events ~~shall~~ will consist of free skate only. The events ~~shall~~ will be skated and judged in accordance with rules ~~5030 and 5040~~ respectively.

**5080 Short Program Description**

- A. The short program for senior, junior and novice pairs ~~shall~~ will consist of seven technical elements with connecting steps.
- B. The short program for intermediate pairs will consist of six technical elements with connecting steps.
- ~~BC.~~ The sequence of the elements is optional.
- ~~CD.~~ The short program is skated to music of the skaters’ choice for the specified period of time.

**5230 Intermediate Pairs**

<b>INTERMEDIATE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM</b> <b>2:30 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b><u>LIFT</u></b>	One lift selected from Groups 1-4, type optional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted; however, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved is not a violation of this rule.</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of two revolutions by the lady</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of one and maximum of 3 1/2 revolutions by the man</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>TWIST LIFT</u></b>	One twist lift (single or double) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Take off must be a flip or a Lutz</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>SOLO JUMP</u></b>	One solo jump (single or double)
<b><u>PAIR SPIN</u></b>	One pair spin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>No change of foot</u></li> <li>• <u>Optional change of position</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of five revolutions total</u></li> <li>• <u>The rotation must be continuous, and no stop is permitted</u></li> <li>• <u>Must not be commenced with a jump</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>DEATH SPIRAL/ PIVOT FIGURE</u></b>	One death spiral or pivot figure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Regular hand-to-hand hold required</u></li> <li>• <u>In the final position while the lady is performing the actual death spiral or pivot figure, both the man and the lady must execute a minimum of one-half revolution with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>STEP SEQUENCE</u></b>	One choreographic step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Must fully utilize the ice surface</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>REMARKS</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Unless otherwise stated, all elements must meet the general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule section 5100).</u></li> <li>• <u>Connecting steps are permitted and must be marked. They are not additional elements.</u></li> </ul>	

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2013

**136.APPROVED – Pairs Committee**

Amend rule 5230 (pages 242-243, Rulebook) as follows:

**5230 Intermediate Pairs**

<b>INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>3:00 +/- 10 seconds</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b><u>LIFTS</u></b>	Maximum of two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Lifts can be selected from Groups 1-4 and must be different</u></li> <li>• <u>Lifts are to be selected from Group 1 lifts and the Group 2 waist loop lift. In the alternative, the skaters may select 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.</u></li> <li>• <u>Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combination lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are not permitted. However, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved is not a violation of this rule.</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of two revolutions by the lady</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of one and maximum of 3 1/2 revolutions by the man</u></li> </ul>
<b><u>TWIST LIFT</u></b>	Maximum of one (single or double) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Must have a flip or Lutz take-off</u></li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012



**137.APPROVED – Pairs Committee**

Amend rule 5230 (pages 242-243, Rulebook) as follows:

**5230 Intermediate Pairs**

<b>INTERMEDIATE PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b> <b>3:00 +/- 10 seconds</b> <b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b>	
<b>PAIR SPIN</b>	Maximum of one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be pair spin or pair spin combination</li> <li>• If pair spin combination, both partners must change feet and position at least once</li> <li>• Must have a minimum of five revolutions</li> </ul>
<b>STEP SPIRAL SEQUENCE</b>	Maximum of one (straight line, circular or serpentine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must fully utilize the ice surface</li> <li>• <u>Choreographic spiral sequence consisting primarily of spirals</u></li> <li>• <u>Spirals must be on edges with the free leg (knee/foot) higher than hip</u></li> <li>• <u>Minimum of two spirals by both partners for three seconds each or one spiral by both partners for six seconds each</u></li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2013

**138.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Pairs Committee**

Amend rule 5220 (page 240, Rulebook) as follows:

**5220 Novice Pairs**

<b>NOVICE PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM (2012-13)</b> <b>2:50 maximum time</b> <b>Must contain the following seven elements in any order</b>	
<b>LIFT</b>	One lift selected from Groups 1-5, type optional a designated Group (same as Group prescribed by the ISU for the senior pairs short program lifts, except that in the years where the ISU requires senior teams to do a lasso lift take-off (Group 5), U.S. novice pairs will be allowed to do any Group 4 or Group 5 lift.) (Requirement will be any hand-to-hand lift take-off (Group 4) for 2012-13.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-handed variations and changes of hold or of the lady's position during the lift are permitted</li> <li>• Minimum of two revolutions by the lady</li> <li>• Minimum of one and maximum of 3½ revolutions by the man</li> <li>• The lift may not include a carry feature or be a carry lift</li> </ul>
<b>THROW JUMP</b>	One throw jump (single, or double or triple) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Any single or double throw jump is permitted Prescribed take off (same as prescribed throw jump for junior each season)</u> (Requirement will be single, double or triple Salchow for 2012-13.)</li> </ul>
<b>SOLO JUMP</b>	One solo jump (double) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Must be double Lutz Prescribed take off (same as prescribed solo jump for junior each season)</u> (Requirement will be a double flip or double Axel for 2012-13.)</li> </ul>

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**139.APPROVED – Pairs Committee and Technical Panel Committee**

Amend **rule 5921 (C) (page 259, Rulebook)** to allow U.S. Figure Skating to develop the features for the juvenile and intermediate pairs events:

**5921 Technical Score – Pairs – IJS**

C. Levels of Elements: Technical specialists will determine the name and level of difficulty (when necessary) of elements.

1. Lifts, twist lifts, death spirals, spins and step sequences are divided into four levels depending on their difficulty. Level 1 is the easiest; Level 2 is difficult, Level 3 is more difficult; and Level 4 is the most difficult. The descriptions of characteristics that give an element a certain level of difficulty are published on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) under the “Technical Info” link. The descriptions of characteristics that give an element a certain level of difficulty for the juvenile and intermediate pairs events will be reviewed by the U.S. Figure Skating Pairs Committee, announced no later than the spring Board of Directors meeting and may differ from those developed by the ISU and used for the novice, junior and senior pairs events.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**140.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee**

Amend **rule 4250 (page 206, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4250 Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate:**

- The maximum number of jumps in a jump sequence is ~~not~~ limited to three single or double jumps (half loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit).

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**141.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee**

Amend **rule 4260 (page 207, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4260 Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate:**

- The maximum number of jumps in a jump sequence is ~~not~~ limited to three single or double jumps (half loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit).

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**142.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee**

Amend **rule 4270 (page 208, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4270 Pre-Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate:**

- The maximum number of jumps in a jump sequence is ~~not~~ limited to three single jumps (half loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit).

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**143.APPROVED AS AMENDED – Singles Committee**

Amend **rule 4280 (page 206, Rulebook)** as follows:

**4280 No-Test Well-Balanced Free Skate:**

- The maximum number of jumps in a jump sequence is ~~not~~ limited to three single jumps (half loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward the jump limit).

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**144.APPROVED – Singles Committee**

Amend rule TR 32.08 (page 22, Tests Book) to clarify the step sequence requirements for men in the senior free skate test as follows:

**TR 32.08 Senior Free Skate Test:**

**Steps:**

**Men:** Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. Patterns can be of the same nature. See rule 4105 for description.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**145.APPROVED – Technical Panel Committee**

Amend rule 2133 (page 149, Rulebook) as follows:

**2133 Levels of Technical Panel Officials for Competitions**

Competition	TC/TS – Singles (S) Events	TC/TS – Pairs (P) Events	TC/TS – Dance (D) Events	TC/TS – Synchronized (SYS) Events	Data Operators
U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships	National (S) Sectional (S) Regional (S)	National (P) Sectional (P) Nonqualifying (P)	National (D) Sectional (D) Nonqualifying (D)	N/A	National (S/P/D) Sectional (S/P/D)

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**ADMINISTRATIVE/LEGAL GROUP (GROUP 4)**

**146.APPROVED – Grievance Committee**

Amend rule GCR 3.03 (B) (page 56, Rulebook) as follows:

**GCR 3.03 Respondent’s Reply to Grievance Statement:**

- B. Failure to file a Response constitutes an admission of the allegations made by the Grievant and waives the Respondent’s right to a hearing or appeal. After such an admission, the Grievance Committee chair ~~determines the~~ will recommend appropriate relief to the Board of Directors and seek their agreement. If the Board concurs, the Grievance Committee chair’s decision is final, binding and may not be appealed under the bylaws and rules of U.S. Figure Skating.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

**147.APPROVED – Grievance Committee**

Add new rule GCR 3.06 (page 58, Rulebook) as follows:

**GCR 3.06 Stipulated Resolution of a Grievance**

- A. The Grievant, Respondent and the Grievance Committee chair may informally discuss the grievance and reach a resolution to the grievance prior to the hearing panel actually hearing the grievance. If a resolution is voluntarily reached by the Grievant and Respondent, which is approved by the Grievance Committee chair, the resolution will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their concurrence.
- B. If the Grievant is U.S. Figure Skating, then the stipulated resolution of the grievance must be agreed to by the Respondent, the president of U.S. Figure Skating and the executive director of U.S. Figure Skating. The stipulated resolution of such a grievance will be submitted to the Board of Directors for its concurrence.
- C. If the grievance is a combined grievance pursuant to GCR 3.03 (E), then the stipulated resolution of the grievance must be agreed to by the Respondent, the Grievant, the president of U.S. Figure Skating, the executive director of U.S. Figure Skating, the executive director of the Professional Skaters Association and the Professional Skaters Association’s Professional Standards Committee chair. The stipulated resolution of such a grievance will be submitted to the Board of Directors for its concurrence.

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

## NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 148.APPROVED – Judges Committee

Amend **rule JR 7.01 (pages 71-72, Rulebook)** as follows:

#### **JR 7.00 Dance Test and Competition Judges Authorized to Judge**

**JR 7.01** The tests and competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See JR 4.03. Dance judges are authorized to judge tests and competitions as follows except that only judges certified in the international judging system (IJS) by the Judges Committee may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS.

B. Silver dance test judges:

4. Competition

a. Intermediate and lower and adult silver and lower partnered dance events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

b. All levels of solo dance events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

**Implementation date:** June 1, 2012

### 149.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7500 (B) (page 338, Rulebook)** as follows:

#### **7500 Adult Synchronized Skating**

B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 12-20 skaters who are 21 years of age or older with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

### 150.APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7510 (B) (page 340, Rulebook)** as follows:

#### **7510 Masters Synchronized Skating**

B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 12-20 skaters who are 25 years of age or older with the majority of skaters ~~35~~ 30 years of age or older

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

### 151.APPROVED (pending approval of the corresponding changes at the ISU Congress) – Synchronized Skating Committee

Amend **rule 7220 (page 326, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7220 Novice Synchronized Well-Balanced Free Skate** must contain the following eight elements in any order:

One block element

One circle element

One intersection element

~~One line element~~ One choreographic element

One wheel element

~~One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)~~ One creative element

One no hold ~~step sequence~~ element

One block or circle step sequence

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**152.APPROVED (pending approval of the corresponding changes at the ISU Congress) – Synchronized Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 7230 (page 328, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7230 Intermediate Synchronized Well-Balanced Free Skate** must contain the following ~~eight~~ seven elements in any order:

- One block element
- One circle element
- One intersection element
- One line element
- One wheel element
- ~~One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)~~ One creative element
- One block or circle step sequence
- ~~One circle step sequence~~

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**153.APPROVED (pending approval of the corresponding changes at the ISU Congress) – Synchronized Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 7280 (page 334, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7280 Collegiate Synchronized Well-Balanced Free Skate** must contain the following ~~ten~~ nine elements in any order:

- One block element
- ~~One circle element~~ One choreographic element
- ~~One~~ Two intersection elements
- ~~One~~ line element
- ~~One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)~~
- One creative element
- One no hold ~~step sequence~~ element
- One wheel element
- One element selected from a spin or moves in the field element
- One ~~block~~ circle step sequence

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**154.APPROVED (pending approval of the corresponding changes at the ISU Congress) – Synchronized Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 7500 (page 338, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7500 Adult Synchronized Well-Balanced Free Skate** must contain the following nine elements in any order:

- One block element
- One circle element
- One intersection element
- One line element
- One wheel element
- ~~One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)~~ One creative element
- One element to be selected from moves in the field or spin
- One block step sequence
- One circle step sequence

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**155.APPROVED (pending approval of the corresponding changes at the ISU Congress) – Synchronized Skating Committee**

Amend **rule 7041** and delete **rule 7042 (page 298, Rulebook)** (which apply to all levels of synchronized skating in the U.S.) to match the program timing requirements to be used by the ISU. The current ISU proposal would cause U.S. Figure Skating's rules to be amended as shown below. If the ISU changes this language between now and the conclusion of the ISU Congress, U.S. Figure Skating will use the final language approved by the ISU.

**7041** Program timing starts commences from the moment that a skater or the team begins to move either with arms, head, etc., or to skate, a skating movement (glide) or skating until arriving at a complete stop at the end of the program.

~~**7042** A skating movement (glide) or skating must commence within 10 seconds from the start of the music.~~

**Implementation date:** September 1, 2012

**156.DID NOT APPROVE – Submitted by Lisa Landon, Club Delegate, Centennial SC**

Amend **rule 2055 (B) (page 144, Rulebook)** and **rules 6620 to 6681 (page 289, Rulebook)** to add adult pre-bronze solo dance to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships as follows:

**Test Qualifications**

- Adult Pre-Bronze Solo Dance
  - Minimum: One pre-bronze dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One bronze dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
- Adult Bronze Solo Dance
  - Minimum: ~~Complete preliminary~~ At least one bronze dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)
  - Maximum: One pre-silver dance test (solo or partnered; standard, adult or masters)

**Selection of Dances**

- Adult Pre-Bronze
  - Dance 1: One preliminary dance
  - Dance 2: One pre-bronze dance
- Adult Bronze
  - Dance 1: One pre-bronze dance
  - Dance 2: One bronze dance
- Men and ladies will compete against one another in these events, skating their gender's respective steps.
- Draw for the skating order will be made in accordance with rule 6074.

**157.DID NOT APPROVE – Submitted by Reneé Greenawalt, Central Pennsylvania FSC**

Amend **rule 7240 (B) (page 330, Rulebook)** as follows:

**7240 Juvenile Synchronized Skating**

B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 12-20 skaters who are under age ~~13~~ 14

**NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**158.APPROVED – Submitted by Lynn Goldman, Austin FSC**

Amend **rule 1220 (B)(7) (pages 134-135, Rulebook)** as follows:

**1220 Duties of the Event Referee – IJS**

7. Interprets rulebook and enforces provisions therein as it pertains to the event. The event referee may access an electronic version of the rulebook on the officials stand, when necessary, to fulfill this duty.

**Implementation date:** Immediate



**159.REFERRED to the Rules Committee, Board of Directors and Headquarters to be brought back to the 2013 Governing Council – Submitted by George Rossano, Glacier Falls FSC**

Add new rule **GR 2.05** (page 33, Rulebook) and amend rules **MR 4.01** (page 82, Rulebook), **MR 5.03 (B)(1)** (page 83, Rulebook), **MR 5.11** (page 84, Rulebook) and **TR 3.10** (page 3, Tests Book) as follows:

**GR 2.05** Publication of Rulebook and Directory

The annual rulebook of U.S. Figure Skating to be published under the provisions of Article XX, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating Bylaws, as well as the U.S. Figure Skating directory, will be published online in electronic format only, in printer-friendly format for easy download and printing by the members. Upon request of a member, a printed version of the annual rulebook and directory will be made available to the member, at a cost to the member determined by U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters.

**MR 4.01** The applicant club must submit, with its application, payment of \$50. Upon approval, such club shall receive an electronic copy of the current rulebook as well as general information and assistance helpful to new clubs.

**MR 5.03** *Dues of Individual Members and Individual Collegiate Members.*

B. The annual dues of individual members are \$120.

1. Individual members paying \$120 dues will receive a registration card, a subscription to SKATING magazine and an electronic copy of the current rulebook.

**MR 5.11** *Coach's Registration.*

Each coaching member will pay an annual registration fee, as outlined below, in addition to the annual membership dues:

A. For coach's registration the applicant must:

1. File application at usfsaonline.org;
2. Submit, with the application, the payment of the annual coach registration fee as outlined below:
  - a. A fee of \$40 if a coach is a current PSA member with general liability insurance through PSA; or
  - b. A fee of \$40 if a coach submits proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate; or
  - c. A fee not to exceed \$170 if a coach purchases general liability insurance through U.S. Figure Skating;
3. Successfully pass a background screen.

The coach's registration fee includes the cost of the background screen and an electronic U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

**TR 3.10** U.S. Figure Skating will send complimentary electronic rulebooks and directories to test chairs upon request from their club.

*Note: Headquarters will research all options for cost-effective and convenient methods of printing, including print-on-demand services.*

**160.REFERRED to the Board of Directors – Submitted by George Rossano, Glacier Falls FSC**

Explore and develop policies, procedures, rules and/or proposed bylaws, as appropriate, to enhance governance of the association while maintaining the annual budget approval and an annual business meeting of the Governing Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**161.APPROVED** the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

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

**163.ELECTED** the following members of the board of directors:

President – Patricia St. Peter  
Midwestern and First Vice President – Kathy Slack  
Pacific Coast and Second Vice President – Hal Marron  
Eastern and Third Vice President – Kathaleen Kelly Cutone  
Secretary – Samuel Auxier  
Treasurer – Warren Naphtal  
Athlete Services Group Coordinator – Justin Dillon  
Membership Development Group Coordinator – Lainie DeMore  
Technical Group Coordinator – Wendy Enzmann  
Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator – Gretchen Bonnie  
Coaching Member – Brittney Bottoms  
Coaching Member – Karen Kwan Opegard

**164.ANNOUNCED** the athlete members of the Board of Directors as elected by the athletes

Pilar Bosley (Dance)\*

Mark Ladwig (Pairs)

Cathleen Renzi (Synchronized)

Lindsey Weber (Singles)

\*non-voting member of the Board of Directors

**165.**The President **ACCEPTED** the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

Adult Skating – Gail Sombati

Athlete Development – Benjamin “Ben” Miller

Coaches – Alex Chang

Collegiate Program – Michelle Zeles-Hahn

Competitions – Lynn Goldman

Dance – John Millier

Ethics – Karen Terry Perreault

Grievance – Steve Wolkin

International – Doug Williams

International Judges and Officials – Kristina Lundgren

Judges – Kathleen Harmon

Membership – Joe Blount

Memorial Fund – Susan Bonn

Pairs – Nancy Ruedebusch

Parents – Linda Ogawa

Program Development – Mary-Elizabeth Wightman

Rules – Linda Chihara

Sanctions and Eligibility – Melissa Dillenbeck

Selections – Lorrie Parker

Singles – Kim Heim

Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating – Jean Fahmie

Sports Sciences and Medicine – Jennifer Burke

State Games – Bonnie Boaz

Strategic Planning – Terri Levine

Synchronized Skating – Robin Greenleaf

Technical Panel – Dana Graham

Tests – Diana Wisner

Theatrical Skating Committee – Judy Edmunds

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

ISU Representative – Gale Tanger

**167.ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for 2012-13:

Elected by the Governing Council to serve a two year term

Susan Keogh (NE)      Nancy Iida (SW)      Dawn Eyerly (SWP)

Sarah Hughes (NA)      Robert Bauer (UGL)      William Cloran (NWP)

Elected by the Governing Council in 2011 to serve a two year term (this is year two)

John Cole (SA)      Kristy Panos (EGL)      Kevin Rosenstein (CP)

Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term

Amanda Evora (E)      Lindsey Weber (M)      Amber Corwin (P)

**168.ANNOUNCED** that the 2013 Governing Council meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., on the dates of May 4-5, 2013.