

## COMBINED REPORT OF ACTION

Taken by the

Board of Directors — In Person/Conference Calls/Electronic Ballots — May 6, 2012–May 3, 2013  
Governing Council — Colorado Springs, Colo. — May 4-5, 2013

### ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO THE 2013 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

#### May 6, 2012

1. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Audit Committee for 2012-13:
  - Kristin Arneson Cutler
  - Samuel Auxier
  - Winston Burbank
  - Henry Fein (athlete)
  - Warren Naphtal (ex-officio)

Note: Audit Committee selects its own chair.

2. **APPROVED** the president's appointment of the following persons as members of the Compensation Committee for 2012-13:
  - Hal Marron (chair)
  - Kathy Slack
  - Mark Ladwig (athlete)
  - Warren Naphtal (ex-officio)

#### June 4, 2012

3. **APPROVED** Boston, Mass., as the site of the 2014 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
4. **APPROVED** a final sanction for 2012 National Showcase; Aug. 2-4, 2012; Carlsbad, Calif.; Escondido FSC.
5. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2012 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 15-18, 2012; South Dennis, Mass.; Yarmouth Ice Club.

#### July 2, 2012

*Important Note: Items 6-10 were incorporated into the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and used for the 2012-13 season.*

6. **APPROVED** the amendment of rule 1071 (C) to add a new deduction for singles and pairs of -1.0 for any part of a costume/decoration falling on the ice for levels judged using the IJS other than junior and senior, to remain consistent with the ISU, which just announced this deduction in ISU Communication 1741. (This deduction is automatically adopted for the junior and senior levels.)
7. **APPROVED** the amendment of rules 4510-4570, adult singles well-balanced free skate requirements from adult gold through adult masters junior-senior, to replace the spiral sequence with the new choreographic sequence, effective immediately.
8. **APPROVED** the amendment of rule 5220, novice pairs well-balanced free skate requirements, to replace the spiral sequence with the new choreographic sequence, effective immediately.
9. **APPROVED** the amendment of rules 5510-5530, adult pairs well-balanced free skate requirements, to replace the spiral sequence with the new choreographic sequence, effective immediately.

**10. APPROVED** the amendment of rule 7280 (page 334, Rulebook), effective Sept. 1, 2012, as follows:

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

- One block element
- One circle step sequence element
- ~~One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)~~ One creative element
- ~~One~~ Two intersection elements
  - Must be different from each other
  - Both of the intersections will be called + a pi level (if executed correctly)
- One line element
- One element selected from either a spin element or a moves in the field element
- One no hold ~~step sequence~~ element (block configuration)
- ~~One block step sequence~~
- One wheel element

**11. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2013 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships; Aug. 2-4, 2013; Green Bay, Wis.; Green Bay FSC.

**12. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for 2014 National Theatre On Ice; June 26-28, 2014, Dearborn, Mich.; Dearborn FSC.

#### **August 6, 2012**

**13. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2013 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 9-13, 2013; Scottsdale, Ariz.; Coyotes SC of Arizona.

**14. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships; April 8-12, 2014, Hyannis, Mass.; Yarmouth Ice Club.

**15. APPROVED** the IJOC recommendation that two candidates take the exam to become international dance judge in 2013 and that those two candidates be Kathaleen Kelly Cutone and Eric Hampton.

#### **September 4, 2012**

**16. APPROVED** the final sanction for Salt Lake Figure Skating to host the U.S. International Figure Skating Classic and U.S. Challenge Skate in conjunction with U.S. Figure Skating, Sept. 12–16, 2012, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### **October 1, 2012**

**17. ACCEPTED** the revised Olympic selection procedures for athletes (dated Sept. 19, 2012) and coaches (dated April 11, 2012). These will be sent to the USOC for their final approval.

**18. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2012 Hilton HHonors Skate America; Oct. 17-21, 2012; Seattle/Kent, Wash.

#### **October 27, 2012**

**19. ACCEPTED** the Audit Report for the 2012 FY Financials through June 30, 2012.

**20. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2014 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 26–March 1, 2014; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Broadmoor SC.

**21. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2015 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 25-28, 2015; Providence, R.I.; Warwick Figure Skaters.

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

**23. APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 19-27, 2013; Omaha, Neb.; Omaha Sports Commission.

**24. APPROVED** the following national promotions:

**From the Competitions Committee**

- **National Singles/Pairs Referee:** Lori Dunn, Greensboro, Ga.
- **National Showcase Referee:** Holly Cole, Hunt Valley, Md.; John Cole, Hunt Valley, Md.; Lynn Goldman, Austin, Texas
- **National Theatre On Ice Referee:** Gerald Miele, Greenville, R.I.

**From the Judges Committee**

- **National Showcase Judge:** Victoria Aversano, Granada Hills, Calif.; Lynn Goldman, Austin, Texas; Molly Marron, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charlene Tagas, Sammamish, Wash.
- **National Theatre On Ice Judge:** Leanne Cluff-Richardson, South Jordan, Utah

**From the Technical Panel Committee**

- **National Technical Specialist – Synchronized:** Ashleigh Renard, Hilltown, Pa.
- **National Data Operator – Synchronized:** Matthew O’Toole, New York, N.Y.

**25. ACCEPTED/ACKNOWLEDGED** the following national resignations and vacated positions:

- Janice Benoit, Lisle, Ill. – coaching (National Dance Judge and National Technical Controller – Dance)
- Doyle Doherty, Burien, Wash. – passed away April 2012 (National Synchronized Judge)
- Jerry Gilbert, Temecula, Calif. – resigned July 2012 (National Announcer)
- Bonnie McLauthlin, Denver, Colo. – passed away May 6, 2012 (National Singles/Pairs Judge)

**26. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Judges Committee**

Amend **rule JR 6.01 (pages 69-71, Rulebook)**, **rule JR 7.01 (pages 71-73, Rulebook)** and **rule JR 8.01 (page 73, Rulebook)** as follows:

**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 rule 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. Provisional singles/pairs competition judges:

1. All singles and pairs events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel:
  - a. Candidates will be recommended for this appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate regional vice chair for singles/pairs on the Judges Committee.
  - b. The appointment will be valid for 24 months and is not renewable.

*Re-letter remaining sections.*

**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 rule 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. Provisional dance competition judges:

1. All dance events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel:
  - a. Candidates will be recommended for this appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate regional vice chair for dance on the Judges Committee.
  - b. The appointment will be valid for 24 months and is not renewable.

*Re-letter remaining sections.*

**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 rule 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. Provisional synchronized competition judges:

1. All synchronized events at sanctioned nonqualifying competitions as a one-judge minority of the panel:
  - a. Candidates will be recommended for this appointment by their home club and/or monitor. Nominations will be sent to the appropriate sectional vice chair for synchronized skating on the Judges Committee.
  - b. The appointment will be valid for 24 months and is not renewable.

*Re-letter remaining sections.*

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**27. APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend rule JR 11.02 (page 74, Rulebook) as follows:

**JR 11.02** Judges must be eligible, reinstated or readmitted persons in good standing as defined in ER 1.00, currently registered and 18 years of age or older. Persons 17 years of age may be appointed as judges provided they have been actively trial judging for a minimum of six months and meet the guidelines for appointment.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**28. APPROVED – Judges Committee**

Amend rule JR 18.11 (page 79, Rulebook) and rule JR 18.15 (page 79, Rulebook) as follows:

**JR 18.10 Trial and Practice Judging Applications**

**JR 18.11** Applications to trial or practice judge 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, Feb. 1 for National Theatre On Ice and not later than 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.

**JR 18.15** Applications to trial or practice judge competitions higher than sectional championships ~~shall~~ should be submitted in writing to the singles/pairs or dance sectional vice chair, who ~~shall will~~ forward a list of recommended assignments and priorities to the chair of the Judges Committee as soon as possible. In the case of synchronized skating judges, the sectional vice chair ~~shall will~~ forward the list to the national vice chair of synchronized skating judges. For National Theatre On Ice, applications should be submitted in writing to the to the national vice chair of theatrical skating judges, who will forward the list to the chair. The chair and, in the case of synchronized skating, the national vice chair of synchronized skating ~~shall will~~, as soon as possible, send a list of approved assignments to the host club and the chief referee and ~~shall will~~ individually notify each trial judge whose request for permission to trial judge has been granted. At the same time, when permission has been denied, the trial judge must be so informed by the sectional vice chair.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**29. APPROVED – Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee**

Amend rules TR 11.03 (page 7, Tests Book), JR 6.01 (E)(4) and JR 7.01 (A)(3) (pages 69-73, Rulebook) as follows:

**TR 11.03** Special Olympics tests may be judged by one judge who must be of silver rank or higher in the respective discipline, except as specified below:

- A. Pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests may be judged by one singles/pairs or dance test judge of any level who is certified to judge moves in the field tests.
- B. Pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze free skate tests may be judged by one singles/pairs test judge of any level.
- C. Preliminary partnered pattern dance tests and preliminary through pre-silver solo pattern dance track tests may be judged by one dance test judge of any level.

**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 rule 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.

E. Bronze singles/pairs test judges:

- 4. Single-judge panel
  - a. Pre-preliminary moves in the field/free skate tests, and adult pre-bronze moves in the field/free skate tests and Special Olympics moves in the field/free skate tests at the pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze levels;

**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 rule 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.

A. Bronze dance test judges:

- 3. Single-judge panel
  - a. Standard and Special Olympics preliminary partnered pattern dance tests and preliminary through pre-

- silver solo pattern dance track tests;
- b. Pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze moves in the field tests and Special Olympics moves in the field tests at the pre-preliminary and adult pre-bronze levels;

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**30. APPROVED – Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee**  
Amend rule TR 11.01 (page 7, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 11.00 Special Olympics Test Rules**

**TR 11.01** A Special Olympics test may be given to any Special Olympics athlete who is registered with a Special Olympics program. Tests are to be judged on a “pass” or “retry” basis.

- A. Moves in the field tests may be given at the levels of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. All Any number of elements may be reskated one time at the request of the judge-in-charge. Additional reskates will be at the discretion of the judge-in-charge. There is no focus for any element.
- B. Free skate tests may be given at the levels of adult pre-bronze, adult bronze, adult silver and adult gold, regardless of the age of the athlete. Any number of elements may be reskated at the request of the judge-in-charge.
- C. Pattern dance tests may be given at all levels specified in TR 40.01. Partners may be selected without regard to their dance test accomplishments. No solos are required.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**31. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 17-25, 2013, Greensboro, N.C.

**32. APPROVED** a provisional sanction for the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; Jan. 16-24, 2016; St. Paul, Minn.

**December 3, 2012**

**33. APPROVED** the reelection of John Misha Petkevich as a U.S. Figure Skating-elected member of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation Board of Trustees.

**34. APPROVED** the selection procedures for the additional officials for the Olympic Winter Games and the athletes for the World Championships, Four Continents Championships and World Junior Championships.

**December 19, 2012**

**35. APPROVED** the SafeSport Handbook.

**January 7, 2013**

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

**February 23, 2013**

**37. APPROVED** a 2013-14 budget for presentation to Governing Council.

**March 11, 2013**

**38. APPROVED** the modifications to the Convention Standing Rules. (The modified Convention Standing Rules are published in this Governing Council meeting book.)

**39. APPROVED** the following IJOC recommendations for nomination to the ISU to take the exam for the following roles:  
Roger Glenn, ISU Singles/Pairs Referee  
Jenny Mast, ISU Dance Referee  
Shawn Rettstatt, ISU Dance Referee  
Doug Williams, ISU Singles/Pairs Judge

**40. APPROVED** the final sanction for 2013 U.S. Adult Championships; April 9-13, 2013; Scottsdale, Ariz.; Coyotes SC of Arizona.

**41. APPROVED** the final sanction for 2013 National Theatre On Ice; June 20-22, 2013; Troy, Ohio; Troy SC.

42. **APPROVED** the final sanction for National Showcase 2013; Aug. 1-3, 2013; Hyannis, Mass.; Bourne SC.

43. **APPROVED** the final sanction for 2014 National Theatre On Ice; June 26-28, 2014; Dearborn, Mich.; Dearborn FSC.

**April 8, 2013**

44. **APPROVED** a final sanction for 2013 Skate America; Oct. 18-20, 2013, Detroit, Mich.

45. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2013 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic; Sept. 11-15, 2013; Salt Lake City, Utah.

46. **APPROVED** the submission of Boston, Mass., to the ISU as U.S. Figure Skating's nominated city to host the 2016 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

**May 3, 2013**

47. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2014 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 26–March 1, 2014; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Broadmoor SC.

48. **APPROVED** a final sanction for the 2015 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships; Feb. 25-28, 2015; Providence, R.I.; Warwick Figure Skaters.

49. **APPROVED** the following amendments to “Depreciation Expenses” in the 2014 Proposed Budget (page 79 of the 2013 Governing Council meeting book) as follows:

- Changed “Depreciation Expenses” to “Depreciation & Amortization Expenses”.
- Changed the listed expense of \$147,764 to \$230,000.
- Caused the “Net Income (Loss) After Depreciation” to change from \$89,958 to \$7,722.

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL — COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.**

**May 4-5, 2013**

50. **ADOPTED** the convention standing rules.

51. **ADOPTED** the agenda for the meeting.

52. **APPROVED** the report of the Minutes Committee of the May 2012 Governing Council meeting held May 4-5, 2012, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

53. **APPOINTED** the new Minutes Committee for this 2013 Governing Council meeting of Dina Gold (chair), Linda Chihara (Rules Committee chair) and Tiffany Vise (athlete member).

54. **AWARDED** full membership in U.S. Figure Skating to the following provisional club: Journey FSC, Monroe, Mich.

**ATHLETE SERVICES GROUP (GROUP 1)**

There were no requests for action submitted by the Athlete Services Group.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GROUP 2)**

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

Amend **rule MR 2.04 (A)-(D) (page 81, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 2.04 Definitions:**

- A. The “principal skating headquarters” of a club ~~shall be~~ is the address of the rink in which the club conducts the majority of its skating ~~sessions~~ activities. This address ~~shall will~~ be recorded in the U.S. Figure Skating database under the club's name. A club may name only one principal skating headquarters. Clubs in violation of this rule ~~shall may~~ be subject to disciplinary action by the Membership Committee. This listing is in place to protect the ice of one club from being usurped by another (see rule MR 7.01).
- B. To maintain a club's principal skating headquarters, a Facility Usage Form must be completed each year by the club president, certifying the facility is the principal skating headquarters of said club and said club secures ice and/or runs sanctioned activities ~~uses ice~~ at the facility certified as the principal skating headquarters in compliance with MR 2.04 (A). Clubs in violation of this rule ~~shall may~~ be subject to disciplinary action by the

Membership Committee, including omission of said principal skating headquarters from the U.S. Figure Skating directory.

- C. Other rink locations, listed as “additional rink addresses” in the U.S. Figure Skating directory and database, may be listed by the club. These locations are defined as any other surface where the club ~~contracts~~ secures ice. These listings are in place to protect the ice activities of one club from being usurped by another (see rule MR 7.01) and for additional insurance coverage.
- D. An “inactive member club” is a club that has been granted inactive status by the chair of the Membership Committee in accordance with MR 3.11 as a result of the club’s inability to maintain membership to conduct private sessions due to loss of ice, or a club which has been placed in such status by action of the Membership Committee in accordance with rule MR 6.12.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**56. APPROVED – Membership Committee**

Amend **rule MR 4.00 (page 83, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 4.00 Qualifications for Interim Club Membership**

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

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

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

Amend **rule MR 7.01 (B) (pages 87-88, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 7.00 Club Ethics**

**MR 7.01** A member club may file a written complaint with the Membership Committee chair if the club has reason to believe that unfair practices, prejudicial to the club, are being employed by another club. ~~The Membership Committee is authorized to consider such a written complaint and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.~~

- B. It is an unfair practice for a member club (full, interim 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, provisional or interim), without first having obtained the permission 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. Please consult the facility usage guidelines on the Club Management section of the U.S. Figure Skating website. All disputes will be referred to and resolved by the Membership Committee chair and the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**58. APPROVED – Membership Committee**

Amend **rule MR 5.05 (page 85, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 5.05 Introductory Members.** Introductory members will pay a fee as outlined below. Such members may join only as members of a member club; however, members can change their home club in the course of a membership year in accordance with any rules governing such change.

- A. First family introductory member dues are \$25 per person.
  - 1. The first family member will receive a membership card and a subscription to SKATING magazine.
- B. Each subsequent introductory member of the same family (related persons permanently residing at the same address) dues are ~~\$20~~ \$15.
  - 1. To qualify as a subsequent member, at least one family member must have paid the first family member dues, the full individual member dues or the first family introductory member dues.
  - 2. Subsequent family members will receive a membership card only.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

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

Replace **rule MR 5.11 (pages 85-86, Rulebook)** with the following language:

**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 a U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.~~

**MR 5.11** *Coach Compliance.*

In order for a coach to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating – either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30, and successfully pass the background screen, if 18 years of age or older.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of coach's students as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- E. Must be a PSA member if coaching skaters/teams in qualifying events at U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions. See rule 1022.

Basic Skills Instructors: Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

For deadline and penalties, see rules MR 5.13 and MR 5.14.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

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

Add new **rule MR 5.14 (page 86, Rulebook)** as follows:

**MR 5.14** Any renewing coach who does not fulfill the requirements of coach compliance in rules MR 5.11 (B), (C) and (D) and MR 5.12 by July 1 will be assessed a \$75 late fee.

- A. Special exceptions to the late fee may be granted by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Membership Committee.

**Implementation date:** June 30, 2014

**61. APPROVED AS AMENDED – State Games Committee**

Amend **rules SGCR 4.01, SGCR 5.01, SGCR 6.01, SGCR 6.04, SGCR 7.02 and SGCR 8.03 (pages 107-109, Rulebook)** as follows:

**SGCR 4.00 Sanctions**

**SGCR 4.01** All recognized State Games require a sanction application to be filed by a U.S. Figure Skating member club to the designated State Games ~~sanction officer~~ sectional vice chair at least 60 days prior to the competition accompanied by the corresponding announcement for the competition. If the State Games requesting the sanction is receiving financial aid from U.S. Figure Skating pursuant to SGCR 8.02, the sanction application must also include an agreement entered into between a U.S. Figure Skating host club and the respective State Games organization as well as a list of U.S. Figure Skating officials participating. The ~~sanction officer~~ sectional vice chair may reject any application for any good and sufficient reason.



## **SGCR 5.00 Officials**

**SGCR 5.01** Officials for all events of the competition ~~shall~~ must be qualified U.S. Figure Skating officials chosen from U.S. Figure Skating official lists, except that ~~judges for showcase or spotlight events may be any qualified eligible person or reinstated person other than restricted or ineligible persons~~ Basic Skills events may be judged by any qualified eligible or ineligible person who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or Basic Skills member and is 16 years of age or older.

## **SGCR 6.00 Eligibility to Compete**

**SGCR 6.01** State Games competitions ~~shall be~~ are open to any eligible skater. ~~The minimum requirement for eligibility is a skater who is a resident of the state hosting the games; a resident of a neighboring state, if the neighboring state is a member of the National Congress of State Games and there is an agreement between both states that allows it; or a resident of a neighboring state that is not a member of the National Congress of State Games if the host state allows it, whether or not that~~ The skater is ~~may be~~ may be affiliated or unaffiliated with an organization such as U.S. Figure Skating or ISI; ~~However, skaters affiliated with U.S. Figure Skating must be eligible to compete according to U.S. Figure Skating eligibility rules.~~

**SGCR 6.04** An eligible person in skating who is not a member of U.S. Figure Skating may enter the figure skating events of State Games, which are recognized by the USOC and sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating, if otherwise eligible to do so. Entrants in figure skating events of State Games are not subject to rule ~~2442~~ 3045. If only one competitor is entered in an event, the event may be held.

## **SGCR 7.00 Conduct of Competitions**

**SGCR 7.02** The proposed competition announcement must be reviewed by the ~~national~~ sectional vice chair of State Games and the chief referee of the competition prior to publication. The announcement must be consistent with rule 3020.

## **SGCR 8.00 Expenses and Reports**

**SGCR 8.03** Within 50 days of the last day of competition, a summary report of the competition and, if U.S. Figure Skating financial assistance was provided, a financial statement must be filed with the national chair of State Games, the appropriate sectional vice chair of State Games and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters. Failure to submit final reports and financial statements may result in the denial of a sanction the following year and any agreed upon assistance from the U.S. Figure Skating State Games budget.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

### **TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)**

**62. APPROVED** the following national promotions:

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

- **National Singles/Pairs Referee:** Leslie Gianelli, Wallingford, Conn.
- **National Synchronized Skating Referee:** Daren Patterson, Knoxville, Tenn.
- **National Music Coordinator:** Allen Krawiec, Littleton, Mass.

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

- **National Dance Judge:** Elyse Matsumoto, Trophy Club, Texas
- **National Singles/Pairs Judge:** Aristeo Brito, Miami, Fla.; Melissa Dillenbeck, La Grange, Ill.; Kerry Jennings-Cooper, Alexandria, Va.; Heather Nemier, Ashburn, Va.; Katherine Specht, Napa, Calif.; Jennifer Simon, Galveston, Texas;

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

- **National Data Operator – Singles/Pairs/Dance:** Stephanie Lab, Aurora, Ill.; Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.
- **National Technical Specialist – Singles:** Colleen Mickey, Carlsbad, Calif.

**63. ACCEPTED/ACKNOWLEDGED** the following national resignations and vacated positions:

- Glenn Cummings, Lambertville, N.J. – resigned to spend more time with his family (National Dance Judge)
- James Cunningham, Hudson, Ohio – passed away (National Music Coordinator)
- Rose Kanger, Omaha, Neb. – didn't renew her membership (National Singles/Pairs Judge)
- Paul Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y. – passed away (National Accountant)
- Douglas Mankovich, Takoma Park, Md. – passed away (National Dance Judge)
- Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio – passed away (National Dance and Singles/Pairs Judge and Referee)

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

Amend rule 4580 (page 220, Rulebook) as follows:

| <b>ADULT SILVER WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b><br><b>2:10 maximum time</b><br><b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>JUMPS</b>  | Maximum of five jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include an Axel jump</li> <li>• Jumps may be repeated only once and only in combination and/or 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>• Additional jump sequences which contain <u>non-listed</u> jumps of not more than one revolution (i.e. mazurkas, half-loops, etc.) performed as part of connecting footwork preceding single jumps are permitted</li> <li>• Only single jumps and Axels are allowed</li> <li>• No 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>• A spin with a change of foot must have a minimum of three revolutions on each foot. All <del>other</del> spins <u>without a change of foot</u> 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>• The skaters have freedom to select the kinds of spins they intend to execute within the spin types allowed.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>STEP OR SPIRAL SEQUENCE</b>  | Maximum of one element chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One step sequence utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface</li> <li style="text-align: center;">OR</li> <li>• One spiral sequence (any pattern) utilizing at least one-half of the ice surface</li> </ul> <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> <li>• Additional moves in the field, spiral sequences and step sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements; instead they will be counted as transitions and marked as such</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 4100).</li> </ul>   |

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**65. APPROVED – Adult Skating Committee**

Amend rule TR 26.02 (B) (page 16, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 26.02** The adult free skate tests are divided into four classes to be taken in the following order: pre-bronze, bronze, silver and gold.

B. An adult skater who has passed the standard free skate test may cross over to the adult track as follows:

| <b>Standard FS passed</b> | <b>Must then pass either</b>  | <b>To take this adult test</b>                 |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Pre-preliminary FS        | Preliminary MIF or adult <del>pre-bronze</del> MIF                          | Adult <del>pre-bronze</del> FS                 |
| Preliminary FS            | Pre-juvenile MIF or adult <del>bronze silver</del> MIF                      | Adult <del>bronze silver</del> FS              |
| Pre-juvenile FS           | Juvenile MIF or adult <del>silver gold</del> MIF                            | Adult <del>silver gold</del> FS                |
| Juvenile FS               | <del>Intermediate MIF or adult gold MIF</del><br>No additional MIF required | Adult gold FS <u>optional but not required</u> |

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**66. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rule 1212 (page 134, Rulebook) as follows:

**1212** The chief referee will:

O. Work with the local organizing committee (LOC) to ensure that all coaches are in compliance, and take appropriate actions, if necessary.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**67. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rules 1214 and 1215 (pages 134-135, Rulebook) as follows:

**1214** Within 30 days after a qualifying competition, the referee will complete a report:

- A. Including the following:
  - ~~7. CEU/activity report of officials (judges, referees, technical panel)~~
- B. Which will be sent as follows:

| TO:                              | Items 1-4<br>Referee's<br>Report | Item 5<br>Component/<br>Cumulative<br>Results | Item 6<br>Officials'<br>Assignment Sheet<br>(Form 104) | Item 7<br>Officials'<br>CEU-<br>Report |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| U.S. Figure Skating headquarters | X                                | Sent by<br>Accountants                        | X  | X (D)                                  |

Footnote: (D) - Send for nonqualifying competitions only

**Note:** The entire referee report, including the requirements listed in items 5 and 6 and 7 in the chart may be fulfilled via email at the end of the competition in a format specified by the Competitions Committee.

**1215** ~~The referee shall,~~ Within 30 days after a nonqualifying competition, the referee will:

- A. Send a report as outlined in rule 1214 (A). ~~The record of initial and final placements in each event should be sent electronically or on paper.~~
  - 1. Computer summaries of placements including segment and cumulative, if sent electronically, must be sent in a currently approved program format.
- B. Include a CEU/activity report of officials (judges, referees and technical panel) in a format approved by the Competitions Committee.
- BC. Send the entire report via email, fax or regular mail to:
  - 1. U.S. Figure Skating headquarters; and
  - 2. The appropriate regional vice chair on the Competitions Committee for the region in which the competition was held, or the appropriate synchronized sectional vice chair on the Competitions Committee for the section in which the competition was held (for synchronized skating competitions).

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**68. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rule 1220 (B) (page 136, Rulebook) and rule 6075 (H) (page 267, Rulebook) as follows:

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

- B. The event referee:
  - 13. In ice dance, announces, in advance of the first practice, the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance will start. Also see rule 6075 (H).
  - ~~14.~~ Allows a skater/team to restart according to rules 1400-1403 and 6075 (H).

**6075** In the initial or final round of all dance competitions the number of sequences of the dance to be danced ~~shall will~~ be as follows:

- H. The referee ~~shall will~~ announce in advance the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance ~~shall will~~ start. If a couple begins to perform the first pattern on the incorrect side, the following actions are to be followed:
  - 1. The referee must signal the couple to stop. The couple must stop skating at the signal of the referee. The music must stop, and the judges and technical panel must cease their evaluations. The referee will instruct the couple of the direction in which to start the dance.
  - 2. The couple will be allowed to restart the entire dance in the correct direction, including the introduction.
  - 3. If there were any calls by the technical panel during the first start of the pattern dance prior to the referee stopping the couple, the technical panel will have these calls removed from the computer. Any judges scores that were entered will have to be cleared out, too.
  - 4. If the referee does not signal the couple to stop, and they continue to perform the pattern dance on the incorrect side of the ice, the technical panel will call the pattern dance in the order as skated, without penalty with respect to the order of the patterns.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**69. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rule 2000 (B) (page 144, Rulebook) as follows:

**2000 Qualifying Competitions – Sanctions**

B. Sanctions for any qualifying competition, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, shall will be issued only to full member clubs in good standing or to interclub associations listed in the current directory. Entries are limited to registered persons or to members of a member association of the ISU current members of U.S. Figure Skating who otherwise meet the requirements as outlined in the rules.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**70. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rule 2132 (page 151, Rulebook) as follows:

**2132 Levels and Numbers of Judges for Qualifying Competitions**

| Competition  | Judge – Singles/Pairs (S/P) Events   | Judge – Dance Events   | Judge – Synchronized (SYS) Events | Number of judges on a panel in the 6.0 system (not applicable to IJS) |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships                              | National S/P<br>Sectional S/P<br>(For dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events, a majority of the panel must be U.S. Figure Skating judges)   | National Dance<br>Sectional Dance  | N/A                               | At least 7  |
| Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events*) | National S/P<br>Sectional S/P<br>Regional S/P<br><br>*Judges for nonqualifying events may be <u>any judge qualified to judge any nonqualifying competitions and will be selected by the LOC and approved by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee</u> | National Dance<br>Sectional Dance<br>Novice Sectional Dance<br><br>*Judges for nonqualifying events may be <u>any judge qualified to judge any nonqualifying competitions and will be selected by the LOC and approved by the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee</u> | N/A                               | At least 5<br>Recommend 7   |

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**71. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend rule 2412 (page 159, Rulebook) as follows:

**2412** Individual members, if residing in the United States, shall must enter the championship of the section or region in which their legal residence is located. If residing outside the United States, they shall must enter the championship held in the section or region whose boundary is nearest to the city of their legal residence. If the competitor is under 21 years of age, their legal residence shall be presumed to be that of their parents or guardian for the purposes of this rule.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

## 72. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend rules 2431-2433 (pages 159-160, Rulebook) and rule 2472 (page 163, Rulebook) as follows:

### 2430 Previous Winners – Regionals/Sectionals/Nationals

~~2431~~ Winners of intermediate and juvenile (singles, pairs and dance) events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships are not eligible to compete again at the same level. Winners of junior and novice singles events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships may compete at the same level the following season; however, if they choose to do so, they must bypass regionals and begin competing at their sectional championship. Winners of junior and novice pairs and dance events at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships may compete at the same level the following season, beginning at their sectional championship. Prior year (singles) winners moving up one or more levels must start at a regional championship.

A. Either partner of a pair or dance team may re-enter the same level with a different partner if otherwise eligible.

~~2432~~ Previous winners of juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior or senior events at regional championships or juvenile, intermediate, novice or junior events at sectional championships must compete at a regionals championship again to qualify for the sectional championships, unless otherwise qualified under rule 2472.

~~2433~~ Previous winners of the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships are not eligible to compete again at the same level. Winners of senior singles events at a sectional championship may bypass the regional championships the following season and begin competing at their sectional championship; however, if they choose to compete at a regional championship, they must place in the top four in order to advance to sectionals.

A. Either partner of a pair or ice dance couple may re-enter with a different partner if otherwise eligible.

### 2470 Qualifying for Sectional Championships – Singles/Pairs/Dance

~~2472~~ Senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile singles skaters:

~~A. Senior, junior, novice, intermediate and juvenile singles skaters qualify for sectional championships by:~~

~~1A. Placing in the top four at a regional championship;~~

~~2B. Receiving an international bye (per rule 2473);~~

~~3C. Having four or fewer entries in their event at a regional championship;~~

D. Having won the U.S. Championships at the junior level the previous season if competing at the junior level this season;

E. Having won the U.S. Championships at the novice level the previous season if competing at the novice level this season;

F. Having won a sectional championship at the senior level the previous season.

~~B. For senior only~~

~~1. Having won the same senior event at a sectional championship the previous year;~~

~~a. All previous winners of a senior event at sectionals must compete at sectionals again to qualify for U.S. Figure Skating Championships unless otherwise qualified under rule 2517.~~

~~b. If any of the previous winners elect to enter the same event at a regional championship, they must place in the top four to qualify for the sectional championships. However, these previous winners do not displace competitors who would have otherwise placed in the top four. In this situation, more than four competitors would qualify for the sectional championships.~~

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

## 73. APPROVED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 2463 (page 161, Rulebook) as follows:

~~2463~~ Competitors in juvenile events shall not be seeded. Competitors in senior, junior, novice and intermediate qualifying rounds shall will be seeded from the previous year's qualifying competition final placements for the comparable event. Qualifying round results will not be used. Zigzag seeding will be used as follows:

A. By final placement in the event of the same class first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships, then sectionals (if applicable), then regionals (qualifying round placements will not be used);

B. For intermediate, novice, junior and senior, by final placement in the event of the next lower class first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships, then sectionals (if applicable), then regionals (qualifying round placements will not be used);

C. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the same class;

D. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the next lower class and for those moving up more than one competition level, regardless of previous placement (i.e. all remaining competitors).

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

#### 74. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Add new rule 2701 (page 167, Rulebook) and amend rule 2712 (page 167, Rulebook) as follows:

- 2701** The following definitions pertain to all U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions for singles/pairs/ice dance:
- A. Event segment: each part of the event – e.g. short program, free skate, pattern dance, short dance, free dance.
  - B. Practice group: These groups are pre-defined by the chief referee and determine the official practice sessions to which each skater is assigned.
  - C. Warm-up group: These are defined by the draw (the start order for each event segment). This will change for each event segment (e.g. short program vs. free skate).
  - D. Official practice ice: These sessions are offered at the discretion of the LOC and, if offered, are at least one day before the event segment. Competition music will be played.
  - E. Official event day warm-up ice: These are sessions provided, at the discretion of the LOC and chief referee, on the day of an event segment. These sessions are typically 15 to 20 minutes in length, and no competition music will be played. This is NOT the 4-6 minute competition warm-up time that is directly before each event segment (see rule 2711).
  - F. Unofficial practice ice: this is not scheduled by the chief referee, nor is it the responsibility of U.S. Figure Skating. A skater who would like additional practice sessions beyond official practice ice may contact local rinks for times and prices. A skater/team may skate on unofficial practice ice at any rink, at any time, EXCEPT between the time when the skater's/team's event segment has begun – as signified by the first warm-up group taking the ice – and the time when the last skater/team in the event completes their program.
- 2712** A warm-up period must immediately precede a competitive skating group. In case of interruption in the competition of more than 10 minutes, due to unforeseen circumstances, the skaters concerned will be permitted a second warm-up period of six minutes in the case of singles or pairs, four minutes in the case of pattern dance or five minutes in the case of short dance or free dance.
- A. For singles, pairs and ice dance, unless otherwise authorized by the chief referee, after an event segment (short program, free skate, pattern dance, short dance, free dance) has begun as witnessed by the first warm-up group having taken the ice, no competitor in that event segment, regardless of their warm-up group, may practice for any length of time on the official ice surface or any other ice surface until the event segment ~~or event has been~~ concluded. This rule does not affect the skater's official warm-up group or the time immediately preceding the call of their name by the announcer. A skater/team who violates this rule will be disqualified from the competition.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

#### 75. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Competitions Committee

Amend rule 3060 (page 185, Rulebook), rule ICR 2.02 (G) (page 62, Rulebook) and rule SR 3.32 (page 100, Rulebook) as follows:

##### **3060 Eligibility to Compete – Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance**

- A. In order to enter nonqualifying competitions, a person must be: (1) an eligible person, restricted person, reinstated eligible person or readmitted person as defined in the Eligibility Rules; (2) a member of a member club, a collegiate club or an individual member; (3) currently registered; and (4) otherwise eligible under these rules except as stated below.
  - 1. Non-U.S. citizens from Canada and U.S. citizens who have been released by U.S. Figure Skating to represent Canada may be permitted to enter nonqualifying competitions if the competition is also sanctioned by Skate Canada.
  - 2. Non-U.S. citizens from countries other than Canada who have documentation that they are in good standing with their own national associations and have permission from their own national association to compete in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competitions or have requested release from said federation may be permitted to enter nonqualifying competitions. Permission must be granted by the chair of the International Committee per rules ICR 2.02 (F) and SR 3.32 (B).
  - 3. U.S. citizens who have been released by U.S. Figure Skating to represent a foreign federation must represent said federation at nonqualifying competitions. Those released to represent a foreign federation other than Canada must have documentation that they are in good standing with and have permission to compete in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competitions from said federation.
- B. Any member of U.S. Figure Skating who also represents a foreign federation must represent that foreign federation in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competitions in which they participate. All other members of U.S. Figure Skating competitors shall must represent only their designated home club in any competition as. The designated home club shall be that set forth in MR 8.04.

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

- G. 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.;

**SR 3.32 Other Foreign Sanctions:**

- A. The chair of the International Committee must sanction all exhibitions or other appearances by U.S. Figure Skating skaters in a foreign country, other than Canada. If, in conjunction with the foreign exhibition or appearance, the U.S. Figure Skating skater has been offered payment for an appearance, endorsement or exhibition performance that involves the use of the person's skating skills, identity or reputation as a skater, the skater must comply with the provisions of SR 5.01 before being authorized to participate in the activity or receive payment.
- B. ~~The chair of the International Committee must sanction all exhibitions or other appearances by foreign eligible persons, other than Canadians, in the United States and its territories. Non-U.S. citizens from countries other than Canada and U.S. citizens who have been released by U.S. Figure Skating to represent a foreign federation other than Canada must have documentation that they are in good standing with and have permission from their federation to appear in an exhibition.~~
- C. ~~Negotiations regarding such exhibitions shall be handled directly between the skaters, the chair of the International Committee and the appropriate officer of the national association of the foreign country in which the U.S. Figure Skating skater wishes to appear or to which the foreign eligible person belongs.~~

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**76. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rules 3110 and 3111 (pages 185-186, Rulebook)** as follows:

**3100 Rules for Basic Skills Competitions**

**3110 Basic Skills Competitions – ~~Sanctions~~ Approvals**

**3111** Basic Skills competitions may include events for skaters who have passed no higher than the preliminary free skate, ~~preliminary pre-bronze~~ pattern dance or adult bronze free skate tests without applying for a U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required and may be obtained from the appointed Basic Skills representatives. See also rule 3112.

**3112** When a Basic Skills competition is held in conjunction with a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, an approval number as required by rule 3111 above must still be obtained.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**77. APPROVED – Competitions Committee**

Amend **rule 3200 (page 186, Rulebook)** as follows:

**3200 Rules for Special Competitions**

Special competitions require a sanction from the appropriate regional vice chair.

C. For application of other rules, a special competition is to be considered a sanctioned nonqualifying competition. All entrants must be at least a U.S. Figure Skating registered Basic Skills member ~~or an ISI member.~~

~~D. Any nonregistered skater may participate in special competitions if otherwise eligible.~~

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**78. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend **rule 6095 (E) (page 271, Rulebook)** as follows:

**6095 Free Dance Description**

E. For intermediate, juvenile and all adult free dance events, the music may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. The music may, however, be without an audible rhythmic beat for the beginning 10 seconds of the program. (Balance of rule remains unchanged.)

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**79. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rules 6222 (page 279, Rulebook) and TR 54.03 (page 44, Tests Book) as follows:

**6222 Elements for Novice Free Dance 2012-13**

| <b>NOVICE FREE DANCE</b><br><b>3:00 +/- 10 seconds</b><br><b>Must contain the following elements in any order</b> |  |
|---|--|
| <b>STEP SEQUENCES</b>   | Maximum of <del>one</del> <u>two</u> step sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>One must be a not touching midline step sequence</u></li><li>• <u>The other must be chosen from circular, <del>midline</del>, diagonal or serpentine in hold</u></li><li>• <u>Both step sequences must utilize the full ice surface</u></li><li>• <u>The step sequence in hold must be skated in dance holds or variations thereof, except hand-in-hand hold in sustained position with fully extended arms, <u>and any separation to change hold must not exceed one measure of music</u></u></li><li>• <u>Not touching midline and not touching circular step sequences are NOT permitted</u></li><li>• Dance lifts, jumps of more than one-half rotation, stops, dance spins, pirouettes, pattern retrogressions and loops must not be included in the step sequence</li></ul> |

**TR 54.03 Novice Free Dance Test**

**Step Sequence:** One sequence (in hold) from the following list: circular, midline, diagonal or serpentine. The sequence must fully cover the ice. It should include a variety of steps and turns and must include three-turns, mohawks, brackets and counters executed by both partners. An additional step sequence (in hold or not touching) is permitted and may be performed before or after the required step sequence in hold.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**80. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule 6250 (A) (page 284, Rulebook) as follows:

**6250 Pre-Juvenile Dance**

**Note:** Pre-juvenile dance is considered a nonqualifying event and is held at regional championships only at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entry to the regional championships: Both partners must have passed the preliminary moves in the field test or higher and two standard partnered preliminary dances ~~but no or higher than the standard partnered pre-bronze dance test.~~

**Note:** It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the juvenile free dance test and still remain eligible to compete at the pre-juvenile dance level, provided that neither skater has competed at the juvenile dance level in a qualifying competition. Further, if a skater chooses to compete at the pre-juvenile dance level, the skater must do so with a partner other than the one with whom the juvenile free dance test was passed.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

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

Amend rule 6921 (A)(2) (page 292, Rulebook) as follows:

**6921 Marking the Pattern Dances – IJS**

A. Technical Score

2. *Novice, Intermediate and Juvenile Pattern Dances:* For the novice, intermediate and juvenile pattern dances, ~~four key points in each sequence/section of the dance will be assessed by the technical panel specialists will determine to establish the level of every the whole sequence/section as one unit, and judges will give one GOE for the whole sequence/ each section. The key points will be taken into consideration by the technical panel to establish the level of each sequence/section of the dance. Sections are divided into four levels. The description of characteristics that give a section a certain level is~~ The key points 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:** July 1, 2013



**82. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule 6221 (page 278, Rulebook) as follows:

**6221 Selection of Novice Pattern Dances**

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

**A. 2013-14 Group B – Argentine Tango\*, Kilian, Starlight Viennese Waltz**

1. The asterisked (\*) dance plus one dance drawn per rule 6080 will be skated at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The asterisked (\*) dance plus the dance not drawn will be skated at the sectional championships.
2. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Couple's chosen music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the pattern dance and may include vocals. Each team must submit their music no later than the first official practice session for their event at each competition.
3. The dances will be skated in the order listed.
4. Draw for the skating order of the couples shall be made in accordance with rules 2722, 2723 and 6074.
5. The number of sequences of each dance shall be as specified in rule 6075.

**B. 2014-15 Group A – Starlight Waltz\*, Blues, Paso Doble**

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**83. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 61.01 (E) (pages 49-50, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 61.01 General Requirements:**

- E. Music for the solo free dance may be vocal and must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone. The music may, however, be without an audible rhythmic beat for the beginning 10 seconds of the program. (Balance of rule remains unchanged.)

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**84. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 61.02 (pages 50-51, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 61.02 Definitions and Descriptions**

- C. **Definition of Spins:** A dance spin is on one foot only. It must have a minimum of three revolutions and may include any number of changes of position. A combination spin must have a change of foot with a minimum of three revolutions on each foot, and may contain any number of positions on either foot. No flying entries are permitted on any dance spin.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**85. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 64.03 (page 53, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 64.03 Novice Solo Free Dance Test**

Duration: ~~2:20~~ 2:10 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**86. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

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

**TR 64.04 Junior Solo Free Dance Test**

Duration: ~~2:50~~ 2:30 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater's choice

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**87. APPROVED – Dance Committee**

Amend rule TR 64.05 (pages 54-55, Tests Book) as follows:

**TR 64.05 Senior Solo Free Dance Test**

Duration: 3:20 2:50 +/- 10 seconds to music of the skater’s choice

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**88. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Judges Committee**

Amend rule JR 4.08 (page 69, Rulebook), rule ER 1.03 (A) (page 47, Rulebook), rule ER 8.01 (F) (page 50, Rulebook) and rule ER 8.06 (pages 51-52, Rulebook) as follows:

**JR 4.08** In the event a U.S. Figure Skating judge begins coaching outside the exceptions allowed in JR 4.08 (D) and (E), the judge must inform the chair of the Judges Committee in writing that ~~he/she has commenced~~ this activity has commenced. A U.S. Figure Skating judge is prohibited from participating as an official U.S. Figure Skating judge during this period. If a U.S. Figure Skating judge concurrently acts as a judge of tests or ~~as an official of at any~~ U.S. Figure Skating competitions while serving as a paid instructor in skating or its related activities, this conduct ~~shall~~ will be reviewed by ~~the chair of the Sanctions and Eligibility Committee for an action changing eligibility status, and to the chair of the Judges Committee for disciplinary action. Such eligibility action may include, but is not limited to, temporary restriction of eligibility status through permanent ineligibility. (For an exception to this rule, see ER 1.03.)~~

- A. U.S. Figure Skating judge may ~~trial~~ judge during the coaching activity period;
- B. The judge may begin or resume judging ninety (90) days after withdrawing from coaching activity. The judge is prohibited from judging former students for one year following the student’s last lesson;
- C. See rules JR 11.11 and JR 11.12 for the reappointment process.
- D. U.S. Figure Skating appointed judges may teach skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests. Such teaching must be as part of a learn-to-skate or Basic Skills group lesson program. Judges who teach under these guidelines maintain their eligibility to judge.
- E. U.S. Figure Skating judges who are full time college students may teach and judge concurrently. These skaters must apply to the chair of the Judges Committee and provide documentation that confirms their status as a full time college student.

**ER 1.03** An “eligible coach” is an eligible person who is a paid instructor in skating and related activities, but who has not otherwise participated in an activity that causes that person to become ineligible. See ER 6.01.

- A. Eligible coaches may not serve as accountants, judges, or referees or technical controllers at U.S. Figure Skating tests and competitions while they continue to coach, except as allowed in JR 4.08 (D) and (E).

**ER 8.01** Eligible persons, as defined in ER 1.02, may participate in the following, except as otherwise noted:

- F. As an eligible coach, as that term is defined in ER 1.03, and, if desired, ~~trial~~ judge while doing so. An eligible coach ~~shall have~~ has all the privileges of an eligible person, with the exception of the following limitations:
  1. ~~Shall Not~~ be eligible to serve as an official accountant, judge, referee or technical controller, unless otherwise provided pursuant to ER 8.06 and JR 4.08 (D) and (E), for U.S. Figure Skating tests or competitions;

**ER 8.06 Eligibility Classification Table**

| Activity   | Eligible/<br>Reinstated | Eligible<br>Officials<br>Accountants,<br>Judges, Referees<br>or Technical<br>Controllers | Restricted | Readmitted | Ineligible | Eligible<br>Coach |
|--|-------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Paid coaching  | Yes *X                  | No   | Yes *      | Yes *      | Yes        | Yes *             |
| * Forfeits right to officiate <u>serve as an accountant, judge, referee or technical controller</u> except as allowed in JR 4.08 (D) and (E)<br>X See Membership Rules |                         |  |            |            |            |                   |

*Remainder of table is unchanged.*

**Implementation date:** Urgent

**89. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee**  
Amend rule 7500 (page 331, Rulebook) as follows:

**7500 Adult Synchronized Skating**

| <b>ADULT SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE</b><br><b>3:30 +/- 10 seconds</b><br><b>Must contain the following <del>nine</del> <u>seven</u> elements in any order</b> |   |
|--|---|
| <b>BLOCK</b>   | One block element   |
| <b>BLOCK <del>OR</del> CIRCLE STEP SEQUENCE</b>  | One block <del>or</del> circle step sequence element<br>• If <u>circle step sequence</u> , must be executed in a one circle configuration |
| <b>CIRCLE</b>  | One circle element  |
| <b><del>CIRCLE STEP SEQUENCE</del></b>   | One circle step sequence element<br>• <u>Must be executed in a one circle configuration</u>   |
| <b>CREATIVE</b>  | One creative element  |
| <b>INTERSECTION</b>  | One intersection element  |
| <b>LINE</b>  | One line element  |
| <b><del>MOVES IN THE FIELD OR SPIN</del></b>   | One element selected from a moves in the field or spin element  |
| <b>WHEEL</b>   | One wheel element   |

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**90. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee**

Replace the movements in isolation element with the creative element for all 6.0 levels that currently require a movements in isolation element (masters, juvenile, open collegiate and open juvenile). Rules affected are **7130 (A)**, **7130 (B)**, **7150 (L)**, **7240**, **7250**, **7290** and **7510** (pages 301-332, Rulebook).

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**91. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Technical Panel Committee**

Amend rule TPCR 4.02 (E) (pages 111-112, Rulebook) as follows:

**TPCR 4.02** Technical specialist and assistant technical specialist qualifications:

- E. Must be retired as an active competitor for at least one year if serving in a qualifying event except in extraordinary circumstances involving pairs, ice dancing or synchronized skating events, and subject to the approval of the Technical Panel Committee chair, the Competitions Committee chair and the Technical Group coordinator.

**Implementation date:** January 7, 2013

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

**92. APPROVED – Ethics Committee**

Amend rule GR 1.03 (page 32, Rulebook) as follows:

**GR 1.03** U.S. Figure Skating will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment (including sexual harassment), misconduct (including sexual, physical and emotional misconduct), bullying or hazing ~~or abuse~~ of any of its members including coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, athletes and volunteers — or any other persons — while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. The U.S. Figure Skating Policy Statement on Harassment and Abuse may be found in its entirety online at usfigureskating.org. Harassment of such nature between or among U.S. Figure Skating members shall be reported to the chair of the Ethics or Grievance Committee as soon as is practicably possible, per ECR 2.00 and GCR 2.00.

- A. If any form of child abuse is observed or suspected, the observer should immediately contact either local law enforcement or a public child welfare agency and make a report.
- B. Any person who violates this rule, who fails to appropriately report or who makes a false report or otherwise violates U.S. Figure Skating’s Policy on Harassment and Abuse will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article XXIV, Section 3, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**93. APPROVED – E. Michael Elmaleh, Club Delegate, Princeton SC**

Amend rule 2131 (page 150, Rulebook) as follows:

**2131 Levels of Referees and Accountants for Qualifying Competitions**

| <b>Competition</b>  | <b>Referee</b>                    | <b>Assistant Referees</b>         | <b>Dance Referees</b> | <b>Accountant</b>                 | <b>Assistant Accountants</b>             |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sectional Championships   | National<br>Sectional             | National<br>Sectional             | National<br>Sectional | National<br>Sectional             | National<br>Sectional<br>Regional        |
| Adult Sectional Championships (qualifying and nonqualifying events) | National<br>Sectional<br>Regional | National<br>Sectional<br>Regional | National<br>Sectional | National<br>Sectional<br>Regional | National<br>Sectional<br>Regional        |
| Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships                        | National SYS<br>Sectional SYS     | National SYS<br>Sectional SYS     | N/A                   | National<br>Sectional             | National<br>Sectional<br><u>Regional</u> |

*Remainder of table is unchanged.*

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**94. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Roland Bessette, Club Delegate, Pawtucket & Providence FSC**

Amend rule 3400 (page 187, Rulebook) as follows:

**3400 Rules for ~~National~~ Showcase Competitions**

For specific guidelines for the recommended conduct of ~~National~~ showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying and National Showcase Competition Manual Guidelines and Procedures posted on usfigureskating.org.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**95. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Roland Bessette, Club Delegate, Pawtucket & Providence FSC**

Amend rule 3500 (page 187, Rulebook) as follows:

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

For specific guidelines for the recommended conduct of ~~National~~ Theatre On Ice competitions, refer to the National Theatre On Ice Competition Manual Guidelines and Procedures posted on usfigureskating.org.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**96. APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL – Lynn Goldman, Competitions Committee chair, John Millier, Dance Committee chair, and Gail Sombati, Adult Skating Committee chair**

Amend rule 6075 (page 266, Rulebook) as follows:

**6075** In the initial or final round of all dance competitions the number of sequences of the dance to be danced ~~shall~~ will be as follows:

- A. Two sequences: Swing Dance, European Waltz, American Waltz, Tango, Starlight Waltz, Westminster Waltz, Argentine Tango, Austrian Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado, Yankee Polka, Ravensburger Waltz, Tango Romantica, Silver Samba, Golden Waltz, Midnight Blues, ~~and Finnstep and, for adult events only, Viennese Waltz.~~
  - 1. Two sequences will be danced in all adult solo dance events at an adult sectional championship or the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships with the exception of the Kilian and Fourteenstep, which require that three sequences be danced in these competitions.
- B. Three sequences: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz, Ten-Fox, Blues, Paso Doble and, ~~except for adult events, Viennese Waltz.~~
  - 1. Three sequences of the Kilian and Fourteenstep will be danced in adult solo dance events at adult sectional championships and the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.
- C. Four sequences: Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, Rocker Foxtrot, Quickstep and Rhumba.
- D. Six sequences: Kilian.

- E. In the event that a couple does not execute the number of required sequences for the designated pattern dance:
  - 1. The pattern dance will be considered finished when the couple has completed its final pose, or the skaters leave the ice, or in the opinion of the referee, the skaters have completed the skating of the dance and the music is stopped.
  - 2. The missing sequences/sections will not be entered in the data calculations (for IJS events).
  - 3. Since there will be no data entered for calculation purposes, it will not be necessary for the technical panel to “call” the missing sections (in IJS events).
  - 4. Printed protocol will acknowledge only the sequences/sections skated (in IJS events).
  - 5. The judges are to reflect the missing sections in the component marks.
  - 6. This does not preclude rules 1400-1403.
- F. In a nonqualifying competition the referee may vary the number of sequences to meet current conditions, in which case the judges and all entrants ~~shall~~ will be informed before the warm-up of the first dance.
- G. When pattern dances are included in the final round, the referee ~~shall~~ will determine whether the number of sequences is to be the same as those specified for the initial round or increased by one or two sequences taking into account the number of dances and couples and whether the couples are to dance one at a time or in flights of two to four.
- H. The referee ~~shall~~ will announce in advance the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance ~~shall~~ will start.

*The corresponding information will also be added to the respective pattern dance diagrams in the Tests Book.*

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**97. APPROVED – Synchronized Skating Committee and Collegiate Program Committee**

Amend rule 7000 (page 297, Rulebook) as follows:

**7000 Synchronized Rules**

U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions made by the ISU for junior and senior events. U.S. Figure Skating also reserves the right to incorporate revisions made to the junior free skate event into the collegiate event. The revisions or clarifications made to the international judging system by the ISU may be adopted by U.S. Figure Skating at its discretion at any time after the revision or clarification is issued. Revisions or clarifications will be posted as Technical Notifications on usfigureskating.org and, when applicable, published in the next U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

*Note: Rule 7280 will also be amended to match the junior synchronized well-balanced program requirements released in ISU Communication #1786 on March 25, 2013.*

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**NEW BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**98. REFERRED TO THE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMMITTEE – George Rossano, Club Delegate, Glacier Falls FSC**

Amend rule 7240 (B) (page 325, Rulebook) as follows:

**7240 Juvenile Synchronized Skating**

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

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

**99. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Joe Armstrong, Individual Member Delegate**

Add new rules FCR 4.02 and FCR 4.03 (page 54, Rulebook) as follows:

**FCR 4.00 Financial Reporting**

**FCR 4.01** The treasurer, assisted by the Finance Committee, will provide audited annual financial statements, tax returns and such other financial reports as may be required.

**FCR 4.02** Financial reports will be completed and published on the U.S. Figure Skating website no later than nine months following the close of the prior fiscal year.

**FCR 4.03** Financial reports provided with the annual Governing Council meeting book will include:

A. Consolidated statements of financial position;

B. Form 990s for U.S. Figure Skating and the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation; and

C. The prior year's budget showing the approved budget, actual amounts expended, variances from the proposed budget for each budget line item and projections for the end of the current fiscal year by line item.

**Implementation date:** July 1, 2013

#### **OTHER BUSINESS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**100.APPROVED** ratifying and confirming all actions taken by the Board of Directors during the past year except those actions that were rescinded, referred or amended by the Governing Council.

**101.ADOPTED** the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

**102.ELECTED** the following members of the Board of Directors:

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| President                                | Patricia St. Peter     |
| Midwestern and First Vice President      | Samuel Auxier          |
| Eastern and Second Vice President        | Kathaleen Kelly Cutone |
| Pacific Coast and Third Vice President   | Hal Marron             |
| Secretary                                | Heather Nemier         |
| 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                          | Karen Kwan Oppeward    |
| Coaching Member                          | Benjamin Miller        |

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

Pilar Bosley (ice dancing)  
Amanda Evora (pairs)\*  
Erika Hoffman (synchronized skating)  
Lindsey Weber (singles)  
\*Non-voting member of the Board of Directors

**104.**The President **ACCEPTED** the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the following committee chairs:

|                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adult Skating                        | Gail Sombati            |
| Athlete Development                  | Kimberly Heim           |
| Coaches                              | Alex Chang              |
| Collegiate Program                   | Katherine Specht        |
| Competitions                         | Lynn Goldman            |
| Dance                                | Julia Rey               |
| Ethics                               | Jaclyn Ward Vargo       |
| Grievance                            | Steve Wolkin            |
| International                        | Anne Cammett            |
| International Judges and Officials   | Jenny Mast              |
| Judges                               | Kathleen Harmon         |
| Membership                           | Alan Wolf               |
| Memorial Fund                        | Susan Bonn              |
| Pairs                                | Troy Goldstein          |
| Parents                              | Linda Ogawa             |
| Program Development                  | Mary-Elizabeth Wightman |
| Rules                                | Linda Chihara           |
| Sanctions and Eligibility            | Melissa Dillenbeck      |
| Selections                           | Lorrie Parker           |
| Singles                              | Ann Barr                |
| Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating | Jean Fahmie             |
| Sports Sciences and Medicine         | Jennifer Burke          |
| State Games                          | Bonnie Boaz             |

Strategic Planning  
Synchronized Skating  
Technical Panel  
Tests  
Theatrical Skating

Terri Levine  
Robin Greenleaf  
Dana Graham  
Diana Wisner  
Roland Besette

**105.**The President **ANNOUNCED** the following appointments:  
ISU Representative – Gale Tanger

**106.****ANNOUNCED** the Nominating Committee for 2013-14:

Elected by the 2013 delegates from each section to serve a two year term:

Robert Wagner (SA)                      Kathy Slack (EGL)                      Veronica Nebb (CP)

Elected by the 2012 delegates from each section to serve a two year term (this is year two):

Susan Keogh (NE)                      Nancy Iida (SW)                      Dawn Eyerly (SWP)  
Sarah Hughes (NA)                      Robert Bauer (UGL)                      William Cloran (NWP)

Elected by the athletes to serve a one year term:

Derrick Delmore (E)                      Lindsey Weber (M)                      Angela Nikodinov (P)

**107.****ANNOUNCED** that the 2014 Governing Council meeting will be held in Seattle, Wash., the first weekend in May 2014.