

2011 Governing Council Updates

NEWS

(4/29) - [RISE revisited at 2011 Governing Council](#)

UPDATES The following items were among those approved at the 2011 Governing Council meeting. Details of the passing items will be available by May 11 on the [Reports of Action home page](#).

BYLAW EXHIBITS

Exhibit B - A new Theatrical Skating Committee was created. This committee will oversee Theatre On Ice and National Showcase, which were previously under the jurisdiction of the Program Development Committee.

Reports of Action

TECHNICAL GROUP (GROUP 3)

301. The following officials received national appointments

National [Singles & Pairs Referee](#)

Janis Engel, Valencia, Calif.

National [Accountant](#)

James Kawano, Narbert, Pa.

Gay Ann Louiselle, Coon Rapids, Minn.

Elliot Schwartz, West Roxbury, Mass.

National [Singles & Pairs Judge](#)

Marcia Chaffee, West Chester, Ohio

Whitney Luke, Columbus, Ohio

Goleen Samari, Los Angeles, Calif.

National [Dance Judge](#)

Victoria Hildebrand, Williston, Vt.

Honorary National Judge

Ida Tateoka, Salt Lake City, Utah

Elaine DeMore, Cleveland, Ohio

303. The Adult Skating Committee made changes to the Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Silver and Adult Gold Moves in the Field Tests, effective September 2, 2010.

Adult Pre-Bronze: replaced forward three turns with forward right and left foot spirals (moved from adult silver)

Adult Silver: replaced forward right and left foot spirals with consecutive outside and inside spirals (from preliminary)

Adult Gold: replaced inside slide chasse pattern with backward circle eight (from pre-juvenile)

304. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amended rule 3741 (page 251, Rulebook), rule 3751 (page 252, Rulebook) and rule 3761 (page 253, Rulebook) to reduce the maximum number of spins allowed in the championships masters junior-senior, masters senior and masters junior well-balanced free skate events from four to three.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

305. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amended rule 3746 (page 251, Rulebook), rule 3771 (page 253, Rulebook) and rule 3776 (page 254, Rulebook) to reduce the maximum number of jumps allowed in the championships masters intermediate-novice, masters novice and masters intermediate well-balanced free skate events from seven to six.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

306. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amended rule 3781 (page 255, Rulebook) to reduce the maximum number of jump elements allowed in the championship adult gold and adult gold well-balanced free skate events from six to five.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

307. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amended the Championships Masters Junior-Senior, Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice, Masters Senior, Masters Junior, Masters Novice, Masters Intermediate, Championship Adult Gold and Adult Gold well-balanced program requirements to allow the option of a choreographed step sequence or a choreographed spiral sequence.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

308. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Amended the Championship Adult Pairs, Adult Masters Pairs and Adult Gold Pairs to allow the option of a choreographed step sequence or a choreographed spiral sequence.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

309. APPROVED - Adult Skating Committee

Revised the names, levels and requirements for adult interpretive events.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

310. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Made the following changes to the qualifying competition structure:

1. Have the four best-placed competitors in the intermediate and juvenile singles events in each region qualify to enter the appropriate sectional championship.
2. Replace the current U.S. Junior Championships stand-alone event with a smaller national competition for juvenile and intermediate athletes held in conjunction with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
3. Have the four best-placed competitors in all intermediate and juvenile events (singles, pairs and ice dancing) from each section qualify to enter the national competition mentioned in item 2 above.

Implementation date: September 1, 2012

319. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Updated the dance events at the U.S. Collegiate Championships.

1430 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships

1431 The U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships shall will consist of the following events:

- C. Dance shall will consist of two pattern dances a short dance and a free dance.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011 (so this can be used for the 2011 U.S. Collegiate Championships)

324. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amended **rule 2501 (A)(2) and (B)(1) (page 153, Rulebook)** to add adult pre-gold dance to the list of events judged using the international judging system and remove it from the list of events judged using the 6.0 system at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

325. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amended rule 2501 (A)(2) and (B)(1) (page 153, Rulebook) to use the IJS system for championship, masters and gold levels of singles events at adult sectional championships.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

342. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Amended **rule 3562 (page 219, Rulebook)** to allow sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim to be used in moderation by collegiate teams in addition to junior and senior teams.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

344. APPROVED - Competitions Committee

Increased the maximum age for juvenile to "14 years of age or older as of Sept. 1 prior to

the regional championships."

345. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amended **rule TR 40.02 (A)** (page 32, Tests Book) to allow solo dance track tests to qualify skaters for solo dance competitions.

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

346. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amended **rule TR 41.03 (B)** (page 33, Tests Book) and added a **new rule TR 49.09 [suggested number]** (page 39, Tests Book) to allow skaters to test selected international dances--Cha Cha Congelado, Rhumba, Silver Samba, Tango Romantica and Yankee Polka--as part of the solo dance track tests.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

352. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Amended **rule 4412** (page 313, Rulebook) to adjust the way novice pattern dances are judged to mirror the judging of the pattern dance elements in the junior and senior short dance.

Guidelines for evaluating the novice pattern dances:

- 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.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

353. & 354. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Changed the lift requirements for the novice free dance and novice free dance test to: "one short lift and one long lift or three short lifts."

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

355. APPROVED - Dance Committee

Added a **solo free dance test track** for juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels.

Implementation date: September 2, 2011

356. APPROVED - Judges Committee

Amend rule **TR 49.03 (page 37, Tests Book)** and **JR 7.01 (B)(3)(a) (page 73, Rulebook)** to allow a silver dance test judge to single panel bronze pattern dances.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

357. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amended rule **4061, Novice Pairs Short Program, (page 281, Rulebook)** to alternate between the solo spin and the pair spin each season. The requirement for 2011-12 will be the pair spin.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

358. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amended rule **4061, Novice Pairs Short Program, (page 281, Rulebook)**, such that one step sequence will be required each year, and the spiral sequence will no longer be required in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

359. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amended rule **4062, Novice Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate, (pages 282-283, Rulebook)**, such that one spiral sequence will be required each year, and the step sequence will no longer be a requirement in any season. (Currently the step sequence and spiral sequence alternate each year.)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

360. APPROVED - Pairs Committee

Amended rule **4071, Intermediate Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate, (pages 283-284, Rulebook)** to allow a pivot figure as an option for the death spiral element.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

362. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended rule **3662, Novice Ladies Short Program (steps), (page 242, Rulebook)** to replace the fixed Base Value spiral sequence with a leveled step sequence.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

363. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (steps), (pages 242-243, Rulebook)** to replace the option of a fixed Base Value spiral or a fixed Base Value choreographed step sequence with a leveled step sequence.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

364., 365. & 366. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **Intermediate Short Program, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate and Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate** to replace the leveled step sequence with a fixed Base Value choreographed step sequence.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

367. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule 3661, Novice Men Short Program (spins), (page 241, Rulebook)** to require a change of foot in the camel or sit spin.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

368. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule 3672, Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (page 244, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

369. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule TR 32.05, Intermediate Free Skate Test (spins), (page 20, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement from three to two.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

370. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule 3681, Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (page 245, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot. Both spins may have a flying entry.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

371. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule TR 32.04, Juvenile Free Skate Test (spins), (page 20, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement as follows:

TR 32.04 Juvenile Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended two three to include:

1. Forward sit spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)
- 2.1. Ladies: Layback or attitude spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)
Men: Forward camel spin (minimum 4 revolutions in position)...
- 3.2. One spin combination with one change of foot and at least one change of position optional (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot). Must include two one of the following positions: camel, sit or upright attitude.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

372. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule 3691, Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate (spins), (pages 245-246, Rulebook)** to limit the number of spins to two. One spin must be a combination spin with at least one change of position (minimum six revolutions total), and one spin must be a spin in one position with no change of foot (minimum four revolutions). Both spins may have a flying entry.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

373. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule TR 32.03, Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test (spins), (page 19, Tests Book)** to change the recommended spin requirement as follows:

TR 32.03 Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test

Spins: Recommended two three to include:

1. One camel spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
2. One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional. No change of foot (minimum 6 revolutions combined in forward sit and camel positions)
3. Front scratch to back scratch - exit on spinning foot (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot)

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

374. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended **rule TR 32.02, Preliminary Free Skate Test (spins), (page 19, Tests Book)** to change the one foot backspin to a front scratch to back scratch spin (minimum three revolutions on each foot, exit on spinning foot not mandatory).

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

376. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amend **rule 3663, Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate (jump repetitions)**, (page 242, **Rulebook**) to allow one additional triple jump to be repeated and to limit each double (and triple) jump to appear no more than twice (i.e. can repeat as many doubles as they like, but each can appear no more than two times in a program).

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

377. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended the following levels to limit the number of jump combinations or jump sequences to a maximum of two:

- Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Pre-Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate
- No Test Well-Balanced Free Skate

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

378. APPROVED - Singles Committee

Amended the following levels to limit the number of jumps in jump combinations to two jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence will remain unlimited:

- Juvenile/Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Pre-Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Pre-Preliminary Well-Balanced Free Skate
- No Test Well-Balanced Free Skate

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

379. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amended **rule 4681 (page 362, Rulebook)** to give novice teams the option of choosing between a circle step sequence and a block step sequence in the novice well-balanced free skate requirements.

4681 Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate

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

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One no hold step sequence
- H. One block step sequence
- I. One circle step sequence

H. One element selected from a block step sequence or a circle step sequence

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

380. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee

Amended rule 4691 (page 362, Rulebook) to remove one intersection from the intermediate well-balanced free skate requirements.

4691 Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate

A well-balanced intermediate free skate must contain the following nine eight elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. Two One intersection elements
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One block step sequence
- H. One circle step sequence

Implementation date: September 1, 2011

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

506. Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Amended rule JR 6.01 (G)(5) (page 72, Rulebook) to allow gold singles/pairs test judges to judge all levels of singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

507. Submitted by Hal Marron, Technical Group Coordinator

Amended rule JR 7.01 (C)(4) (page 74, Rulebook) to allow gold dance test judges to judge all levels of ice dancing events at nonqualifying competitions.

Implementation date: June 1, 2011

