

# 2022-2023 INTERCOLLEGIATE HANDBOOK

**General Competition Announcement** 

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**Technical Rules** 

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# 1. General Information

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Intercollegiate Skating season! This handbook serves as the general announcement for all intercollegiate competitions. Best of luck to all student athletes!

# 1.1 2022-2023 Season Updates

- All changes for the 2022-2023 season have been underlined.
- The handbook has been reorganized and indexed with a table of contents for easier navigation.
- 1.2.2 Sections will now be referred to as conferences to avoid confusion with the typical U.S. Figure Skating sectional map.
- 2.3.2 Clarification has been updated on the locker room/team room policies.
- 2.3.3 A section clarifying mandatory athlete policies has been included in more detail.
- 3.9.2 New guidelines have been included for backup music rinkside.
- 3.9.4 A new policy has been added regarding the usage of copyrighted music.
- 3.9.5 A new policy has been added regarding the usage of earbuds and headphones on practice/warmup ice.
- **3.10** LOCs are being provided with the option to give out 4<sup>th</sup> place awards during the 2022-2023 season with a plan to incorporate this fully to all competitions during the 2023-2024 season.
- **5.1** Entry fees have been raised to \$70 per individual event and \$80 per team event.
- **5.2.3** An administrative fee of \$5 per event has been added to cover administrative costs of the intercollegiate program by U.S. Figure Skating.
- **5.4.2** Clarification has been added on the only change permitted to be made on site.
- **6** Qualification to the National Intercollegiate Final criteria has been reverted back to pre-COVID requirements. Waivers will be available again.
- **6.1.2** Reintroduction of championship points.
- **6.1.3** An error reporting process has been outlined for concerns with errors on team points.
- 6.4.1 Clarification has been added on waiver deadlines.

# 1.2 Overview

# 1.2.1 Competition Classification

Intercollegiate Skating competitions are U.S. Figure Skating non-qualifying competitions per Rule 1021 in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Full-time college students compete on behalf of their college or university. Skaters earn points for their team based on their individual results in a variety of events. The top five (5) teams at each <u>conference</u> competition earn team points based on placement. The top four (4) teams in each <u>conference</u> advance to the National Intercollegiate Final held each spring.

#### 1.2.2 Conferences

There are four <u>conferences</u> – Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and Pacific Coast. Please refer to **Appendix A.** Conference Map.



# 1.2.3 Committee Oversight

Intercollegiate Skating is a program run by the Collegiate <u>Skating</u> Subcommittee under the Programs and New Program Development Committee of U.S. Figure Skating. The mission of this program is to provide an opportunity for skaters to continue competing while in college. Skaters of all levels in singles and solo dance are welcome and encouraged to participate. Being part of an intercollegiate team also provides student athletes with leadership opportunities.

# 1.3 Dates

The <u>2022-2023</u> intercollegiate season will run from <u>October 2022 to April 2023</u>. The National Intercollegiate Final will be held <u>April 13 to 16, 2023</u> in <u>Anaheim, CA</u>. The full schedule can be found <u>HERE</u>.

# 1.4 COVID-19 Policies

All skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, facility staff, and spectators are required to abide by any and all COVID-19 restrictions put in place by U.S. Figure Skating and the local area health department at the time of each competition. If there is variability in these recommendations, the most restrictive protocols must be followed.

Lack of compliance with these policies will result in disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, referral to the U.S. Figure Skating Ethics Committee, skater/team disqualification from the competition, and rendering the skater/team ineligible to participate in the remainder of the competitive season, including the National Intercollegiate Final.



# 2. Rules & Eligibility

# 2.1 Individual Eligibility Requirements

# 2.1.1 U.S. Figure Skating Membership Requirements

Intercollegiate competitions are open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

# 2.1.2 Academic Requirements

Athletes must be currently enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the institution they attend or part-time in their final semester, as of the close of entry deadline for each event they intend to compete in. This pertains to both undergraduate and graduate students. Postdoc and medical residents are not eligible.

Athletes may compete *only* for the college or university at which they are enrolled full-time per section 3063 in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Teams comprised of students from multiple schools are not permitted.

# 2.1.3 Test Eligibility

Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Skating up is permitted but athletes may not skate down in any event. All athletes may compete at their test level or one level above with the following exceptions:

- Athletes must have passed the required U.S. Figure Skating test(s) to compete in championship events. Skating up is not allowed for championship events.
- To compete in team maneuvers, athletes may compete at their test level or any higher level.
- To compete in international solo dance, athletes must have passed either their gold dance test or international dance test.
- An athlete who has not tested may enter Excel High Beginner, Excel Pre-Preliminary, Excel Preliminary, or Excel Preliminary Plus.

Please refer to <u>Appendix B. Quick Look Eligibility Chart</u> for more information on required test levels.

It is permissible for an athlete to enter the free skate and short program at different levels if the athlete qualifies for both.

Highest test passed is determined as of the entry deadline for each competition. Test level for dance may be either standard (partnered) or solo, whichever is achieved first. Adult dance and adult solo dance tests fulfill the testing requirements.

Athletes found to have misrepresented their test level will be disqualified. Team points will be updated accordingly if the issue is reported to both the Vice Chair of Intercollegiate and Chair of the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee by 11:59 pm MT the Monday immediately following the competition.

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# 2.1.4 Foreign Test Credit

Skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests must complete the online form Request for Test Credit for Foreign Tests. Please make sure to check the box at the bottom of the indicating that the skater is applying for test credit in order to compete on an intercollegiate team. The chair of the Tests Committee will determine the level at which the athlete may enter (or begin testing). Please note that the decision may take up to 30 days and is final. Be sure to submit this form as early as possible, and well before the deadline of the first competition.

# 2.1.5 Adult Test Level Equivalencies

The equivalence for U.S. Figure Skating adult free skate tests to the standard free skate test is as follows:

Adult FS Test	Standard FS Test
Adult Pre-Bronze	Pre-Preliminary FS
Adult Bronze	Preliminary FS
Adult Silver	Pre-Juvenile FS
Adult Gold	Juvenile FS

# 2.1.6 Athletes with Judging Appointments

Skaters who also hold judging appointments may not compete and judge at the same competition.

# 2.2 Team Eligibility

## 2.2.1 Team Registration

All teams participating in intercollegiate competitions must create a team with U.S. Figure Skating on Members Only by completing these instructions. If your team already exists, renewals can be completed by following these instructions. There is no charge for this registration. All teams must represent a U.S. Figure Skating club. Collegiate clubs may be registered or renewed using this form between September 1 and October 1.

#### 2.2.2 Number of Skaters

There is no minimum number of skaters required to form an intercollegiate team. One athlete may compete on behalf of their college or university. Only one intercollegiate team may be registered per college or university.

Each team may enter a maximum of 30 skaters. Not all skaters on the roster must be assigned to an event. Unassigned skaters may be used for substitutions.

# 2.3 SkateSafe

#### 2.3.1 SkateSafe Chair

Each team is required to have a SkateSafe Chair who is SafeSport™ trained¹. This may be a coach or athlete. The SkateSafe Chair must be identified by name and U.S. Figure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SafeSport<sup>™</sup> training is available through the Members Only web page. There is no cost to this training. For more information, please visit the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe page.



Skating number on the Intercollegiate Team Registration Form. Teams will not be allowed to register for competitions without a verified SkateSafe Chair. All athletes and advisors are encouraged to take the SafeSport™ training as well as review their school's policies regarding sexual harassment and hazing.

# 2.3.2 Team Rooms, Locker Rooms and Changing Areas

Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the <u>U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe</u> page). Changing is only permitted in designated changing areas.

<u>Team</u> rooms are only for getting skates on and for teams getting ready. Changing is not permitted in <u>team</u> rooms. <u>They are co-ed and must be labeled as such. It is required that the door be open at all times and they shall not be used for changing.</u>

<u>Locker Rooms/Changing Areas (by SkateSafe definition) are where skaters can change/undress. Wherever the "designated changing areas" are, those are where the Locker Room policies will apply:</u>

- Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific.
- The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a locker room/changing area is strictly prohibited.
- <u>U.S. Figure Skating and the LOC must monitor the use of locker rooms and changing areas to ensure compliance with these policies at all sanctioned events or facilities that are under the partial or full jurisdiction of U.S. Figure Skating or the Member Club</u>

# Locker Room Poster

# 2.3.3 Mandatory Athletes

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport<sup>TM</sup> Training. \*

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport<sup>TM</sup> Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

# 2.3.4 Coaches

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check.
- The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.



- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport™ Training.
- The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the <u>Professional Skaters Association (PSA)</u>.
- Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics.
- Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.



# 3. General Competition Rules

# 3.1 Conduct

The Intercollegiate Competition Series will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02) as set forth in the 2021-2022 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

# 3.2 Liability

U.S. Figure Skating, Intercollegiate LOCs, and Intercollegiate Host Ice Arenas accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in intercollegiate competitions. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

# 3.3 Judging System

The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events at intercollegiate competitions. Please refer to <u>Appendix D. Explanation for a 6.0 Calculation</u>, for a detailed overview on this judging system.

For free skate, short program and solo dance, judges will give two marks. For team maneuvers, judges will give one mark per team.

Please refer to <u>Appendix E. 6.0 Deduction Chart</u>, for a detailed breakdown of reductions when being judged under the 6.0 system.

References to IJS may be ignored on the program requirement charts, as all events will be judged under the 6.0 system.

# 3.4 Singles Event Names

Per section 6021 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, the title "men" or "women" will apply to all intercollegiate singles events.

If men and women are competing against each other at the pre-juvenile level or lower, the title "singles" will apply (i.e., pre-juvenile singles free skate).

#### 3.5 Schedule

# 3.5.1 Event Scheduling

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email and online.

Intercollegiate competitions should not start earlier than 7:30am and should finish by 10:00 pm if possible (6:00 pm on Sunday), to avoid overworking officials who are also volunteers. This is a general guideline, not a strict rule that must be abided.

Competition schedules are ultimately up to the discretion of the chief referee. If there are a large number of entries and only one sheet of ice available, the competition may need to begin Friday evening <u>after 6:00pm</u>.



# 3.5.2 National Intercollegiate Final Scheduling

Teams that qualify for National Intercollegiate Final should be aware that the competition will <u>likely</u> take place all day Friday – Sunday with potential practice ice on Thursday.

# 3.5.3 Religious Accommodations

A school will be allowed to indicate on its competition entry that a specific day conflicts with religious observation. This will be communicated to the Chief Referee for consideration when building the competition schedule. The request for consideration must be for the entire school (not individual skaters) and cannot be guaranteed. The no-refund policy will still apply if a skater cannot be accommodated.

#### 3.5.4 Reduction of Starts

If the number of entries exceeds the ice time and/or officials' availability, the following method will be used to reduce the length of the competition<sup>2</sup>:

- Reduce the number of starts per team using the ranked starts from 21 30 submitted at registration. The reduction method will be used until the remaining entries can be scheduled within the allotted time.
- Remove the 30<sup>th</sup> start for all teams. Starts 1-29 will be used to build the
  competition schedule. If not all the starts can be accommodated, the 29<sup>th</sup> start
  for all teams will be cut. This continues until the number of starts can fit into the
  allotted competition time.

Refunds due to cancelled events or reduced starts will be refunded to the team by U.S. Figure Skating within 21 days of the decision.

Skaters who were cut will remain on the competition roster and may be used for substitutions as appropriate. These skaters will also receive credit for determining eligibility for National Intercollegiate Final.

#### 3.6 Start Orders

Start orders for all events will be by random draw and posted at the competition.

# 3.7 Event Group Size

# 3.7.1 Conference Competitions

No group will exceed 12 skaters for singles and dance events. When there are greater than twelve skaters entered in a single event, the skaters will be split as evenly as possible into groups not exceeding twelve.

# 3.7.2 National Intercollegiate Final

No group will exceed 24 skaters for singles and dance events. When there are greater than 24 skaters entered in a single event, the skaters will be split as evenly as possible into groups not exceeding 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Once starts are removed and the schedule is published, starts will not be added back for any reason, no exceptions. This includes withdrawals for injury; however, regular substitution rules will still apply. Likewise, starts cannot be traded between skaters on the same team.



# 3.7.3 Event Group Splitting

All groups except Preliminary and Pre-Bronze Dance are split are at random with no consideration for school relationship.

Preliminary and Pre-Bronze Dance are split at U.S. Figure Skating headquarters by MIF IF entries exceed 12 (24). The split will be wherever necessary to keep groups as even as possible.

If the number of entries falls to 12 (24) or fewer due to withdrawals more than seven days prior to the competition, groups must be combined.

<u>Each level of team maneuver events will always be done in one group.</u>

# 3.7.4 Single Entry Events

If there is a single entry for Excel Pre-Juvenile events and lower, women and men <u>must</u> be combined into one group. <u>This is in accordance with Rule 3055 in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.</u>

# 3.8 Warmup Group Size and Timing

# 3.8.1 Individual Event Warmups

All warmup group sizes are at the discretion of the referee with skater safety being the primary concern. The warmup for events with a small number of entries may be combined without regard to gender.



#### Below are recommendations:

EVENT	LEVEL	MAX WARMUP SIZE	WARMUP TIME
FS <sup>3</sup>	Pre -juvenile and below	8	4 min.
SP & FS	Juvenile and Intermediate	6	5 min.
SP & FS	Novice and above	6	6 min.
Solo Pattern Dance	Bronze and below	10	1 min. w/o music, followed by 1 selection of dance music (typically song 6 is for warm up)
Solo Pattern Dance	Pre-silver and above	8	1 min. w/o music, followed by 1 selection of dance music (typically song 6 is for warm up)
Solo Free Dance	All	6	5 min. w/o music

#### 3.8.2 Team Maneuvers Warmups

Team maneuvers warmup will consist of a one-minute stroking warmup for all skaters on the ice at the start of the event. Warmups for each element in team manuevers will be 30 seconds in length.

# 3.9 Music

#### 3.9.1 Vocal Music

Vocal music is allowed for free skate, short program, and free dance.

# 3.9.2 Backup Music Rinkside

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Warmup groups for intercollegiate skaters, pre-juvenile and below can typically be larger than for younger skaters.



# 3.9.3 Music Management

It is highly recommended the host clubs use an electronic music upload system. Host clubs may use <a href="EntryEeze">EntryEeze</a> for a nominal fee per skater to manage music uploads or they may use the following instructions for uploading music electronically. The chief accountant will provide the host club with a starting order approximately six days prior to the start of the competition so downloaded music can be placed in order. Alternatively, Google Forms can be used for electronic music upload. Instructions are available Electronic Music Upload Instructions.

# 3.9.4 Copyrighted Music

Streaming, posting, or uploading videos of any programs set to copyrighted music is strictly prohibited without the consent of U.S. Figure Skating. Consent will be given only upon proof that music has been properly licensed.

#### 3.9.5 Earbuds

<u>Earbuds and wireless headphones will not be allowed on any practice sessions or</u> warmups associated with intercollegiate series competitions.

# 3.10 Awards

Medals will be awarded to places 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event. Team trophies may be awarded for team maneuvers in lieu of individual medals. <u>Medals or ribbons may be awarded for fourth place at the discretion of the LOC.</u>

# 3.11 Official Notices

Official updates will be maintained at Intercollegiate Competition Registration Desks. It is the responsibility of each competitor and coach to check with registration frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. Skaters should be prepared to start early.



# 4. Events to be Skated

All charts specific to the intercollegiate program can be found in section 8: <u>Program Requirement Charts</u>. Please refer to <u>Appendix B. Quick Look Eligibility Chart</u>, to determine which level to enter based on skater test levels.

# 4.1 Short Program

Intercollegiate short program requirements are modified from the standard competitive track at the junior and senior levels. Refer to section **8.1**.

# 4.2 Excel Free Skate

Intercollegiate free skate events (High Beginner to Senior) follow modified Excel program requirements. Please make sure the current Intercollegiate Excel Chart is being used. Refer to section **8.2**.

# 4.3 Championship Free Skate

Intercollegiate championship events follow the well-balanced program requirements for junior and senior (ladies and men). Only junior and senior championship events are offered at intercollegiate competitions. Please note, there is no second half bonus for intercollegiate championship junior and senior. Refer to section **8.3**.

# 4.4 Solo Pattern Dance

The intercollegiate solo pattern dance is comprised of one pattern dance at each level. The specific dances to be skated and the number of required patterns are listed in **Appendix C.** Pattern Dance Rotations. Music will be provided by the host school. Music will begin to fade out four measures after the last step of the dance. Please choreograph accordingly.

All competitors will skate the solo series steps. Information on the solo series steps can be found in section **4.4**. Groups will not be separated by gender. Athletes must start on the judges' side unless directed otherwise by the event referee.

Dances that are starred (\*) in the dance rotation chart, may be double-paneled at the discretion of the chief referee to save time. Only dances with multiple groups of the same level may be double-paneled.

# 4.5 Solo Free Dance

For the <u>2022-2023</u> season, Intercollegiate will use the <u>2022</u> National Solo Dance solo free dance requirements. Groups will not be separated by gender. Refer to section **8.5**.

# 4.6 Team Maneuvers

Team maneuvers consist of teams of three to seven athletes (any mix of male and female) from the same college or university. Each team earns one score for the execution of seven required elements. Each skater may perform no more than three elements. Each school may enter only one team at each level. Refer to section 8.6.



# 5. Competition Registration

# 5.1 Entry Process

# 5.1.1 Entry Forms

Teams register for each competition by completing the following:

- Intercollegiate Competition Roster Spreadsheet
- Intercollegiate Competition Entry Form and Payment Form

#### 5.1.2 Technical Difficulties

Email the U.S. Figure Skating Manager of School and Alumni Programs If technical difficulties are experienced with entry submission. No entries will be accepted after the close of entries or designated late period if you did not reach out prior to close of entries. No exceptions!

# 5.1.3 Entry Error Correction

If errors are found on the entry form, team leaders have 24 hours to respond to the U.S. Figure Skating Manager of School and Alumni Programs.

# 5.1.4 Responsibility of Accurate Information

The team contact person is responsible for ensuring that every athlete listed on their roster and meets all the requirements. If a skater is found at any point to be entered in an incorrect level, U.S. Figure Skating or the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee has the right to disqualify them from the event, without a substitution or a refund.

# 5.2 Fees

#### 5.2.1 Singles and Dance Events

All short program, excel free skate, championship free skate, solo pattern dance, and solo free dance events are \$70 per event.

#### 5.2.2 Team Events

All team maneuvers events are \$80 per team.

#### 5.2.3 Administrative Fee

An administrative fee of \$5 per event has been added to cover the costs of U.S. Figure Skating to operate the intercollegiate program.

#### 5.2.4 Deadlines and Late Fee

Deadlines are listed in each announcement and are at 11:59 pm in the competition's local time zone. Late entries will be accepted up to 24 hours after the deadline with a late fee of \$10 per start. Absolutely no entries 24 hours after the deadline will be accepted.

# 5.2.5 Payment

Entry fees must be paid on one credit card and must accompany the entry form. Registrations submitted without proper funds will be returned and NOT accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with U.S. Figure Skating Manager of School and Alumni Programs.



# 5.2.6 Refund Policy

Once the entry deadline has passed, no refunds will be issued. The only exception is outlined in section **3.5.4** or if no competition exists. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

# 5.3 Entries

# 5.3.1 Number of Events per Athlete

Each athlete may participate in a maximum of *five* events:

- One free skate
- One short program
- One team maneuver
- Two solo pattern dances, OR one solo pattern dance and one solo free dance

#### 5.3.2 Maximum Number of Starts

Each team may have a maximum of 30 starts including individual events and team maneuvers. Each team may have no more than five entries in any of the senior events or gold/international pattern dance events, and no more than three entries in all other events. Please note – Championship Senior, Senior Short Program, and Excel Senior are each considered separate events. A team could have five entries in Championship Senior, five entries in Senior Short Program, and five entries in Excel Senior.

If events are combined per section **3.7.4**, a team will be permitted to have four (example: 3 women and 1 man) of their skaters in one event since combining was not in the team's control.

#### 5.3.3 Maximum Number of Skaters

Per section **2.2.2**, Each team may enter a maximum of 30 skaters. Not all skaters on the roster must be assigned to an event. Unassigned skaters may be used for substitutions.

# 5.4 Substitutions, Additions, and Changes

#### 5.4.1 Substitutions

All substitutions, changes and/or additions must be completed using the <u>Request for Intercollegiate Team Roster Change Form.</u>

Substitutions to a team's roster must be completed by 3pm MT two days prior to the first day of competition and sent to U.S. Figure Skating's Manager of School and Alumni Programs prior to the start of competition under the following conditions using the form above:

- Withdrawal of skater is for medical reasons only.
- Attach all necessary documentation to assist in the review process.
- Substitution of the withdrawn entry can only be made into the exact same event and level as originally entered.
- Replacement skater must be qualified for that event and level.
- Only skaters listed on the team roster at the time of event registration can be named as a replacement skater.



 A skater cannot be substituted for one of their evens if they are choosing to still compete one or more of their other events. (i.e. Jane Smith's Excel Junior substitution will not be accepting if she's still choosing to skate Preliminary Dance and Team Maneuvers).

# 5.4.2 Additions and Changes

Additions or changes to the roster are not permitted after the close of entries. This includes changes to levels or events entered. The only exception is for correcting registration errors where a skater is entered into a level they are not test-eligible for. The team will be contacted to either withdraw the skater or move the same skater to an appropriate level based on their test levels.

In the event that a team cannot meet the minimum number of athletes required for a team maneuvers event due to a medical emergency or other urgent circumstance, a skater on the roster may take their place ONLY to get back to the minimum number of athletes required. This change will not be permitted if the team still meets the minimum number of athletes with the emergency. Please notify the Chief Referee to approve this change.

No late entries will be accepted after the registration deadline or designated late window for any reason.

#### **5.4.3 Points Regarding Withdrawals**

Points will only be awarded to athletes who compete the competition. No points will be awarded to an athlete who withdraws for any reason, under any circumstances. U.S. Figure Skating and the Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Skating have the authority and responsibility to enforce this rule.



# 6. Qualification & Waivers

# 6.1 Competition Points

# 6.1.1 Individual Athletes/Team Maneuvers

Points are awarded to all skaters who compete as follows:

# of Skaters	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1st	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	8	6	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>																		
2nd	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	4	<u>4</u>													
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5th	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	8	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>				
6th	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>																	
7th	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>																		
8th	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>																			
9th	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>																				
10th	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>																					
11th	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>																						
12th	1	<u>1</u>	1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1	1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>											
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16th	1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	1	<u>1</u>															
17th	<u>1</u>																							
18th	1	1	<u>1</u>	1	<u>1</u>	1	<u>1</u>																	
19th	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>																		
20th	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>																			
21st	1	1	1	1																				
22nd	1	1	1																					
23rd	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>																						
24th	<u>1</u>																							
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	67	58	51	46	43	42	30	20	12	10	6

#### **6.1.2** Championship Points

<u>Two bonus points will be earned for each competitor that skates in Championship</u> Junior and Senior, and International Dance events.

# 6.1.3 Errors

Final point tabulations will be vetted by the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee. If a team discovers an error in the point totals on site during the competition, it should be reported to the Chief Accountant prior to the end of competition. If a team contact discovers an error in the final point totals after the competition, they have until 11:59pm MT the Monday immediately following the competition to report the error to both the Vice Chair of Intercollegiate and Chair of the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee for evaluation.

#### 6.1.4 Ties

In the case of a tie, skaters will split available points.



#### 6.1.5 Withdrawals

The number of athletes in an event will be based on competitors who actually skate at the competition.

# 6.2 Qualifying Points

A college or university's qualifying points from each of the three intercollegiate competitions within their <u>conference</u> will be added together. The four teams with the highest total qualifying points in each <u>conference</u> will qualify for the National Intercollegiate Final. Any individual athlete from a qualifying team who has competed in at least two intercollegiate <u>conference</u> competitions is eligible to represent the team at National Intercollegiate Final, should the team qualify. Athletes on qualifying teams may compete in any events for which their test level qualifies them.

Tie Breaker – if two or more teams are tied for a place in points, the following tiebreakers will be used, in this order:

- 1. The team that placed higher overall at MORE competitions during the season wins the tie.
- 2. If a tie still exists, the cumulative sum of competition points the team members earned throughout the season wins the tie.

	Qualifying Points Earned
1st	5 points
2nd	4 points
3rd	3 points
4th	2 points
5th	1 point

# 6.3 <u>Conference</u> Ranking

Teams will be ranked in order of the greatest number of qualifying points to least number of qualifying points. Teams that do not earn qualifying points will be ranked in their <u>conference</u> based on the cumulative sum of the competition points the team members earned at conference competitions throughout the season.

# 6.4 Waivers

For skaters or teams that are not able to meet the competition requirement to compete at the National Intercollegiate Final may apply for a waiver. The Vice Chair of Intercollegiate Skating will determine whether or not the waiver will be granted in conjunction with the National Vice Chair of the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee and U.S. Figure Skating's Manager of School and Alumni Programs.



#### **6.4.1** Waiver Deadlines

All waivers must be submitted a week before the registration deadline for the National Intercollegiate Final in your respective conference. If an unexpected illness, injury, or circumstance that leads to the inability to compete at a competition between the waiver deadline and the registration deadline for the National Intercollegiate Final, the Vice Chair of Intercollegiate Skating must be contacted as soon as possible for permission to apply for a waiver in that time period.

#### 6.4.2 Individual Athletes

An individual athlete on a qualifying team, who has competed in at least one intercollegiate <u>conference</u> competition, may apply for a waiver to be able to compete with his or her team at the National Intercollegiate Final.

To request an <u>individual athlete waiver</u>, the team must submit the appropriate online form.

Only one submission per team will be accepted (for all affected athletes); please have all necessary documents in hand when filling out the forms. The request must state the reason why the athlete was unable to participate in every competition they did not compete at with documentation supporting that reason (i.e. doctor's note for illness or injury, transcript for study abroad). Acceptable reasons include but are not limited to, injury, illness, mandatory exams, conflicting U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions, etc. The Vice Chair for Intercollegiate Competitions will review all submissions and determine whether the waiver will be granted in conjunction with the National Vice Chair of the Collegiate Skating Subcommittee. Decisions will be determined as soon as possible after the submission deadline.

Waiver requests will not be accepted from any athlete who has not competed in at least one intercollegiate competition during the season. Skaters must have competed in at least one event. There will be no exceptions.

#### 6.4.3 Teams

Teams wishing to qualify for the National Intercollegiate Final must compete in all three intercollegiate competitions within their <u>conference</u>. If a team was not able to attend a competition for reasons that include but are not limited to, weather problems or mandatory exams or attendance at another skating competition, the team may wish to apply for a waiver.

The team will be required to document the reasons it was unable to send any representatives to the competition. To apply for this waiver, it is mandatory that the team compete in at least two intercollegiate <u>conference</u> competitions.

To request a <u>team waiver</u>, the team must submit the appropriate online form.

Even if the waiver is granted, the team will still receive zero points for the omitted competition. Only the points earned in the events the team participated in will be counted toward qualification to the National Intercollegiate Final.

# 6.5 Byes

Automatic byes to the National Intercollegiate Final are not granted for any reason.



# 7. Contact Information

# 7.1 Leadership Team

# 7.1.1 U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters:

Chloe Roberts (Manager, School and Alumni Programs): croberts@usfigureskating.org 719-228-3422

# 7.1.2 Collegiate Skating Subcommittee Structure:

Scott Brody (Chair):

sbrody93@gmail.com 847-207-1710

Hannah Herring (Vice Chair – Intercollegiate) hwkimberly@gmail.com 440-503-0574

# 7.2 Competition Hosts

LOC chair and chief referee contact information for each individual competition is located within the competition's announcement. Each competition announcement is listed on 2022-2023 Schedule Release.

# 7.3 Who do I contact for what?

Issue	Point of Contact
Question about Rules	Hannah Herring and Scott Brody
Waiver Questions	Hannah Herring
Team Compliance	Chloe Roberts
Competition Registration	Chloe Roberts
Question for a Specific Competition	Competition Host (See Announcements)
Foreign Test Credit Status Check	Reed Hastings (Tests Committee Chair)



# 8. Program Requirement Charts

<u>Please be sure you are looking at the charts specific to the 2022-2023 Intercollegiate</u> Season. Intercollegiate requirements are modified from standard requirements.

# Charts are hyperlinked below:

8.1	Intercollegiate Short Program Requirements
8.2	Intercollegiate Excel Free Skate Requirements
8.3	Intercollegiate Championship Free Skate Requirements
8.4	Intercollegiate Solo Pattern Dance Requirements
8.5	Intercollegiate Solo Free Dance Requirements
8.6	Intercollegiate Team Maneuvers Requirements



# 9. Frequently Asked Questions

- I passed all my dances through gold on the solo track and am now retesting on the standard track. I have completed 2 of the 3 gold dances on the standard track. Am I eligible to enter pre-gold solo pattern dance since I have not completed gold on the standard track?
   No. Test level is determined by passing either solo dance or standard dance, whichever occurs first. Your official test record at U.S. Figure Skating will indicate that the gold level has been passed so you are eligible to compete at gold or up to international.
- 2. I would like to form an intercollegiate team with skaters from several small colleges in our geographic area. Is that permitted?

  No, unfortunately combination teams are not allowed. Rule 3063 in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook states that all intercollegiate skaters must represent the college or university at which they are enrolled full-time.
- 3. I am currently enrolled full-time at a College A that does not have an intercollegiate team. I take one class at University B that does have a team. University B's Rec Sports Department allows part-time students to join its club sports. May I compete on behalf of University B's intercollegiate team? No, although this is allowed for synchronized skating, it is not allowed for intercollegiate skating per Rule 3063 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.



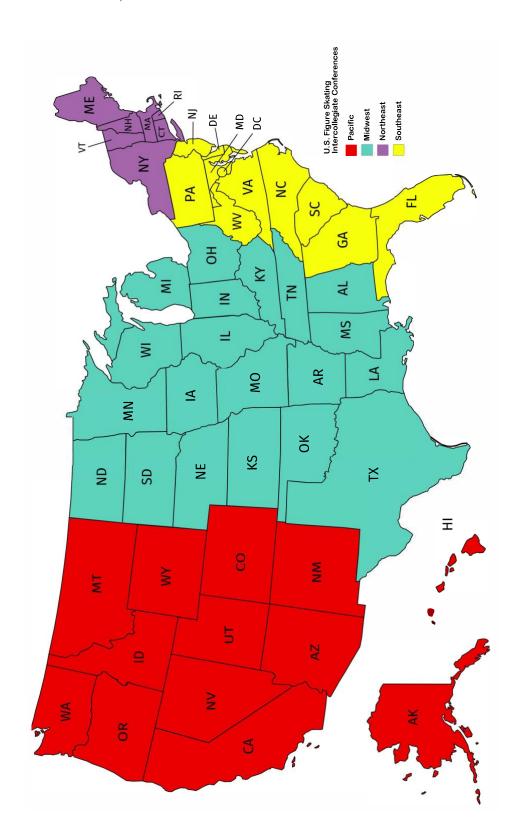
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Appendix A. Conference Map





Appendix B. Quick Look Eligibility Chart

		2022-2023	Quick Look Eligibility Char	t
			SHORT PROGRAM	
LEVEL	EVENT	JUDGING SYSTEM	MINIMUM TEST PASSED	MAXIMUM TEST PASSED
Juvenile	Short Program	6.0	Pre-Juvenile FS	Juvenile FS
Intermediate	Short Program	6.0	Juvenile FS	Intermediate FS
Novice	Short Program	6.0	Intermediate FS	Novice FS
Junior	Short Program	6.0	Novice FS	Junior FS
Senior	Short Program	6.0	Junior FS	Senior FS
LEVEL	EVENT	JUDGING SYSTEM	FREE SKATE  MINIMUM TEST PASSED	MAXIMUM TEST PASSED
High Beginner	Excel Free Skate	6.0	None	No U.S. Figure Skating tests are allowed to be passed
re-Preliminary	Excel Free Skate	6.0	None	Pre-Preliminary FS, Pre-Juvenile MITF, OR Preliminary Dan
<u> </u>	Excel Free Skate	6.0	None	
Preliminary	Excel Free Skate	6.0	None	Preliminary FS
Pre Juvenile	Excel Free Skate	6.0		Pre-liminary FS
Pre-Juvenile Juvenile	Excel Free Skate	6.0	Preliminary FS  Pre-Juvenile FS	Pre-Juvenile FS  Juvenile FS
Intermediate	Excel Free Skate	6.0	Juvenile FS	Intermediate FS
Novice	Excel Free Skate	6.0	Intermediate FS	Novice FS
Junior	Excel Free Skate	6.0	Novice FS	Junior FS
Senior	Excel Free Skate	6.0	Junior FS	Senior FS
Junior	Championship Free Skate	6.0	Junior	Junior 
Senior	Championship Free Skate	6.0	Senior	Senior
		S	OLO PATTERN DANCE	
LEVEL	EVENT	JUDGING SYSTEM	MINIMUM TEST PASSED	MAXIMUM TEST PASSED
Preliminary	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	None	Preliminary PD OR Novice MITF
Pre-Bronze	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Preliminary PD OR Novice MITF	Pre-Bronze PD
Bronze	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Pre-Bronze PD	Bronze PD
Pre-Silver	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Bronze PD	Pre-Silver PD
Silver	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Pre-Silver PD	Silver PD
Pre-Gold	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Silver PD	Pre-Gold PD
Gold	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Pre-Gold PD	Gold PD
International	Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	Gold PD	International PD
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LEVEL	EVENT	JUDGING SYSTEM	MINIMUM TEST PASSED	MAXIMUM TEST PASSED
Juvenile	Solo Free Dance	6.0	Preliminary PD or Pre-Juvenile MITF	Bronze PD or Juvenile FD or Intermediate FS
Intermediate	Solo Free Dance	6.0	Pre-Bronze PD or Juvenile MITF or Juvenile FD	Pre-Silver PD or Intermediate FD or Novice FS
Novice	Solo Free Dance	6.0	Bronze PD or Intermediate MITF or Intermediate FD	Silver PD or Novice FD or Junior FS
Junior	Solo Free Dance	6.0	Pre-Silver PD or Novice MITF or Novice FD	Pre-Gold PD or Junior FD
Senior	Solo Free Dance	6.0	Pre-Gold PD or Junior MITF or Junior FD	International PD
			TEAM MANEUVERS	
LEVEL	EVENT	JUDGING SYSTEM	MINIMUM TEST PASSED	MAXIMUM TEST PASSED
Low	Team Maneuvers	6.0	None	Juvenile FS
Intermediate	Team Maneuvers	6.0	None	Novice FS

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# **Appendix C.** Pattern Dance Rotations

INTERCOLLEGIATE DANCE ROTATIONS 2022-2025
Where possible, dances have been rotated so no rhythm is repeated from one level to the next.
Number of sequences is 3 unless otherwise noted in parentheses.
Starred (\*) dances may be double-paneled.

	International	Silver Samba (2)	Rhumba	Cha Cha Congeldo (2)	Silver Samba (2)		International	Yankee Polka (2)	Cha Cha Congeldo (2)	Rhumba	Yankee Polka (2)		International	Tea Time Foxtrot (2)	Silver Samba (2)	Tango Romantica (2)	Tea Time Foxtrot (2)
	Gold	Quickstep	Viennese Waltz (2)	Argentine Tango (2)	Quickstep		Gold	Viennese Waltz (2)	Argentine Tango (2)	Westminster Waltz (2)	Viennese Waltz (2)		Gold	Westminster Waltz (2)	Quickstep	Argentine Tango (2)	Westminster Waltz (2)
	Pre Gold	Starlight Waltz (2)	Paso Doble	Killian (4)	Starlight Waltz (2)		Pre Gold	Paso Doble	Killian (4)	Blues	Paso Doble		Pre Gold	Killian (4)	Starlight Waltz (2)	Blues	Killian (4)
23	Silver	Rocker Foxtrot	American Waltz (2)	Tango (2)	Rocker Foxtrot	24	Silver	American Waltz (2)	Tango (2)	Rocker Foxtrot	American Waltz (2)		Silver	Tango (2)	Rocker Foxtrot	American Waltz (2)	Tango (2)
2022-2023	Pre Silver	14 Step (4)	Foxtrot	Euro Waltz (2)	14 Step (4)	2023-2024	Pre Silver	Foxtrot	Euro Waltz (2)	14 Step (4)	Foxtrot	2021-2022	Pre Silver	Euro Waltz (2)	14 Step (4)	Foxtrot	Euro Waltz (2)
	Bronze	Ten Fox	Willow Waltz	Hickory Hoedown	Ten Fox		Bronze	Willow Waltz	Hickory Hoedown	Ten Fox	Willow Waltz		Bronze	Hickory Hoedown	Willow Waltz	Ten Fox	Hickory Hoedown
	Pre Bronze *	Fiesta Tango	Swing Dance (2)	Cha Cha (2)	Fiesta Tango		Pre Bronze *	Swing Dance (2)	Fiesta Tango	Cha Cha (2)	Swing Dance (2)		Pre Bronze *	Cha Cha (2)	Fiesta Tango	Swing Dance (2)	Cha Cha (2)
	Preliminary *	Rhythm Blues	Canasta Tango	Dutch Waltz	Rhythm Blues		Preliminary *	Canasta Tango	Dutch Waltz	Rhythm Blues	Canasta Tango		_	Dutch Waltz	_	Canasta Tango	Dutch Waltz
	Competition	_	2	က	Final		Competition	-	2	က	Final		Competition	-	2	က	Final

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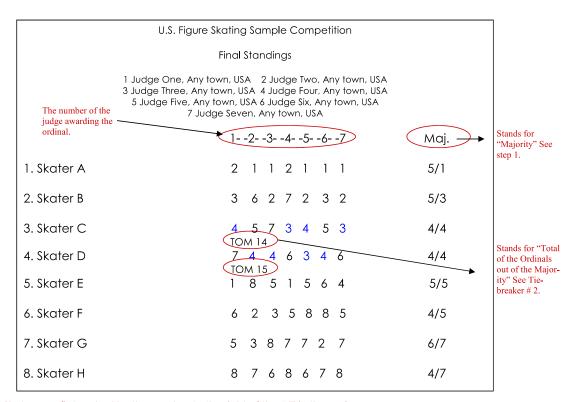
#### Appendix D. Explanation for a 6.0 Calculation



# Understanding a results sheet in the 6.0 Judging System

**BASIC PRINCIPLE:** In the 6.0 judging system the judges rank all of the skaters in an event segment against one another by awarding two marks. The two marks are added together, for a "total mark." Then, the marks are translated into a rank, called an <u>ordinal</u>. For example, the skater earning the highest total mark from a particular judge will receive the "1" ordinal from that judge. The process is done for each of the judges on the panel. On results sheet, only the ordinal awarded to each skater, by each judge is shown.

The overall results are determined by the ordinals that a <u>majority</u> of the judges on a panel award each skater. The majority of the panel is more than 1/2. In a panel of 7 judges, a minimum of 4 make up a majority.



STEP 1: Skaters are first ranked by the number to the right of the "/" in the Maj. column.

Each skater is assigned an "absolute majority" - that is the highest placement that a majority of the judges gave them. A placement, or any higher placement is considered in the majority. In the "Maj." column, the first number represents the number of judges giving that placement (or higher), the second represents the placement.

In this case, Skater A had a majority of 1st place ordinals. Her majority is 5/1, or "five judges 1st place or higher"." Since she had a majority of the judges place her 1st, she wins. The marks from the remaining judges are not considered since they were outside of the majority.

Skater B received three 2nd place ordinals, but she needed at least four to earn a majority of 2nds. We then look at her 3rd place ordinals. She received two. Those, added with her 2nd place ordinals, gives her a majority. Therefore, her majority is 5/3, or "five judges 3rd place or higher." The 4th and 6th place ordinals are not considered. However, since no skater received a majority of 2nds, she finished 2nd because a majority of 3rds was the next best.





# Understanding a results sheet in the 6.0 Judging System

The remaining skaters are ranked, first by the ordinal they had a majority of, then <u>if necessary</u>, the following steps are taken, in the order below, to separate skaters that could not simply be ranked by the ordinal they had a majority of.

'TIE-BREAKER # 1': Skaters are ranked secondly by the <u>number</u> of ordinals that make up their absolute majority, or the Greater Majority (GM). This is the number to the <u>left</u> of the "/" in the Maj. column, designating the number of marks making up the majority.

For an example, look at Skater E and Skater F. They both have majorities of 5th place: "5/5" and "4/5".

In this case, Skater E is awarded is awarded the higher place, because 5 judges gave her 5th or higher, while only 4 judges gave Skater F 5th place or higher.

At this point, we are not yet concerned with what those ordinals are, only which skater received more of them.

'TIE-BREAKER # 2': Skaters still tied after Tie-Breaker # 1 are ranked next by the total that the ordinals making up their majority add up to.

For an example, look at Skater C and Skater D. They both have exactly the same majority: "4/4" and "4/4", so the placement can't be determined based on the number of ordinals making up their absolute majority, so we move on to "Tie-Breaker # 2":

In the event that two or more skaters have exactly the same absolute majority, the next thing considered is the TOM, which means "Iotal of the Ordinals out of the Majority."

The total of the 4 ordinals making up the majority, are added:

Skater C: The ordinals making up her "4/4" majority: 4+3+4+3=14 Skater D: The ordinals making up her "4/4" majority: 4+4+3+4=15

Notice that we are still concerned only with the ordinals making up the majority. Up until this point, all ordinals outside of the majority are ignored.

'TIE-BREAKER # 3' If the skaters are still tied (have the same TOM), we then go to the Total Ordinals (TO).

This is the only time the ordinals from judges outside the majority are considered. The total of all of the ordinals each judge gave each skater is calculated, and that determines who gets that placement.

'TIE-BREAKER #4' If the skaters are still tied (have the same TO), they remain tied, and they both get the same placement, and you will see "TIED" on the result.



# **Appendix E.** 6.0 Deduction Chart

# SINGLES SKATING DEDUCTION CHART FOR USE BY JUDGES AND REFEREES FOR 6.0 EVENTS:

Rule	General Deductions (with instruction from event referee)	Deduction
6913 (G) (SP) 6914 (G) (FS)	Time violation- for up to every 10 seconds in excess(SP), in excess or lacking(FS)	0.1 in each mark for up to every 10 seconds
6913 (F)(1) (SP)	Elements commenced after the permissible time limit	SP: omission
6914.F(FS)		FS: not judged
1322 (B)	Skater not taking starting position within 1 minute of being called	
	Within 10 seconds in excess	0.2 in the technical mark
	Over 11 seconds in excess	0.4 in the technical mark
Rule	General Deductions	Deduction
<u>6912</u>	Costume violation- clothing not meeting requirements of rule section <u>6030</u>	0.1 in the program component mark
Rule	Judges Deductions 6.0 Short Program	Deduction
6913(I)	SP: Extra or repeated elements	0.2 in the technical mark for each element
6913 (H)	SP: Spins lacking required revolutions	0.1 in the technical mark for each spin
6913 (I)	SP: Failure in jump elements or spin elements	0.1-0.4 in the technical mark
	SP: Omission of jump elements or spin elements	0.5 in the technical mark
6913(I)	SP: Failure in step or spiral sequences	0.1-0.3 in the technical mark
	SP: Omission of step or spiral sequences	0.4 in the technical mark
6913 (D)	SP: Non-prescribed element in place of prescribed element	Omission deduction and 0.2 deduction in technical mark
6913 (E)	SP: Forbidden elements	0.1 in each mark for each forbidden element
Rule	Judges Deductions 6.0 Free Skate	Deduction
6914 (E)	FS: Program not well-balanced – either below minimum required or exceeding	0.2 in the technical mark for each extra or lacking
	maximum allowed.	element

# Notes:

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#### **Appendix F.** Helpful Hint to Team Contacts

As a team contact person, you may not have the ability to use the <u>Members Only site</u> to check other members' records. Only a member can access their record. HOWEVER, you can do the following:

- 1. When a skater joins your team ask them to provide the following:
  - U.S. Figure Skating Membership #
  - Date of membership expiration
  - Home club
  - Highest test passed in each discipline
  - Date of highest test passed in each discipline
- 2. Ask them to log on to their own account, select "Member Profile" from the home screen, then select "Skate Test History".
  - Have them e-mail you a screen shot of that page. It will show their tests passed, the date they were passed, their member #, home club and expiration date.
- 3. If you cannot get the member to do that, call or e-mail the Member Services Dept. at U.S. Figure Skating to verify the skater's membership status highest test passed. You will need the correct spelling of their name. Please allow at least 72 hours for a response (longer over a weekend or holiday).

E-mail: <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u> Phone: (719) 635 – 5200 (8:00am – 4:30pm, MT)

