

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING
INTERIM REPORT OF ACTION
taken by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 11, 2020**

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

NOTE: Items 1-4 in this Interim Report of Action involve action on items that were previously approved by the Board of Directors and reported in the [2020 Governing Council Meeting Book](#). **Approved changes are shown in red font and highlighted in yellow**. Changes that are neither underlined nor shown with a strikethrough return the rule to the language in the [2019-20 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#). Changes shown with a double strikethrough (—) indicate new language that was proposed by the committee but is removed with the action of the board.

1. **RESCINDED** the Board of Directors action on **Item 304 (page 97, Meeting Book)** taken on April 6, 2020, and refer the item back to the Competitions Committee (changes are highlighted in yellow and shown in red font):

304. REFER TO THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE – Competitions Committee

Amend **rule 2463 (page 129, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2463** Competitors in qualifying rounds of will be seeded from the current year's National Qualifying Series rankings and 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. First by the current season's ranking from the National Qualifying Series for the same level, followed by the final placement in the event of the same level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to junior and senior events only), then sectional singles final, then regional singles challenge, ~~then the National Qualifying Series~~;
 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (sectional or regional or National Qualifying Series) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
 - B. For intermediate, novice, junior and senior, by final placement in the event of the next lower level first at U.S. Figure Skating Championships (applies to senior events only), then sectional singles final, then regional singles challenge, then the current season's ranking for the National Qualifying Series;
 1. Skaters who are tied at the same qualifying tier (sectional or regional or National Qualifying Series) will be selected by random assignment or draw.
 - C. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the same level;
 - D. By random assignment or draw among those having no previous placement in the event of the next lower level and for those moving up more than one competition level, regardless of previous placement (i.e. all remaining competitors).

Implementation date: ~~June 1, 2020~~ **Not applicable since item was referred**

2. **RESCINDED** the Board of Directors action on **Item 401 (page 108, Meeting Book)** taken on April 6, 2020, and approve the following amendments (highlighted in yellow and shown in red font):

401. APPROVED AS AMENDED – SafeSport Committee

Add new rules **ECR 6.00-6.01 (page 89, Rulebook)** as follows:

ECR 6.00 Authority to Issue Immediate Interim Suspension

ECR 6.01 In the event a member is ~~arrested for or is~~ criminally charged with alleged sexual abuse or misconduct, the U.S. Figure Skating Executive Director in consultation with legal counsel, has the authority to suspend the member immediately. The suspension will remain in effect until the U.S. Center for SafeSport accepts jurisdiction over the matter pursuant to Article XXV, Section 2, of the U.S. Figure Skating bylaws, and issues an interim measure or other discipline or sanction against the member.

Implementation date: Immediate

3. **RESCINDED** the Board of Directors action on **Item 501 (pages 109-110, Meeting Book)** taken on April 6, 2020, and approve the following amendments (highlighted in yellow and shown in red font):

501. APPROVED AS AMENDED – International Committee

Amend rules **ICR 2.02 and ICR 3.02 (pages 96-98, Rulebook)** as follows:

ICR 2.00 Organization

ICR 2.02 The International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) will consist of:

- A. The chair of the IC;
- B. The immediate past chair of the IC;
 1. In the event the IC immediate past chair is unavailable to serve or fills one of the other positions on the ICMS, the ICMS will may fill that vacancy with another member of the IC.
- C. ~~The chair of the Athlete Advisory Committee~~ USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative;
 1. In the event the USOPC Athletes Advisory Council representative is unavailable to serve, the chair of the Athletes Advisory Committee will fill the vacancy.
- D. The ISU Representative/International Group Coordinator; and
- E. The national vice chair of the International Coaches Subcommittee U.S. Figure Skating Senior Director of Athlete High Performance

ICR 3.00 Responsibility

ICR 3.02 International Committee Management Subcommittee

The responsibilities of the International Committee Management Subcommittee (ICMS) are:

- A. To provide final approval on selection procedures, competition readiness requirements and which international competitions will be attended by the U.S. Figure Skating Team and U.S. Synchronized Skating Team (sometimes referred to as Team USA).
- B. ~~To approve the criteria for receiving Elite Athlete Health Insurance with final approval given by the appropriate headquarters staff. To provide final approval on the International Selection Pool (ISP) requirements for the International Discipline Groups.~~
- C. ~~To govern the athletes selected and entered per ICR 3.01 (C)(4) and to withhold or withdraw selection of an athlete or team from any assignment:~~
 1. ~~For failure to abide by the applicable rules, policies and procedures of U.S. Figure Skating and, if applicable, the USOPC;~~
 2. ~~For conduct in violation of GR 1.01, GR 1.02 or GR 1.03, or for any false statements or misrepresentations on documentation, contracts and/or agreements; and/or~~
 3. ~~For acting in a manner not deemed appropriate for a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Team or U.S. Synchronized Skating Team.~~
- D. ~~To provide final approval for the disbursement of the funds from the U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Support Program (ASUPP).~~
- E. ~~To issue sanctions for member athletes to participate in skating activities in foreign countries (excluding Canada)~~

~~FD.~~ To recommend international competitions, based on the approved criteria determined by the discipline groups in ICR 3.01 (C).

~~GE.~~ Any related or other responsibilities identified in ICR 3.03-3.06.

F. To annually set goals for international athlete development and medals, and report on progress against those goals to the Board of Directors.

Note: A ~~two-thirds~~ four-fifths majority of the members of the ICMS will constitute a quorum in order for the ICMS to take action. Action by the ICMS will be determined by a two-thirds majority approval of the members actually voting.

Implementation date: Immediate

4. **RESCINDED** the Board of Directors action on **Item 21 (page 112, Meeting Book)** taken on Oct. 7, 2019, and approve the following amendments (highlighted in yellow and shown in red font):

21. APPROVED AS AMENDED – Synchronized Development and Technical Committee

Amend **Rule 2823 (page 139, Rulebook)** as follows:

- 2823 In each For qualifying competition ~~s a~~ teams ~~may~~ must skate the number of skaters members permitted required for ~~its~~ the level as specified in rules 9400 through 9530. If a team has fewer than the required number of skaters due to onsite illness or injury which has been confirmed by onsite medical staff, the team will be permitted to compete. If the minimum number of skaters on a team is not met for any other reason, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn. However, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. If a team does not start or complete its program with the minimum number of required skaters per 9400-9530, no marks are to be awarded, and the team is considered withdrawn. However, the team will be permitted to start and/or finish the performance as an exhibition. A team is permitted to skate a different number of skaters at each qualifying competition subject to adherence to rules 2821 and 2828.

Implementation date: ~~October 14, 2019~~ July 1, 2020