



May 01, 2018
Figure Sport Committee Chair

Notification: Clarification requested from Coaches' Regional Representative sub-committee

The Coaches' Regional Representative Sub-committee has asked the Figure Sport Committee for a clarification of the method of execution of the second run in a progressive run sequence.

"The second run in dance be classified as style. The skater with the most accurate skate placement and best edge quality will be recognized as having the best runs. The free leg position is a style choice as the free leg and arm rotation are in figures. We would not penalize for style choice."

It is the unanimous decision of the Figure Sport Committee that the above statement is accurate and within keeping of the definition of a progressive run sequence in all USARS competitive events. As Chair of the Figure Sport Committee, I will be instructing all Regional Meet Directors and Chief Referees to advise their officials of this clarification before the commencement of any event at the Regional Championships. Further, this clarification will be emphasized at the judges' meeting at the National Championships prior to the commencement of any event at the national championships.



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Notification: Clarification of coach's eligibility to compete in adult events.

Concern: A member coach asked the Figure Sport Committee to reconsider the requirement that no current or formerly registered coach could compete in the Bronze level at a qualifying or National Championship competition.

In the discussion of this topic, the Figure Sport Committee (FSC) unanimously decided to establish the same "lookback" procedure as is currently established in determining competitive eligibility, i.e. 2006. Coaches who have not taught or served in any coaching capacity in that period may petition the FSC for exemption. The FSC and/or the coaches' regional representative sub-committee will review each petition, and the petitioner will be notified of action taken.



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Notification: Pan American Championships – Bogota, Colombia 2018

Pan American Championship Athlete Selection:

The highest placing USA Citizen at the 2018 National Championship in the Senior World Class Men Free Skating and Senior World Class Women Free Skating events will qualify for funding at the Pan American Championship Nations Competition to be held in Bogota, Colombia in September 2018.



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Notification: Interruption of Skating Rule

Clarification of AR17.35.04 (d) Interruptions Due to Skater's Fault -

AR17.35.04 (d) Any dance that completes the correct number of repetitions will earn at least a MINIMUM score, as defined in the integer system as a completed dance (i.e. 20 or higher.) For example, if a skater does all scored repetitions of the wrong dance, a score of 20 would be warranted. It is the responsibility of the judges to take the above deductions, yet the referee has the responsibility to advise the judges of infractions. If a Referee has missed the error and a Judge/s has noticed, the Judge should advise the Referee of this. The Referee then should advise the other panelists of such infractions. The referee is responsible to begin the flight with the proper skaters and rotations. Should the wrong skater begin the flight or a skater does not begin in a reasonable timeframe, the referee will stop the flight and restart the flight. The skater is responsible to begin the dance according to the rules established for opening steps as described in the dance diagram, **start within a respectable timeframe, as to not provide an unfair advantage, and to complete the required number of repetitions and/or flight time of each dance.**

Clarification of Rule AR.17.12.06 - Interruption of Skating -

AR.17.12.06 (e) In the event of an interruption of skating due to illness, the chief referee may at his discretion, limit the skater to a fifteen minute recuperation period. If the skater cannot continue to skate after the fifteen-minute period, he or she shall be disqualified. If the skater opts to continue skating will be subject to Rule 17.12.06 (g 1 thru 4).

AR.17.12.06 (g) In Skate dancing, the affected skater or team will report immediately to the referee, who will stop the flight. When the repair has been made, the affected flight will return to the skating surface and skate until the judges have completed judging the interrupted dance. At no time will another dance be skated until all the skaters or teams have been judged on the dance being skated at the time of the failure. Order of skating may be adjusted to continue the event.

I. During the skating of the flight, the skater/team beginning the dance (as specified by the announcer at the discretion of the event referee) shall have the right of way. Subsequent skaters/teams in that flight shall yield the right of way to skaters already in motion. Interruptions of skating based on failure to comply will result in a penalty of five (5) points for the offending skater/team. Such penalty will be assessed by the judge.



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2. In such instances, the involved skaters shall loop around and pick up the skating of the dance as close as possible to the point of interruption without interfering with the other skaters again and complete their normal repetitions of the dance being skated. The judges shall complete the judging of the skater/team interrupted without penalty.
 3. The event referee will determine whether the correct number of repetitions **or three minute (3) flight time** (see AR.17.34.01), have been completed by all skaters/teams in the flight, and will instruct the judges of incomplete repetitions or **flight time skated**.
 4. If, in the determination of the Chief Referee, the skater/team is in violation of these rules to gain competitive advantage, the Chief Referee will direct the tabulators to take a five (5) point deduction from each judge's score. The Chief Referee may consult the event referee and event judge's in making this determination **on each infraction**.
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