



**2017 National Championships
Figure Skating Judges Application**
Tentatively Scheduled for July 23 – August 5, 2017

All judges who wish to be considered for membership on the National Championships roster of judges must complete and submit this form to USARS National Headquarters, 4730 South St., , Lincoln, NE 68506 by October 1, 2016.

To be eligible as a candidate as a National judge you must:

- Be a USARS member in good standing
- Held a B commission for at least one year
- An invited judge at: (a) a qualifying championship (b) an invitational judge with contestants from at least three regions
(c) participated in trial judging program at Nationals

Any registered coach who meets the above criteria may apply as long as he/she agrees to not perform any coaching services during the competition segment they are judging. (Youth, Elite, Adult)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ E mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

USARS Membership Card # _____ Club ID# _____

Panel Availability (Check ALL that apply)

Compensated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Entire Competition
Compensated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Partial Competition (Minimum of 7 days)
Non-Compensated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Entire Competition
Non-Compensated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Partial Competition

- *To be considered for a compensated position, the judge must be a current USARS member, certified to judge the Elite and CIPA qualifying events. Compensated judges may also be assigned to other positions as necessary.*



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Will you be competing at the 2017 National Championships? Yes No

Will you be coaching competitors during the 2017 Season? Yes No

Do you expect to have students qualify to the 2017 National Championships? Yes No

• *If coaching at the National Championships, during which portion will you be AVAILABLE to judge?*

• *Youth Elite Adult*

• *If you expect to compete, in which Championships?*

• *Elite Adult*

USARS attempts to ensure that all candidates are treated fairly and that compensation for officiating is equitable when possible. To document this please complete the following:

2016 Nationals Lincoln	Partial _____	Entire _____	Compensated _____	Non-compensated _____
2015 Nationals Albuquerque	Partial _____	Entire _____	Compensated _____	Non-compensated _____
2014 Nationals Lincoln	Partial _____	Entire _____	Compensated _____	Non-compensated _____
2013 Nationals Albuquerque	Partial _____	Entire _____	Compensated _____	Non-Compensated _____
2012 Nationals Lincoln	Partial _____	Entire _____	Compensated _____	Non-Compensated _____

Please list State, Regional, or large Invitational meets you have judged in the last two years and the year

<u>State</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>Invitational</u>	<u>Nationals</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is there a particular discipline of skating that you would prefer to judge? _____

Is there a particular discipline of skating that you would prefer **not** to judge? _____



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Continuing education is a requirement which reinforces each judge's precepts and principles of technical knowledge of the sport. The process insures familiarity of the current rules and regulations. What seminars have you attended or conducted in the last three years, including Coaches and Judges Conferences in the last three years?

The judges' selection committee will present its recommended roster of compensated and non-compensated judges and alternates for the 2017 US Figure Skating National Championships to the USARS Board of Directors at its Semi - Annual meeting in Fall of 2016. Obtaining Board approval at that time will assure that all selected officials may be informed early enough to allow them to plan for the 2017 National Championships. The National Championships will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska approximately July 23th through August 5th.



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Conflicts of interest

Conflicts:

Reporting of conflicts is based on the honor system. We can know of conflicts ONLY when they are listed. There exist distinctions between true conflicts, perceived, and activity related conflicts.

1. **Conflicts of interest** are issues that one may have related to judging a relative, a person with whom one had a personal or sexual relationship in the past, a former skating partner, a former student whom the judge may have taught, a relationship with someone who may employ you or whom you may employ. It is imperative that the membership have assurance that only skating is being considered in an evaluation. While we are trusting of the official's integrity, we are mindful that sometimes appearance may be significant to the membership. It **IS** wise to avoid the potential of calling into question the integrity of any official/competition.
2. **Perceived conflicts (Appearance of conflicts)** are conflicts in which there might exist the perception of a conflict. There is no prohibition against judging such events, but when possible, the judges' selection committee will try to avoid placing you on such events. In such conflicts, the official does not have any working relationship with the athlete. Such perceived conflicts would include athletes representing the same club as the official, etc.
3. **If you coach a skater regularly whether or not you derive monetary gain, whether called a consultation or any other term, such activity constitutes a conflict. Officials are expected to list them as such. If an official works with a skater or club in any capacity other than in a seminar or workshop setting, this constitutes a conflict.**
4. **Involvement in activities normally recognized as the domain of the professional in developing programs and instructional modes are inappropriate for judges and should be considered as conflicts.**



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CODE OF ETHICS AGREEMENT FORM

For new officials or those renewing their competitive commissions

(a) Standard of Conduct

- (1) The following Judges' Creed Standard of Conduct is established for the guidance of all judges of roller figure skating officiating at all levels of sanctioned USARS competitions.**
 - (a) I shall make my judgment to the best of my ability with all humility and then shall keep my own counsel unless questioned officially**
 - (b) I shall free my mind of all former impressions, be cooperative and punctual, and do my best always to improve my knowledge and to uphold the dignity of the sport.**
- (2) Judges shall not converse with each other or with spectators or contestants while judging. They shall not compare notes with one another and must judge independently.**
- (3) Judges may not consult previously prepared marks during a competition.**
- (4) When open scoring is used, judges will not write down the announced scores of any skater or team during an event they are judging.**
- (5) Judges must not bring any form of electronic communicative system to the judges' stand.**
- (6) Judges shall refrain from publishing, e-mailing, texting or tweeting any statements, or making comments in online chat rooms or discussion boards concerning tests and competitions in which they have served as judges.**

(b) Violation of the foregoing rules shall be deemed adequate grounds for appropriate action by the Judges' Selection Committee or by the Officials Committee.

I agree to the following terms:

- 1. I agree to abide by USARS code of ethics and standards of conduct.
- 2. I acknowledge that USARS may take disciplinary action against me if I breach the code of ethics or standards of conduct, and I understand that USARS has a complaint handling procedure in the event of an allegation against me.
- 3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include downgrading or withdrawal of commissions.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

If under 18, parent/guardian signature: _____