

Report for Governing Council

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Governing Council was a great experience. This year's council items were much less eventful, with only a few issues being discussed at any length. This year's key note speaker was Scott Hamilton. He gave a speech about the state of skating today and how it is time to 'get up,' since that is the key thing that skating teaches us...how to 'get up'. It is also great to connect with members of other clubs to learn what has worked for them as well. Sam Auxier dropped a bomb in the sectional meeting, and I can't wait until next year!!!

Main Topics of discussion

- Our very own Dorian Valles was elected to the nominating committee for the Southwest Pacific Region, very good for representation of our area (the last several have been from All Year) Congratulations Dorian!
- We submitted a large list of recommended officials to the ISU to participate in International events and many were accepted.
- Learn to Skate USA is launching June 1st and is aggressively perusing every director and owner in the nation to convert from ISI to their program. Huge ad campaign leading up the 2018 games including commercials and possibly another skating movie. Motto is to be your own 'superhero'. Fun skating will teach you bravery and other life qualities.
- Event Management System is farther along. Similar to Entryeeze but integrated with USFS to give them control of data for research and validity. Music upload, competition submissions, PPCs. Etc.
- Athlete members are no longer allowed to hold a position on the board of directors while on the Nominated Committee.
- In Adult Dance, tests were simplified and one can skate up to partner's level to make it easier to compete, and dances for the next two years were chosen (the easier of the two were chosen because of the rule change to the eligibility).
- Family members can serve on the same official panel provided they are not on the same part; this is an effort to help smaller regions where officials are more difficult to secure & often kin.
- Seeding for Qualifying round has been changed to incorporate point totals, not to be solely based on placement. Top four for each group plus 4 next highest scores.
- There is an effort from the Pairs committee to simplify the process to promote more competitive pair teams, it was proposed that the singles partner joining the team could begin testing at their highest singles test, rather than testing at the lower Pairs' levels.
- Draw for starting order in qualifying round, 1st and 2nd place will skate last and draw in first subgroup
- Referred back to committee: option for boys at non qualifying competitions to skate with girls

Other Rule changes this year

- Pre-preliminary and No Test – Half loop is holds the value of a single loop when performed in combination (used to hold no value)
- Adjustments were made to the required elements for Adult Singles
- .5 deducted for every 5 seconds in time violations over or under for Juvenile, Intermediate, Masters, and Adult Gold
- 1.0 for time violation for Novice Junior, Senior singles and pairs and ice dance
- Pairs tests were changed quite a bit
- It was proposed to get rid of the prerequisite to have passed the previous pairs test in order to test, only MITF or the same level is required
- Intermediate Singles programs have been lengthened to include a step sequence with a maximum level 2, 2:10 for Intermediate Short and 2:40 for Intermediate Freeskate
- Novice Freeskate bonus of 2.0 for triple/triple combo of different nature and 1.0 for repeated triple
- Falls .5 deduction from Juvenile-Novice 1.0 for Junior & Senior
- Test requirements for Juvenile through Senior Synchro skaters was upped a level, now skaters must hold test of previous level i.e. Senior must have passed Jr MITF
- Dates for Qualifying Synchro sectionals moved from Dec 1 to Oct 1 in efforts to give ref time to prepare and also to begin to align with the Olympic timing.
- It was also proposed that Pairs, in order to accelerate their development, could be 'tested' at a nonqualifying competition event rather than at a testing session, (this was sent back to committee).