

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE
GENERAL BY-LAWS AND OFFICIAL RULES
OF
SKATE CANADA

This booklet contains proposed amendments to the General By-laws and Official Rules of Skate Canada, in accordance with By-law 1602, for consideration at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

Please note that as per By-law 1602 (2) and (3), the Skate Canada Board of Directors, committees as defined in By-laws 1501, 1502 and 1503 and member clubs have until March 31, 2008 to file with the Chief Executive Officer notice of any proposed amendment to an amendment.

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Chief Executive Officer

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2008 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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6. A rationale is required, clearly explaining:
 - A. the intent of this amendment;
 - B. the implications of this amendment; and,
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AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008 / 1

SUBMITTED BY: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 1503 (9) (b)

RULE NAME: SECTIONS COMMITTEES

1503 SECTIONS COMMITTEES

(9) FINANCES

(b) SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT: A financial statement signed by the Section Chair and the Section Treasurer shall be presented to the Section Annual Meeting ~~and the Executive Director of the Association~~ no later than thirty days after the end of the fiscal year. Financial statements covering all funds received and administered by the Section shall be prepared annually. Such financial statements shall, subject to the provisions of this paragraph (b) be and either reviewed as permitted under government legislation, or audited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, financial statements must be audited where either (i) required by applicable law; or (ii) where the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer requires that the financial statements be audited. Copies of the final reviewed or audited (as applicable) statements shall be sent to the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer of the Association and to the Chair of the Finance/Planning Committee not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year. ~~The Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to require an audit in place of a financial review at any time.~~ If after receiving reviewed financial statements, the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer requires the financial statements to be audited, the audited statements will be delivered to the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer and to the Chair of the Finance/Planning Committee within 60 days of the request being made by the Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer to the Section for audited statements.

RATIONALE: The cost of an audit has risen significantly in the last few years. In order to reduce the financial burden, this change will enable Sections the option to undertake a review engagement in place of a full audit where permitted by law while providing the option to require an audit as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 2

SUBMITTED BY: RULES/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 2101, 2105

RULE NAME: ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF THE INDIVIDUAL –
DEFINITIONS & REINSTATEMENT TO
ELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS

2101 DEFINITIONS

- (2) **INELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS:** An ineligible person is a member or former member of Skate Canada who has violated the eligibility rules of Skate Canada and/or the ISU ~~and is not permitted to reinstate to eligible person status within Skate Canada and/or the ISU.~~

2105 REINSTATEMENT TO ELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS

- (1) **SKATE CANADA ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS:** The Board of Directors may reinstate a person with restricted eligibility, or an ineligible person who has violated Rule 2103, for the purposes of fully participating in all Association activities and events up to and including the national level, under the same conditions as an eligible person (skater, volunteer executive or an official)

Persons who have violated Rule 2103 (ii) and (iii) will not normally be reinstated. The Board of Directors may consider a reinstatement of such ineligible person for extraordinary reasons. Such reinstatement will be considered on a case by case basis.

RATIONALE:

This change brings the Skate Canada rules for reinstatement into line with those of the ISU. This change will allow persons who have participated in non-sanctioned skating shows or tours to reinstate for the purposes of Skate Canada Competitions and Activities.

Housekeeping changes would be made to Appendix 2000-A Overview of Member Registration Categories chart.

A Board policy will be developed to contain the philosophy and intention behind the interpretation of the rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 3

SUBMITTED BY: ADVISORY COACHING COUNCIL

RULE NUMBER: 2401 & 2402

RULE NAME: SKATE CANADA PROFESSIONAL COACH DEFINED AND STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL COACHES

**2401 ~~SKATE CANADA PROFESSIONAL COACH DEFINED~~
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

~~A Skate Canada Professional Coach is defined as a person who teaches figure skating or skating as a profession and meets the criteria to teach as determined in Rule 2402 and other provisions from time to time by the Skate Canada Board of Directors, and is a member of Skate Canada.~~

All professional coaches who teach in a Skate Canada club or skating school shall meet the minimum requirements to be a Skate Canada Professional Coach as set forth in the “Standards for Professional Coaches” policy determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. (See Skate Canada Policies and Procedures.)

2402 ~~Standards for Professional Coaches~~

- (1) ~~**INDIVIDUALS WHO TEACH:** Except where these rules permit otherwise, individuals who teach in Skate Canada clubs or skating schools shall be registered with Skate Canada as professional coaching members and must be fully certified as a Primary STARSkate Coach (NCCP Introduction to Competition Part A or Level 1 Theory, Primary STARSkate Coach Trained, Primary STARSkate Coach Evaluated), have completed a Skate Canada approved police clearance check and positions of trust check, and hold a valid First Aid Certificate.~~
- (2) ~~**INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO TEACH:** Individuals intending to teach in a Skate Canada club or skating school are required to complete an NCCP Introduction to Competition Part A or Level 1 Theory course, the Primary STARSkate Coach Training, a Skate Canada approved police clearance check and positions of trust check and hold a valid First Aid Certificate prior to commencing teaching.~~

~~(3) — **PRIMARY STARSKATE COACH CERTIFICATION:** Individuals in (1) and (2) above, must attain full certification as a Primary STARSkate Coach, within 2 years from the date of completion of both the Introduction to Competition Part A or Level 1 Theory and the Primary STARSkate Coach Training.~~

~~(4) — **COACHES ONLY TEACHING CANSKATE:** Skate Canada Professional Coaches who only teach CanSkate in a Skate Canada club or skating school must complete a Skate Canada approved police clearance check and positions of trust check, hold a valid First Aid Certificate and are required to complete:~~

~~(a) — NCCP Introduction to Competition Part A or Level 1 Theory~~

~~(b) — NCCP CanSkate Coach Training~~

~~(c) — CanSkate Assignment~~

~~(5) — **COACHES ONLY TEACHING CANPOWERSKATE:** Skate Canada Professional Coaches who only teach CanPowerSkate in a Skate Canada club or skating school must complete a Skate Canada approved police clearance check and positions of trust check, hold a valid First Aid Certificate and are required to complete:~~

~~———— (a) — (i) — NCCP Introduction to Competition Part A or Level 1 Theory~~

~~(ii) — NCCP CanSkate Coach Training or Level 2 Hockey Certification (CHA Intermediate Level), or Level 2 Ringette Certification —————~~

~~(iii) — NCCP CanPowerSkate Coach Training and Exam~~

~~(6) — **DANCE PARTNERS:**~~

~~(a) — **ELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS:** Eligible persons who partner skaters in preparation for and on dance tests are subject to Rule 2202. All partners must abide by the prescribed rates set for partnering as directed by the Board of Directors. See also Rule 4401 (2) — Partners for Dance Tests.~~

~~(b) — **INELIGIBLE OR RESTRICTED ELIGIBLE PERSON STATUS:** Ineligible or restricted eligible persons who partner skaters in preparation for and on dance tests but do not teach in a Skate Canada club or skating school are not subject to the above standards provided that their responsibility to such skaters is only as a dance partner and not as a dance coach. This type of partnering is defined as Professional Dance Partner and must be conducted under the general supervision of the skater's dance coach who must be a Skate Canada professional coaching member.~~

~~(6) — **NON RESIDENT GUEST COACHES:** Guest coaches who are a resident of a country other than Canada who coach or instruct in Skate Canada clubs or skating schools for one continuous period of two months or less in any one calendar year are not subject to the provisions of Section 2400.~~

RATIONALE: During the past few years Skate Canada has been revising its coach training programs to make the content consistent with current coaching practices and comply with direction and requirements from the Coaching Association of Canada and from time to time other government sport bodies. Skate Canada is only part way through the revisions mandated by these outside agencies. Given the technical nature of coach training programs and their continual evolution and the requirement by outside agencies to continually update and maintain these programs, it would be appropriate and more efficient to move these requirements to a corresponding policy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 4

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 5304 (SECTION 5000 (B) 1.4 (2) (d) (i) (ii))

RULE NAME: CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.4 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Rule 5304)

2) SENIOR EVENTS: Senior events shall consist of the ~~five~~ four competitions as set below:

~~(d) **FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA:**~~

~~(i) **FREE PROGRAM:** Fours free skating programs shall be a maximum of 4.0 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds) in duration.~~

~~(ii) **CONFORM TO REQUIREMENTS OF PAIRS SKATING:** Fours shall conform to the requirements of pairs skating as stated in the Technical Handbook.~~

RATIONALE: These fours events no longer fit with the current Championship structure in Canada. In an effort to simplify the Rulebook, to include only current and updated information as well as avoid any possible confusion this category will be removed from the Canadians structure. However fours events may still be held at invitational competitions. The detailed category requirements contained in the Rulebook are still valid and will not be removed.

House keeping changes would be made to Rule 7408 (6) to reflect this change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 5

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 5501 (SECTION 5000 C-5.1 (1) (a), (2)(a), (3)(a), (4)(a), and (5)(a))

RULE NAME: COMPETITIVE SINGLES TESTS

5.1 COMPETITIVE SINGLES TESTS

- (1) **JUVENILE COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST:** This test shall consist of a Free Skating Program:
- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The candidate shall skate a 2.5 minute (+ or - 10 seconds) program to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303 (1) (a). (Rule 5501 (1)).
- (2) **PRE-NOVICE COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST:** This test shall consist of a Free Skating Program.
- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The candidate will skate a 3.0 minute (+ or - 10 seconds) program to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303 (2) (a) (ii).(Rule 5501 (2)).
- (3) **NOVICE COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST:** This test shall consist of a Free Skating Program.
- (a) **PROGRAM:** The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303 (3)(a)(ii). (Rule 5501(3))
(i) ~~WOMEN: 3.0 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds)~~
(ii) ~~MEN: 3.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds)~~
- (4) **JUNIOR COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST:** This test shall consist of a Free Skating Program to music.
- (a) **PROGRAM:** The program length shall be as per Rule 5304 (1) (a)(ii). (Rule 5501 (4))
(i) ~~WOMEN: 3.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds).~~
(ii) ~~MEN: 4.0 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds).~~

(5) **SENIOR COMPETITIVE SINGLES TEST:** This test consists of a Free Skating Program to music.

- (a) **PROGRAM:** The program length shall be as per Rule 5304 (2) (a)(ii). (Rule 5501(5))
(i) ~~WOMEN: 4.0 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds).~~
(ii) ~~MEN: 4.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds).~~

RATIONALE: The removal of the times in the above rule and the reference to Rule 5303 and 5304 is to avoid duplication in other parts of the Rulebook. The program times are already included in the program time for competition – Rule 5303 and 5304.

Note that this amendment does not change any existing requirements for free program length.

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AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 6

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 5502 (SECTION 5000 D-6.1(1)(a), 6.2(1)(a), 6.3(1)(a), 6.4(1)(a), and 6.5(1)(a))

RULE NAME: COMPETITIVE PAIR TESTS

6.1 JUVENILE COMPETITIVE PAIR TEST

(1) FREE PROGRAM:

- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The pair shall skate a free program of 2.5 or 3.0 minutes (+ or -10 seconds) to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303(1)(b). (Rule 5502 (1) (a)).

6.2 PRE-NOVICE COMPETITIVE PAIR TEST

(1) FREE PROGRAM:

- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The pair shall skate a free program of 3.0 or 3.5 minutes (+ or -10 seconds) to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303(2)(b)(ii). (Rule 5502 (2) (a))

6.3 NOVICE COMPETITIVE PAIR TEST

(1) FREE PROGRAM:

- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The pair shall skate a free program of 3.5 or 4.0 minutes (+ or -10 seconds) to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303(3)(b)(ii). (Rule 5502 (3) (a))

6.4 JUNIOR COMPETITIVE PAIR TEST

(1) FREE PROGRAM:

- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The pair shall skate a free program of 4.0 or 4.5 minutes (+ or -10 seconds) to music.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5304(1)(b)(ii). (Rule 5502 (4) (a))

6.5 SENIOR COMPETITIVE PAIR TEST

(1) FREE PROGRAM:

- (a) **PROGRAM:** ~~The pair shall skate a free program of 4.5 minutes (+ or - 10 seconds) to music. The program length should~~ shall be as per Rule 5304(2)(b)(ii).
(Rule 5502 (5) (a))

RATIONALE: The removal of the times in the above rule and the reference to Rule 5303 and 5304 is to avoid duplication in other parts of the Rulebook. The program times are already included in the program time for competition – Rule 5303 and 5304.

Note that this amendment does not change any existing requirements for free program length.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 7

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 5503 (SECTION 5000 E 6.1 (2) (a), (3)(a), (4)(a))

RULE NAME: COMPETITIVE DANCE TESTS

6.1 DESCRIPTION OF COMPETITIVE DANCE TESTS

(2) NOVICE COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST:

- (a) **FREE DANCE:** ~~The Free Dance to music of the candidate's choice shall be 3.0 minutes (+ or — 10 seconds) in duration.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5303(3)(c)(ii). (Rule 5503 (2) (a))

(3) JUNIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST:

- (a) **FREE DANCE:** ~~The Free Dance to music of the candidate's choice shall be 3.0 minutes (+ or — 10 seconds) in duration.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5304(1)(c)(iii). (Rule 5503 (3) (a))

(4) SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEST:

- (a) **FREE DANCE:** ~~The Free Dance to music of the candidate's choice shall be 4.0 minutes (+ or — 10 seconds) in duration.~~ The program length ~~should~~ shall be as per Rule 5304(2)(c)(iii). (Rule 5503 (4) (a))

RATIONALE: The removal of the times in the above rule and the reference to Rule 5303 and 5304 is to avoid duplication in other parts of the Rulebook. The program times are already included in the program time for competition – Rule 5303 and 5304.

Note that this amendment does not change any existing requirements for free program length.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 8

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7401 (SECTION 7000 C 1.3 (4))

RULE NAME: SECTIONAL ENTRIES

1.3 ENTRIES

- (4) **ELIGIBILITY OF ALL ENTRIES MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE SECTION SKATE CANADA NATIONAL OFFICE**: The host Section/Club must verify the eligibility of all competitors according to Rule 5401 and submit the names and registration numbers of all competitors entering Canadian Championship qualifying events to the National Office of the Association immediately after the closing date of entries and no later than October 3rd or the next business day following that date (Rule 7401 (3) (d)).

RATIONALE: To clarify the process that should take place in the verification of the eligibility of all Sectional entries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 9

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7403 (SECTION 7000 C 1.7 (3) (4))

RULE NAME: SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SECTIONALS

1.7 SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SECTIONALS

(3) SENIOR SKATERS TO CANADIANS CHALLENGE:

(a) **ALL SENIOR EVENTS:** Senior competitors who place first, second, third and fourth (first through eighth inclusive in Quebec) in the Sectional qualifying event, may be selected ~~to represent by the relevant Section in the Canadian Championship competition (or qualifying round at Canadians if applicable) to~~ represent the Section in the Challenge competition without further qualification. ~~The selection of fewer entries shall be at the discretion of the Section Executive.~~

(b) **SPECIAL SITUATION FOR SKATERS WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:** Competitors who register for Senior events at Sectionals, and who have been ~~awarded~~ assigned a Senior Grand Prix or Junior Grand Prix Final event or Senior international assignment by the National Teams Committee shall be granted an automatic entry into the Senior Canadian event ~~(or qualifying round if applicable)~~ of the same discipline in the same competitive season.

Competitors who register for Senior events at Sectionals, and have been assigned a Junior Grand Prix or Senior International competition shall be granted an automatic entry into the Senior Challenge event of the same discipline in the same competitive season.

(c) **SENIOR AUTOMATIC BYES:** Senior competitors who placed first, second or third at the previous Canadian Championships will be granted an automatic entry into the relevant category ~~at the subsequent the qualifying rounds of the Canadian Championships or to the Canadian Championships final, whichever is applicable. For Senior competitors at Canadians the term "qualifying round" is used only in the context of the run off held just prior to the Canadian Championships and is not to be confused with the Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge Competitions held separately for Pre-Novice to Junior competitors inclusive.~~

(4) **BYED SKATERS:** Those who have been granted byes through Sectional qualifying events (see Byes Policy in **Policies and Procedures**) may enter their Skate Canada

Challenge event or Canadian Championship event applicable without further qualification. ~~Any such entries will be in addition to those defined previously.~~

RATIONALE: Adjustments were made to reflect the removal of qualifying rounds at Canadians and addition of Senior Challenge events. Housekeeping changes may need to be made to other policies and/or rules for consistency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 10

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7404 (SECTION 7000 C 2.5 (1) (2) (3))

**RULE NAME: STRUCTURE OF CHALLENGE
COMPETITIONS**

2.5 STRUCTURE OF CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS (Rule 7404 (3))

- (1) **GROUPING OF THE SECTIONS FOR CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS:** For the purpose of holding qualifying events for the Junior Nationals and Canadian Championships, the Sections of the Association shall be grouped into two divisions for Pre-Novice, Novice and Junior and one division for Senior.
- (2) **CHALLENGE COMPETITION TITLES:** The two divisions shall be termed the Skate Canada Western Challenge and the Skate Canada Eastern Challenge and shall consist of the following:
 - (a) **SKATE CANADA WESTERN CHALLENGE:** Competitors qualifying from the British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northern Ontario, and Western Ontario Sectional Competitions.
 - (b) **SKATE CANADA EASTERN CHALLENGE:** Competitors qualifying from the Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Sectional Competitions.
 - (c) **SKATE CANADA SENIOR CHALLENGE:** Senior competitors shall be grouped into one division including skaters from all Sectional competitions. For the purposes of organizing and scheduling the events the Western and Eastern Challenge competition shall each include two Senior categories. The title for these events shall be “Skate Canada Senior Challenge”.
- (3) **MANDATORY EVENTS:** The following events are mandatory for Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge or Senior Challenge competitions provided that the number of skaters entered in the event exceeds the maximum quota to progress onto the applicable Canadian or Junior National Skating Championships: Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Pairs and Dance in each of classes - Pre-Novice, Novice, Junior, and Senior.

RATIONALE:

The rule amendment to remove qualifying rounds at Canadians removes a competitive opportunity for Senior competitors. Feedback from the coaching community has indicated that this opportunity would be best placed at the Challenge competition. A trial run was implemented for the 2007-2008 competitive season with one Senior event (not separate East and West) in each discipline at Challenge, with favorable results and positive feedback from the skating family.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 11

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7407 (SECTION 7000 C 2.10 (1))

**RULE NAME: SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE
CANADA CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS**

**2.10 SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE
COMPETITIONS**

- (1) **FINAL RESULT:** The final result in each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge event shall determine the competitors eligible to enter the equivalent Canadian Championship or Junior National Championships event as follows (See Rule 7403 for selection of entries for Juvenile National Championships ~~and Senior Canadians~~).
- (a) **PRE-NOVICE:** Each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top third, rounded to the next whole number, or top eight placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Pre-Novice event at the Junior National Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
- (b) **NOVICE:** In addition to any Novice individual byes, each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top third, rounded to the next whole number, or top eight placed skaters (whichever is greater) in each Novice event at the Junior National Skating Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
- (c) **JUNIOR:** In addition to any Junior individual byes, each Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge is entitled to enter the top half, rounded to the next whole number, or top ten placed skaters (whichever is greater) from the Skate Canada Western or Eastern Challenge in each Junior event at the Canadian Championships. The number will be calculated based on the number of skaters receiving marks and a placement in at least one part of the competition.
- (d) **SENIOR:**
- (i) **SENIOR SINGLES:** The maximum number of competitors in the Senior singles events shall be 18. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.

- (ii) SENIOR PAIR: The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Pairs event shall be 12. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (iii) SENIOR DANCE: The maximum number of competitors in the Senior Dance events shall be 15. Such entries shall be filled in accordance with subsection (e) below.
- (e) DETERMINING SENIOR ENTRIES: The Senior events at the Canadian Championships shall be filled in accordance with the following priority until such time as the maximum number of competitors for the relevant event has been reached:
 - (i) firstly, those competitors who have received an automatic or individual bye; and
 - (ii) the balance of the entries shall be determined in accordance with the results of the Skate Canada Senior Challenge event, as applicable.

RATIONALE:

This Rule change moves the Senior Singles, Pair and Dance qualifying process to the Challenge competition. It also clarifies the number of competitors that may qualify through the Challenge competition as well as the process to do this.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 12

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7407 (SECTION 7000 C 2.10 (4))

**RULE NAME: SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE
CANADA CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS**

**2.10 SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE
COMPETITIONS**

- (4) NORMAL QUOTA AT JUNIOR NATIONALS AND CANADIANS NOT EXCEEDED:** When the normal quota at Junior Nationals or Canadians is not exceeded (i.e. 16 or fewer in Pre-Novice and Novice; 20 in Junior; 18 for Senior Singles, 12 for Senior Pair and 15 for Senior Dance) after the total number of eligible entries from the Western and Eastern Challenge are combined, that event ~~may not~~ will be held, but may not be compulsory at either Challenge Competition even if the maximum event quota at one of the Challenge competitions is exceeded.

RATIONALE: This rule now includes Senior skaters in the conditions for holding mandatory Challenge events.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2008/ 13

SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7408 (SECTION 7000 C 3.5 (1) (2) (3))

**RULE NAME: CONDUCT OF SENIOR SINGLES SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CANADA**

**3.5 CONDUCT OF SENIOR SINGLES SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF CANADA
(Rule 7408 (4))**

- (1) ~~NUMBER OF ENTRIES NOT EXCEEDING 24 SEGMENTS:~~ When the number of entries in a Senior Singles event does not exceed 24, the Senior Singles event shall consist of a Short Program of a maximum of two minutes and fifty seconds containing the elements to music as listed in the Technical Handbook published annually and a Free Program of four and one half minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) to music for Men and four minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) to music for Ladies women. The requirements for this free skating program are outlined in the Technical Handbook published annually. ~~Based on the results of the Short Program, the 24 best placed competitors only shall qualify for the free skating.~~
- (2) ~~NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS 25 OR GREATER:~~ When the number of entries in a Senior Singles event is 25 or greater, a qualifying free skating round will be conducted: Competitors will be divided into two approximately equal qualifying free skating groups (not more than one skater different in total number). Competitors will be assigned to groups in the following manner:
- (a) ~~Competitors who skated in the final free skating program in Senior Canadians in the immediate preceding year shall assigned to a qualifying free skating group as follows: starting with the competitor having the highest final placement at the previous year's Championships, and proceeding down the classification list, each competitor will be assigned to a group by alternating between Group A and B, starting with Group A.~~
- (b) ~~The remaining skaters will be listed alphabetically by surname and a draw will be conducted to determine the starting order for the qualifying free skate. in the same manner as above, proceeding from where the process in (a) above concluded.~~
- (c) ~~After Groups A and B are defined, a preliminary draw shall be made to determine whether Group A or B shall draw first for starting order, and this draw will also determine the order of skating between the two groups.~~

- ~~(d) — Competitors placing 1-12 in the free skating qualifying group, including those tied in each qualifying free skating group, shall qualify for the Short Program. The draw for the Short Program for the skaters qualifying through the qualifying free skating shall be according to the result of the two qualifying groups (i.e. the three best placed competitors from each qualifying group shall be drawn in the last group to skate and so on). In the case of tied skaters, these skaters should be drawn in the same group, but if this group is exceeded by two or more skaters, it will be divided into two subgroups with a separate warm up for each of them..~~
- ~~(e) — The Senior Singles events shall consist of the qualifying free skating program (when conducted), the Short Program and the final free skating program. The 18 best placed competitors only according to the combined result (qualifying free skating program and short program) will qualify for the final free skating program and the draw for the final free skating program will be according to this combined result. In the case of a tie in the combined result, the skater with the best placement in the Short Program shall be awarded the higher place. If such placements are also tied, the skaters concerned remain tied and shall be drawn in the same group. If two or more skaters receive an equal total in the final result the best place shall be awarded to the skater with the best placement in the final free skating. If such placements are also equal, the competitor with the best Short Program placement shall be awarded the higher place. If such placements are also equal, the skaters concerned are tied.~~

NEW

- (2) **STARTING ORDER – SHORT PROGRAM:** The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the short program of the Canadian Championships will be as follows:
- (a) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the short program at the Canadian Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Championships. The highest placed competitor from the previous Canadian Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitor shall be second last to skate, and so on.
- (b) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (a) above and following those listed in (c) below.
- (c) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Challenge competition in the same competitive season.
- (d) In the case that the Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.

- (e) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (a) and (c) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the starting order.
- (3) STARTING ORDER – FREE PROGRAM: Competitors may be assigned to skate the free program at the Canadian Championships in reverse order according to each competitor’s placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

RATIONALE:

This rule determines the fairest and most appropriate method to determine the start order for each portion of the event from the perspective of athlete preparedness, and will allow skaters to experience this “seeding” prior to competing internationally in the format. Additionally, the culminative nature of the seeded draw is potentially more exciting for live and television audiences. Seeding the draw reflects current ISU practice for Grand Prix events and common practice in many other individual sports.

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SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7408 (SECTION 7000 C 3.6 (1) (2) (3))

RULE NAME: CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR PAIR
SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

**3.6 CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR PAIR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA
(Rule 7408 (5))**

- (1) ~~NUMBER OF ENTRIES NOT EXCEEDING 24 SEGMENTS:~~ When the number of entries in a Senior Pairs event does not exceed 24, the Senior Pairs event shall consist of a Short Program of a maximum of two minutes and fifty seconds containing the elements to music as ~~listed in the Technical Handbook published annually~~ and a Free Program of four and one half minutes (+ or – 10 seconds) to music. The requirements for this free skating program are ~~outlined in the Technical Handbook published annually~~. ~~Based on the results of the Short Program, the 24 best placed competitors only shall qualify for the free skating.~~
- (2) ~~NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS 25 OR GREATER:~~ When the number of entries in a Senior Pairs event is 25 or greater, a qualifying round as described in (2) above for ~~Singles~~ competitors will be held. ~~Based on the results of the Short Program, the 16 best placed Pairs only shall qualify for the free program in Pairs.~~

NEW

- (2) STARTING ORDER – SHORT PROGRAM: The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the short program of the Canadian Championships will be as follows:
- (a) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the short program at the Canadian Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Championships. The highest placed competitors from the previous Canadian Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitors shall be second last to skate, and so on.
- (b) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (a) above and following those listed in (c) below.

- (c) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Challenge competition in the same competitive season.
 - (d) In the case that the Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.
 - (e) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (a) and (c) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the starting order.
- (3) STARTING ORDER – FREE PROGRAM: Competitors may be assigned to skate the free program at the Canadian Championships in reverse order according to each pair's placement in the short program. The specific method of conducting and timing of the draw will be determined and communicated in the event announcement.

RATIONALE: Same as for Singles events above.

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SUBMITTED BY: SKATING PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

RULE NUMBER: 7408 (SECTION 7000 C 3.8 (1) (2) (3) (4))

**RULE NAME: CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR DANCE
CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA**

3.8 CONDUCT OF THE SENIOR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA (Rule 7408 (7))

- ~~(1) **NUMBER OF ENTRIES TOTAL 24 OR FEWER:** When the number of Senior entries from the respective Sectional events totals 24 or fewer, all couples take part in all parts of the event as listed in (3) below.~~
- ~~(2) **NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS GREATER THAN 25:** When the total entries is greater than 24 all competitors will skate the compulsory dances. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dances, the 24 best placed dance couples will skate the Original Dance. If there are ties for the 24 place, then all of the couples including the tied competitors will skate the Original Dance. Based on the results of the Compulsory Dances and the Original Dance combined, the 18 best placed couples only shall qualify for the final Free Dance.~~

NEW

- (1) **SEGMENTS:** All couples take part in all parts of the event as listed in (4) below.
- (2) **STARTING ORDER – COMPULSORY DANCES:** The manner in which competitors will be assigned to skate the compulsory dance of the Canadian Championships will be as follows:
- (a) Senior competitors receiving a bye to the Compulsory Dance segment at the Canadian Championships shall be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the previous Senior Canadian Championships. The highest placed couple from the previous Canadian Championships shall be last to skate, the second highest placed competitor shall be second last to skate, and so on.
- (b) Next, byed competitors that do not have a final placement from the preceding Senior Canadian Championships will be assigned by a random draw. These competitors shall skate prior to those listed in (a) above and following those listed in (c) below.
- (c) The remaining competitors will be assigned in reverse order according to their final placement at the Challenge competition in the same competitive season.

(d) In the case that the Challenge event is optional and some competitors elect not to compete and are therefore not ranked coming into the Canadian Championships, a random draw will be conducted to determine the start order of all competitors except the byed competitors.

(e) If two or more competitors are tied in the assignment of (a) and (c) above, a random draw between the tied competitors will be conducted to determine the skating order.

(3) **STARTING ORDER – ORIGINAL DANCE / FREE DANCE:** Competitors will be assigned to skate the Original Dance/Free Dance of the Canadian Championships in reverse order according to each couple's combined result after the previous segment.

RENUMBER

(4) **THE COMPETITION WILL CONSIST OF THREE PARTS:**

(a) ***One*** compulsory dance to be drawn from the ~~two~~ dances designated for that event. The ~~three~~ five pieces of music will be played in numerical order. The referee is responsible for the selection of the ~~three~~ pieces of music for the dance.

(b) An Original Dance to the rhythm announced by the ISU for the current year.

(c) A four minute free dance program to music.

RATIONALE: Same as for Singles and Pair events above.

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