

# **2009 REGIONAL FIGURE CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **INFORMATION**

### **AR11.13.08 Defense of Title:**

**Skaters in ALL events who have placed first in a National Championship are required to qualify for the National Championships in subsequent skating seasons.**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; Board of Directors Meeting (April 2009)**

### **FIGURE RULE CLARIFICATIONS**

#### **Figure Rule AR7.06.02**

##### **Junior World Artistic Roller Figure Skating Championship Competition**

(a) The Championship will be for skaters in team dance, solo dance, figures, free skating and pairs, who are at least TWELVE (12) years of age and not yet EIGHTEEN (18) years of age as of January 1 in the year of the championship. The top TWO (2) placements in each event at the U.S. National Championship become eligible to compete at the Junior World Championship.

*(b) Skaters/Teams twelve (12) years of age and over have the option to skate Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same qualifying championship. Athletes who qualify for the World Championship, who meet the selection criteria (age, technical, and judge's scores) through placement at the National Championship, can not skate both Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same discipline (e.g. figures, solo dance, etc.) at a World Championship. Skaters who place in both the Junior and Senior events of the same discipline at the National Championships MUST elect to participate in either the Junior or the Senior event at the World Championships. This selection must be made prior to the announcement of the World Teams.*

*(c) Should a vacancy occur due to a withdrawal in an event, the next highest placements that meet the selection criteria (age, technical, and judge's scores) will qualify for the*

*Junior and Senior World Teams. Junior and Senior World Teams will be announced at the completion of the Elite events during the National Championships.*

(e) (d) In order to be eligible to compete in the JUNIOR WORLD Championship, a skater who has competed in the previous SENIOR WORLD Championship must not have placed in the first ten places (in the particular event that the skater wishes to enter. When a JUNIOR and SENIOR WORLD Championship are held at the same time, a skater cannot enter both in the same event.

*(e) Once International Teams have been announced, skaters/teams withdrawing from the international championship must complete the appropriate form with the USARS National Headquarters. The next highest placing skater/team in that division at the qualifying event who meets the selection criteria will be given the chance to participate in the appropriate international competition.*

**Figure Rule AR8.02.81 (f)**

Once a placement of 1, 2 or 3 at the National Championship in the JUNIOR WORLD CLASS TEAM DANCE is attained, the skater who chooses to skate Solo Dance in subsequent seasons must skate Junior Solo Dance, *or Senior Solo Dance if so qualified.*

**Figure Rule AR8.02.57 (d)**

JUNIOR WORLD CLASS DANCE DIVISION skaters (age 12-17 years old) may compete in this dance division and in the same competitive year compete in another Level (A) USARS dance division (FRESHMAN or SOPHOMORE) as their age or experience level so qualifies them. Once a medal placement (1, 2 or 3) is obtained in a National JUNIOR WORLD\_CLASS DANCE event, that skater will no longer be able to compete in the Level (A) FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, CLASSIC ~~or JUNIOR TEAM DANCE~~ in subsequent seasons. (See AR8.02.08)

**Figure Rule AR8.02.05**

**ROLLER FIGURE SKATING DIVISIONS AND MOVE-UP RULES**

Any amateur who has never placed 1-2-3 in USARS Level (A) events in the National Championship in the event involved (e.g. figures', dance, etc.) is eligible to compete in the USARS Level (B) and/or Level (C) divisions.

Any amateur who has reached the maximum age in a Level (A) event without placing in the National Championship in Level (A) or Level (B) events has the option to move up to the next higher division and continue to compete in the Level (B), as well as the Level (A) events. (e.g. - Juvenile (A), move to Elementary (B) & (A) events).

(a) Skaters may remain in Level (C) until they place 1-2-3 at the National Championship when there are *six (6) or more* contestants, after which they must move to the Level (B) or to the Level (A) division in that event.

(b) Skaters may remain in Level (B) until they place 1-2-3 at the National Championship when there are *six (6) or more* contestants, after which they must move to the Level (A) division in that event.

(c) In the Men and Women Free Skating, NOVICE LEVEL (B) skaters who have placed 1-2-3-4 at the National Championship have the option to advance to the SOPHOMORE DIVISION or remain in the NOVICE LEVEL (B) FREE SKATING DIVISION.

(d) Skaters who participate in (A) or (B) DIVISIONS that do not have a level (C) event and have NOT PLACED 1-2-3 at a National Championship event, may advance to the next higher (B) or (C) event.

(e) Skaters who participate in Level (A) Divisions that do NOT place at a National Championship event may advance to the next higher (A) or (B) event.

*(f) Skaters who participate in Level (B) division events, and place 1-2-3 at the National Championships, may advance to the next higher (A) or (B) divisional event when mandated by age.*

~~(f)~~ *(g) Any skater or team placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the National Championships in an event that has five (5) or less contestants shall have the option to remain in that division, or to move to the next higher division. This rule does not apply to divisions that have a maximum age limit. Placing in an event with five (5) or less contestants has no effect on future eligibility.*

*This exception does not apply to World Class events.*

~~(g)~~ *(h) In all events with five (5) or less participants at a Regional Championship, cross-over "A" and "B" skaters who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> may skate both division events to qualify for the National Championships. Placements of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National Championships with six (6) or more skaters/teams will eliminate future participation in Level "B" events in that discipline.*

~~(h)~~ *(i) In all events with five (5) or less participants at a Regional Championship, cross-over "B" and "C" skaters who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> may skate both division events to qualify for the National Championships. Placements of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National Championships with six (6) or more skaters/teams will eliminate future participation in Level "C" events in that discipline.*

(j) Skaters CANNOT skate Level (C) and Level (A) divisional events in the same qualifying Regional Championship.

**Figure Rule AR 8.02.06 ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COMPETING IN MULTIPLE DIVISION LEVELS**

Redundant to Figure Rules AR8.02.05.  
Remove (a), (b) and (c) in AR8.02.06.

**Figure Rule AR8.02.10**

- “Sliding Scale”; to qualify additional contestants to the National Championships in Domestic events; Figure Rule AR8.02.10:  
Top four (4) qualify with awards  
1 to 6 skaters or teams; 4 qualify  
7 to 10 skaters or teams; 5 qualify  
11 to 14 skaters or teams; 6 qualify  
15 to 18 skaters or teams; 7 qualify  
19 to 22 skaters or teams; 8 qualify  
23+ skaters or teams; 9 qualify  
(For purposes of the above information, the program listing will be disregarded in favor of the event score sheets for “actual skating” competitors)

**WORLD CLASS EVENTS**

- In accordance to Figure Rule AR7.05.03 (b):  
If the total entry in a World Class event was nationwide thirty (30) or less, the following skating year all entries at the Regional Championship obtaining at least the minimum required score will qualify for the National Championships.

- **All World Class (Jr. / Sr.) competitors must qualify through the Regional Championships to be eligible to compete at the National Championships.**
- **In accordance to Figure Rule AR7.05.03**

To qualify for the National Championships in a World Class (Junior/Senior) event, a skater/team must receive the average score of 7.5 or more from the majority of the judges.

  - a.) **In WC (Jr. /Sr.) Figures, Solo Dance, Free Skating, and Pairs events: the total sum of all the elements (four scores), must be 30.0 or more from the majority of the judges officiating the event.**
  - b.) **In WC (Jr. / Sr.) Team Dance events: the total sum of all of the elements (six scores), must be 45.0 or more from the majority of the judges officiating the event.**
- **Skaters twelve (12) and older have the option to skate Junior/Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same qualifying championships of the same discipline.**
- **Skaters who qualify for the World Championships cannot compete in both the Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same event at the World Championships.**

## **2009 PEORIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- **The location of both the announcers stand and the officials stand will be on the side of the auditorium at the Peoria Civic Center.**
- **This location will be similar to the WC event judges stand from the 2007 Omaha Nationals.**
- **ONE READY AREA will be provided (similar in location as the 2007 Omaha Nationals).**