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**Date: September 1, 2017**

**Re: Qualifications to Judge Pairs Tests**

At the 2017 Governing Council Meeting, rule changes were approved that changed the qualification to judge pairs tests. The change separated out the qualifications to judge pairs tests from the qualifications to judge singles tests. The judges who are now eligible are: Regional, Sectional and National Singles/Pairs Competition judges and Singles Test Judges who have passed an online certification exam.

**These changes go into effect September 2, 2017.**

If you are preparing to host any pairs tests at your club after September 1, it is critical that you be aware of these changes and verify that your judges meet the new requirements to judge pairs tests.

**By mid-September, you will be able to find qualified pairs judges through the “Officials” search engine in the online directory:**

1. Go to <https://www.usfsaonline.org/InternalDirectory/Officials>
2. Log in with your membership number and password
3. Set the “Discipline” to “Pairs” and the “Type” to “Test Judge”. The other fields can be left blank unless you want to narrow your search further by “State”, “Region” and/or “Level”.

A screenshot of the "Interactive Directory" search form for "Officials". The form includes input fields for Member Number, First Name, and Last Name. It also features dropdown menus for State, Region, Discipline (set to "Pairs"), Level, and Type (set to "Test Judge"). A "Search" button is located at the bottom of the form.

Interactive Directory  
**Officials**

Member Number

First Name

Last Name

State  
Select

Region  
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Discipline  
Pairs

Level  
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Type  
Test Judge

Search

- Click on "Search" to get the list.

Note: To make things as easy as possible, all officials who qualify to judge pairs tests – by virtue of having a Regional, Sectional or National Singles/Pairs Competition Judge appointment or by virtue of passing the online certification exam – will also have a Pairs Test Judge appointment listed in their record. For example:

First Name	Last Name	Level	Discipline	Type
Kevin	Rosenstein	National	Singles/Pairs	Competition Judge
Kevin	Rosenstein	Gold	Singles	Test Judge
Kevin	Rosenstein	Gold	Pairs	Test Judge

The 2017-18 Printable (PDF) Directory should be available by mid-September on the Members Only site (<https://www.usfsaonline.org/InternalDirectory/StaffOther>) and by early October in print. Once that is available, you can find judges qualified to judge pairs tests in the "Judges and Referees Directory". The pairs certifications will be listed in the "Test Judges" section with the header "PRS". ("SGL" will be the header for Singles Test Judge appointments.)

JUDGES & REFEREES		TEST JUDGES					COMP JUDGES			REFEREES		
JUDGE, Pairs	Member#	FIG	SGL	PRS	MIF	DNC	S/P	DNC	SYS	S/P	DNC	SYS
Address, City, ST Zip; P: (123) 456-7890; E: email@email.com	460907	HI	GLD	GLD	GLD		REG	--	--	--	--	--

If you are preparing to host any pairs tests within the next two weeks, please contact Juliet Newcomer ([newcomer@usfigureskating.org](mailto:newcomer@usfigureskating.org)) for a list of qualified judges.

Below are the detailed judging panel requirements for pairs tests. These are already included in the 2017-18 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook (<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>):

#### TR 39.01 Pre-Juvenile Pair Test

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

#### TR 39.02 Juvenile Pair Test

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

#### TR 39.03 Intermediate Pair Test

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from silver or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

#### TR 39.04 Novice Pair Test

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from silver or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

**TR 39.05 Junior Pair Test**

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from gold or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

**TR 39.06 Senior Pair Test**

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from gold or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

**TR 39.07 Adult Bronze Pair Test**

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests, or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges, or one sectional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judge.

**TR 39.08 Adult Silver Pair Test**

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

**TR 39.09 Adult Gold Pair Test**

Judging panel required starting Sept. 2, 2017: Three chosen from bronze or higher rank singles test judges who are certified to judge pairs tests or regional or higher rank singles/pairs competition judges.

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As of August 28, 2017, there were 256 singles/pairs test judges who didn't take the required exam to maintain their certification to judge pairs tests. We hope they all did so intentionally, but we know that no methods of communication will reach everyone. If you notify a judge of the new rule, and they claim this is the first they're hearing of it, please direct them to Juliet Newcomer at [jnewcomer@usfigureskating.org](mailto:jnewcomer@usfigureskating.org) or 719-228-3481.