U.S. FIGURE SKATING Can I be an Accounting Official?

• **WHO** can become an accountant?

- Anyone (including active competitors) willing and able to uphold the ethical standards of U.S. Figure Skating can become an accountant. Accountants are passionate about our sport, give their time before and after competitions and onsite during events. Accountants create and organize paperwork ahead of time, and they calculate and report results during the events. Accountants strive to continuously learn and support U.S. Figure Skating and serve our athletes. You must be at least 18 years old and a fully compliant official before you can apply for your first appointment. You may apply to be an apprentice at 16 to start your accounting journey.
- WHAT types of accountants are there?
 - Certified 6.0 Accountant
 - Qualifying Accountant
 - Sectional Accountant
 - National Accountant
 - Technical Accountants (accountants who are responsible for IJS scoring rink side)
- **HOW** can I become an accountant?
 - First, you must become SkateSafe[®] compliant. You can then volunteer at least once in an accounting room at a competition to experience the process. Next, apply to be an apprentice. You may choose an accounting mentor who will help guide you, or one will be assigned to you. Being an accountant is being a part of a team, and you will have support in the accounting room to reach your first appointment.
- WHERE can I begin the necessary experience for an Accounting appointment?
 - Learn to Skate USA[®] events, nonqualifying and National Qualifying Series (NQS) competitions are a great start. Reach out to your local clubs that hold events. Ask the local organizing committee (LOC) if you may volunteer in the accounting room. If you cannot locate a competition, we can help you find one!
- WHEN can I become an accountant?
 - Skating will always be around, and U.S. Figure Skating will always need officials! You have to decide when you have the time and ability to prepare and fulfill the required activity for your desired appointment(s). Educational opportunities in accounting are offered via training modules, virtual and inperson schools (if time and location allows) every year.
- WHY should I become an official?
 - This is the most important question! Everyone's "why" is a little different, but it is an honor and a
 privilege to serve as a U.S. Figure Skating official You get the opportunity to be involved and give back
 to a sport you love while building long-lasting relationships with a community of your peers that share a
 similar passion. Whether your role is with your local clubs or as a national official, there is a place for you
 as a U.S. Figure Skating official.

Reserve your spot for some of the best seats in the house!

Email <u>USFSRecruitment@gmail.com</u> with any questions

Ready to start? Complete the *interest form* to get registered.