



- **WHO** can become a singles/pairs, ice dance or synchronized competition judge?
 - Anyone except active coaches who is willing and able to uphold the professional and ethical standards of U.S. Figure Skating can become a competition judge. This includes active **competitors**. A good official is passionate about our sport, committed to being an active judge, responsible, and open to continuous learning and growth to support U.S. Figure Skating in serving 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 start trial judging at age 16.
 - Trial judges are not required to have a skating background; however, athletes will have the knowledge to advance more quickly than those who do not.
- **WHAT** types of singles/pairs, ice dance and synchronized competition judges are there?
 - Singles/pairs: certified 6.0, nonqualifying, qualifying, sectional, and national
 - Ice dance: certified 6.0, nonqualifying, qualifying, sectional and national
 - Synchronized skating: certified 6.0, nonqualifying, sectional and national
- **WHEN** can I become an official?
 - Skating will always be around, and U.S. Figure Skating will always need officials! You decide when you have the time and ability to prepare and fulfill the required activity for your desired appointment(s).
- **HOW** do I get started?
 - Become a member of U.S. Figure Skating [HERE](#)
 - If you are ready to start trial judging, fill out the [Interest Form](#) and indicate your desire to become a competition judge.
 - You will need to complete SkateSafe® training and become a compliant official.
- **WHERE** can I trial or gain the necessary experience for an appointment? The pathway to a competition judging appointment can include a variety of virtual and in-person activities:
 - eLearning courses found on the Members Only site once you are registered as a prospective official
 - Trial judges can apply to trial judge at designated trial judge competitions. Each season there are trial judge competitions in every section of the United States.
 - Judging schools for education and promotion are usually offered in the spring. Check the [Officiate](#) page for information on any in-person or virtual schools being offered.
- **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 at any level. 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 who 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 USFSRecruitment@gmail.com with any questions

Ready to start? Complete the [interest form](#) to get registered.