



WHO can become a technical panel official?

- Anyone (including active **coaches and competitors**) willing and able to uphold the ethical standards of U.S. Figure Skating can become an official. To become a technical panel official, you must be willing and able to work as a team. To become a **technical specialist**, you must have competed in or coached a skater in IJS at novice or higher in a qualifying competition (collegiate also counts for synchronized skating). To become a **technical controller**, you must hold a competition judge or national technical specialist appointment first. **Data operators** do not have any competition or coaching background requirements. Data operator is a great role for those who do not have the background requirements to become a technical specialist or technical controller but have good computer skills and are familiar with the corresponding elements being called during a competition.

HOW can I become a technical panel official?

- You must apply and attend a designated technical panel seminar for initial certification. Please visit the [Technical Panel](#) page on Members Only for more details on dates and locations.

WHEN can I become a technical panel official?

- Technical panel seminars are typically held annually in the spring. Some promotional opportunities are held in conjunction with competitions. Please visit the [Technical Panel](#) page on Members Only for more details on dates and locations.

WHERE can I become a technical panel official?

- Technical panel seminar locations change each year and are posted on U.S. Figure Skating's [Technical Panel](#) page on Members Only when announced.

WHY should I become a technical panel official?

- Great question! Each person'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 an opportunity to contribute 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 club 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!

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