



- **WHO** can become a Theatrical Skating official?
  - Anyone (including active **competitors**) willing and able to uphold the ethical standards of U.S. Figure Skating can become an official. A good official is passionate about our sport, committed, 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 16.
- **WHAT** types of theatrical officials are there?
  - **Showcase Officials**
  - **Theatre on Ice Officials**
- **HOW** can I become a Showcase judge?
  - The first step is to earn your initial competition judge appointment in singles/pairs, ice dance, or synchronized skating.
  - Once you earn a competition judge appointment in any discipline, you will be eligible to judge showcase events at nonqualifying competitions.
  - National showcase judges must be a sectional competition judge in singles/pairs, ice dance and/or synchronized skating at a minimum.
- **HOW** can I become a Theatre On Ice (TOI) judge?
  - Start your TOI judging journey by earning a qualifying competition judge appointment in singles/pairs or ice dance, or your sectional competition judge appointment in synchronized skating.
  - A theatrical/musical background is desirable for TOI officials; however, it is not required.
- **WHERE** can I trial or gain the necessary experience for an appointment?
  - Educational experience is the foundation of earning a TOI judging appointment. This educational experience encompasses activity at approved nonqualifying TOI events, including participation in team critiques, attendance at in-person or online TOI educational seminars, and participation in educational opportunities at National Theatre On Ice competitions.
- **WHEN** can I become a theatrical skating official?
  - Skating will always be around, and U.S. Figure Skating will always need officials! You need to decide when you have the time and ability to prepare and fulfill the required activity for your desired appointment(s). Educational opportunities in theatrical skating are offered in the spring of every year leading up to TOI trial judging activity at the National Theatre On Ice competition.
- **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 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!**

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