

2004 Rules Proposals

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Proposed new wording is in **bold** print and deletions are in ~~(--)~~.

1. Rule II.A.1.c.(3) (page 3) amend as follows:

1. Senior Class
- c. Zone:
 - (3) North: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, **Mid-South**, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

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2. Rule II.A.2.c.(3) (page 3) amend as follows:

2. Junior Class
- c. Zone:
 - (3) North: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, **Mid-South**, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

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3. Rule II.A.3.b.(1) (page 4) amend as follows:

3. Age Group
- b. Regional:
 - (1) The Age Group Regions
 - North Zone:

Region A	Mid-South , Ohio
Region B	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan.
Region C	Iowa, Minnesota, Ozark, Wisconsin.
Region D	Midwestern, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota.
 - South Zone:

Region A	North Carolina, Potomac Valley, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina ((, Southeastern)).
Region B	Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Southeastern
Region C	Arkansas, Border, Gulf, South Texas, Southern, Southwestern, West Texas

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4. Appendix D (page 1) amend as follows and add new 60:

NORTH		
60.	Mid-South	A
SOUTH		
15.	Southeastern	B((A))

Rationale: Are trying to grow synchro in the state of Alabama (Southeastern Association). Finally, we have an active team in this area. However, they have asked to be included in Region B, so they can compete with Georgia and Florida as they feel this is the best way to continue to “grow the area”. The south zone is in agreement that we should do this. An official letter requesting the change iWe want to encourage growth in this area any way we can. Tennessee is added as a new association.

WITHDRAWN; REFERRED TO LAW AND LEGISLATION

5. Rule II.E.2 (Page 14) amend as follows:

E. Entry Procedures

2. Bonus Points: In the case of Team competition, whether preliminary, semifinal or final events, **one-tenth** ~~((one-quarter))~~ point shall be added to the Total Scores for each additional competitor over 4 on a Team.

Rationale: A one-tenth point bonus is more equitable than a one-quarter point bonus for each additional competitor over 4 on a Team, and represents “a more level playing field” for those smaller clubs that are never able to field a Team of 5,6,7 or 8 competitors, while still giving the larger teams a mathematical advantage over the smaller teams since placements are often determine by mere hundredths of a point.

RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

6. Rule III.A.2 (page 21) amend as follows:

A. Foreign Federations: May enter.....under the following provisions and regulations.

2. Numbers: Each Federation or Foreign Club may enter only 1 routine entry per event in a U.S. Championship **except as noted below**. The total number of athletes may not exceed 10.

Rationale: If the number changes (Refer to Items 7 and 8) are accepted for the U.S. Senior and Junior Open championships, then the indicated exception needs to be incorporated.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

7. Rule III.A.4.c (page 21) amend as follows:

A. Foreign Federations: May enter.....under the following provisions and regulations.

4. U.S. Senior Open Championship:

- c. Each Foreign Club or National Team may **enter two Solos, two Duets, one Trio and one Team** ~~((Solo, Duet, Trio and/or Team))~~. Each Foreign Club or National Team may only enter one routine in the Free Routine Combination Event.

Rationale: U.S. Senior Open Championship: For the past two years, a waiver has been requested and granted to allow for 2 solos and 2 duets to enter the competition. We need the opportunity to test National Teams. Foreign Federations do as well (2003 - Japan request, 2004 U.S. request).

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

8. Rule III.A.5.c (page 21) amend as follows:

A. Foreign Federations: May enter.....under the following provisions and regulations.

5. U.S. Junior Open Championship:

- c. Each Foreign Club or National Team may **enter two Solos, two Duets, one Trio and one Team** ~~((one Solo, Duet, Trio and/or Team))~~. Each Foreign Club or National Team may only enter one routine in the Free Routine Combination event.

Rationale: U.S. Junior Open Championship: For the past two years, a waiver has been requested and granted to allow for 2 solos and 2 duets to enter the competition. We need the opportunity to test National Teams. Foreign Federations do as well (2003 - Japan request, 2004 U.S. request).

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

9. Rule IV.C.5.a(Page 27) add new (1)(e) and (f), delete (2), and renumber (3)-(4)

- C. Referee
5. Application of Penalties:
- a. Figure Competition
- (1) **One Point Penalties** shall be given a competitor who:
- (a)-(d) Remain the same
- (e) **Makes a balk, false start or otherwise fails to complete a figure which as been started.**
- i. **The competitor shall be allowed a second attempt.**
- ii. **The Panel Referee shall reannounce the figure and instruct the scorers to deduct 1 point from that figure.**
- (f) **Executes a figure other than the listed figure announced:**
- i. **The competitor shall be allowed a second attempt.**
- ii. **The Panel Referee shall reannounce the figure and instruct the scorers to deduct 1 point from that figure.**
- ~~((2)) **Two Point Penalties** shall be given a competitor who:~~
- ~~(a) **Makes a balk, false start or otherwise fails to complete a figure which has been started.**~~
- ~~i. **The competitor shall be allowed a second attempt.**~~
- ~~ii. **The Panel Referee shall reannounce the figure and instruct the scorers to deduct 2 point from that figure.**~~
- ~~(b) **Executes a figure other than the listed figure announced:**~~
- ~~i. **The competitor shall be allowed a second attempt.**~~
- ~~ii. **The Panel Referee shall reannounce the figure and instruct the scorers to deduct 2 point from that figure.**~~

Rationale: A one-point penalty for any infraction is sufficient. A two-point penalty is excessive.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

10. Rule IV.C.5.a.(2) (Page 27) amend as follows: (numbering assumes passage of Item 9)

- C. Referee
5. Application of Penalties:
- a. Figure Competition
- (2) **Two ~~((Five))~~ Point Penalty** : A competitor who competes out of the order of draw shall be given a penalty of 2 ~~((5))~~ points off the Total Figure Score, except for unusual circumstances as determined by the Meet Referee.

Rationale: A two-point penalty for any infraction is sufficient. A five-point penalty is excessive.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

11. Rule IV.C.5.b.(1) (Page 28) add new (1)(e)-(i), delete (2)(a)-(e) and renumber (2)(f)-(i):

- C. Referee
 - 5. Application of Penalties
 - b. Routine Competition
 - (1) **One-half Point Penalties:**
 - (a)-(d) Remain the same.
 - (e) If one or more competitors fail to begin and/or finish with the accompaniment.
 - (f) Exceeds 10 seconds limit for deck movements.
 - (g) Exceeds specified time limit for routine (Rule II.D.2.d.).
 - (h) For any routine which is under time at competitions where the minimum requirements are in effect (Rule II.D.2.d.).
 - (i) If one or more competitors interrupt the routine during deck movements and make a new start. (If of technical nature, no penalty.)
 - (2) **One Point Penalties:**
 - ~~(a) If one or more competitors fail to begin and/or finish with the accompaniment.~~
 - ~~(b) Exceeds 10 seconds limit for deck movements.~~
 - ~~(c) Exceeds specified time limit for routine (Rule II.D.2.d.).~~
 - ~~(d) For any routine which is under time at competitions where the minimum requirements are in effect (Rule II.D.2.d.).~~
 - ~~(e) If one or more competitors interrupt the routine during deck movements and make a new start. (If of technical nature, no penalty.))~~
 - (f) For failure to end routine in the water.
 - (g) For each infraction for deliberate walking on the bottom of the pool up to a maximum of 2 points per routine.
 - (h) For each infraction of deliberate contact with the pool deck up to a maximum of 2 points per routine.
 - (i) For each infraction for deliberate use of the bottom of the pool to assist another swimmer(s) up to a maximum of 2 points per routine.

Rationale: A one-half point penalty for some infractions is sufficient. A one-point penalty is excessive.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AS AMENDED

12. Rule IV.C.5.b. (3)-(5)(Page 28) Add new (3)(b), delete (4) and renumber (5):

- C. Referee
 - 5. Application of Penalties
 - b. Routine Competition
 - (3) **Two Point Penalty:**
 - (a) For Senior Routines: a two (2.0) point penalty shall be deducted from the Technical merit score for each required element omitted, by all competitors, from a Technical Routine.
 - (b) A competitor who competes out of the order of draw shall be given a penalty of 2 points off the Total Routine Score, except for unusual circumstances as determined by the Event Referee.
 - ~~((4) **Five Point Penalty:** A competitor who competes out of the order of draw shall be given a penalty of 5 points off the Total Routine Score, except for unusual circumstances as determined by the Event Referee.))~~

Rationale: A two-point penalty for any infraction is sufficient. A five-point penalty is excessive.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Note: Items 13-21 pertain to Collegiate Competition and came from the Collegiate Committee Coaches' Meeting at Collegiate Nationals.

13. Rule V.C.2 (page 35) amend as follows:
 2. Collegiate Season:
 - a. Remains the same
 - b. **Please refer to the institutions' NCAA Division Rulebook for specific Season lengths.** ((In Division I and II, the playing season may not exceed 132 days. In Division III, the playing season may not exceed 21 weeks.))
 - c. Remains the same.
 - d. Remains the same.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

14. Rule V.C.3(a) (page 35) amend as follows:
 3. Eligibility:
 - a. Undergraduate **and Graduate** students **who meet the one-time transfer rule** who are officially enrolled on a full-time basis and who meet their respective institution's **NCAA** eligibility standards shall be eligible to compete. All eligibility and recruiting questions not otherwise addressed by USSS or FINA Rules shall be governed by each institution's **NCAA** governing body.
 - b-g. Remain the same.

WITHDRAWN; REFERRED BACK TO COLLEGIATE COMMITTEE

15. Rule V.C. (page 35) add new 4 and renumber:
 4. **Compliance:**
 - a. **All questions or requests for waivers shall be directed to the Collegiate Compliance Ad Hoc Committee. After review, the Collegiate Compliance Ad Hoc Committee shall forward appropriate requests for waivers of the rules to the Technical Vice President for decision.**
 - b. **This committee shall be composed of one representative each from a Division 1 Varsity, Division 2/NAIA Varsity, Division 3 Varsity and Division 1 Club and one unaffiliated individual knowledgeable of NCAA Rules. One of these individuals shall be the Collegiate Chair and one of these individuals shall be an athlete.**

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AS AMENDED

16. Rule V.C. 7 (page 36) amend as follows (Housekeeping: if Item 15 passes this shall be V.C.8):
 7. Collegiate Technical Competition:
 - a. Technical Competition:
 - (1) Remains the same
 - (2) Remains the same
 - (3) Remains the same
 - (4) Category D figures shall be **the D figures as listed in Figure Rule II.D and shall rotate by even or odd year categories.** ~~((one of the following groups:~~

<u>Group I Odd Years</u>		
303	Somersault, Back Pike	1.5
360	Walkover, Front	2.1
321	Somersub	2.0
311	Kip	1.8
 <u>Group II Even Years</u>		
101R/L	Ballet Leg, Single	1.6
349	Tower	1.8
420	Walkover, Back	2.0
342	Heron	2.1))
 - b. Remains the same

- c. Remains the same

Rationale: Remove the list of D figures from Rules and place in Figure Rule II adding D.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

17. Figure Rule II (page 7) add new D (Housekeeping if Item 16 passes).

D. FIGURE GROUPS FOR COLLEGIATE “D” COMPETITIONS

<u>Group 1((I)).</u>	<u>Odd Years</u>	
303	Somersault, Back Pike	1.5
360	Walkover, Front	2.1
321	Somersub	2.0
311	Kip	

<u>Group 2((II)).</u>	<u>Even Years</u>	
101R/L	Ballet Leg, Single	1.6
349	Tower	1.8
420	Walkover, Back	2.0
((342)	Heron	2.1))
301	Barracuda	2.0

WITHDRAWN; REFERRED TO THE FIGURE COMMITTEE

18. Figure Rule II.C. amend as follows:

C. FIGURE GROUPS FOR COLLEGIATE “C” COMPETITIONS

<u>Group 2</u>		
((125)	Eiffel Tower	2.7))
115	Catalina	2.2
342	Heron	2.1
((401)	Swordfish	2.0))
327	Sunfish	2.4
423	Ariana	2.2

WITHDRAWN; REFERRED TO THE FIGURE COMMITTEE

19. Rule V.11. (page 38) new g and renumber:

11. U.S. Collegiate Championship:

a-f. Remain the same.

- g. Finals: The top 12 routine scores shall qualify for Final Routine Competition. Number 13 shall be the pre-swimmer. The draw shall be held as FINA, with the top six finishing places (1-6) drawing for places 7-12 in the order of draw and the second six finishing places (6-12) drawing for places 1-6 in the order of draw.**

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AS AMENDED

20. Rule V.C.11.a.(2).(a) (page 38) amend as follows:

(2) Placement in the prior year's U.S. Collegiate Championship:

- (a) Competitors placing in finals (places 1-~~12~~~~((8))~~) shall qualify for the next U.S. Collegiate Championship. A routine already qualified through this method shall be excluded from the Region's top 12 qualifiers.
- (b) Remains the same.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

21. Rule II.F.1.a. (page 16) amend as follows:
1. General Event Progression:
 - a. For U.S. National Championship exception, see Rule II.A.1.a.(2). For U.S. Senior Open Championship exception, see Rule II.A.1.b.(1). For U.S. Junior Open championship exception, see Rule II.A.2.b.(1). **For U.S.Collegiate exception, see Rule V.C.11.g**
 - b-d. Remain the same.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Note: The following items (22a-c) pertain to the Masters program.

22a. Rule V.D. 2. (page 40-41). Delete a-h, add new a-m.

- V. Special Programs
 - D. Masters/Grand Masters
 2. Events:
 - ~~((a. — Solo, Duet, Trio and Team~~
 - ~~b. Figure Competition~~
 - ~~c. Technical Individual Routine~~
 - ~~d. Number of Events: Competitors must compete in Figure Competition or Technical Routine Competition. In addition, each competitor may compete in no more than three (3) different Free Routine events in each competition.~~
 - ~~e. Free Routine competition shall consist of Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Routines consisting of any figures, swimming strokes, propulsion techniques or parts thereof.~~
 - ~~f. Technical Routines shall consist of an Individual Routine with the following requirements. Items 1-4 shall be performed in the order listed:~~
 - ~~(1) — SPLIT POSITION, followed by a walkout, Front or a Walkout, back~~
 - ~~(2) — KIP (complete figure)~~
 - ~~(3) — Traveling Ballet Leg combination, to include at least 2 of the following positions: BALLET LEG, with right leg, BALLET LEG, with left leg, BALLET LEG DOUBLE, FLAMINGO.~~
 - ~~(4) — Heron (complete figure).~~
 - ~~(5) — A minimum of 2 different types of propulsion (other than sculling): placement is optional~~
 - ~~(6) — Supplementary elements may be added, placement is optional~~
 - ~~(7) — Figure elements shall be executed according to the requirements described in Appendix L.1.B. Of the Synchronized swimming rules.~~
 - ~~(8) — Total distance traveled should be equivalent to 20 meters~~
 - ~~(9) — Swimwear must be according to FINA Rule GR6. These shall be black and the competitor shall wear a white cap. Goggles and nose clips may be worn.~~

Refer to the USSS Code, Article 10e for changes to these elements by FINA. The 2003 FINA elements shall be used.

- ~~g. — Age Groups: Masters and Grand masters shall participate together in the following age groups.~~
 - ~~(1) Individual Technical routine/Solo:

 - ~~(a) — Master or Grand Master: 20-29; 30-39, 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; 80-89, etc. (as high as necessary to accommodate all age entries).~~~~
- ~~h. — Time limits:....last competitor enters the water.))~~

22a. cont'd Rule V.D. 2. (page 40-41) new a-m. (Although new, for clarity of bolded positions, the following is not bolded)

- a. Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Free Routines
- b. Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Technical Routines
- c. Figure Competition
- d. Combo Free Routine (see Rule 1.D.2.b. for definition of event)
- e. Number of events: Each competitor may compete in no more than three (3) events - Free Routine events (solo, duet, trio, team) or Figure competition – in each U.S. Championship.
- f. Competitors must compete in a Technical Routine for each Free Routine event entered (solo, duet, trio or team).
- g. Free Routine competition shall consist of Solo, Duet, Trio or Team Routines consisting of any figures, swimming strokes or parts thereof.
- h. Technical routines:
 - (1) With the exception of deck work and entry, all elements required and supplementary shall be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction. Variation in propulsion permitted only during pattern changes. Mirror actions are not permitted.
 - (2) Supplementary elements may be added; placement is optional.
 - (3) Figure elements shall be executed according to the requirements described in Appendix L.1.b.
 - (4) Total distance traveled should be equivalent to 20 meters
 - (5) Swimwear shall be black and the competitor shall wear a white cap. Goggles and nose clip may be worn.
 - (6) Technical Routines shall consist of the following requirements.
- i. Solo Technical Routine Requirements
 - (1) **Split Position**, followed by a Walkout, front or Walkout, back
 - (2) Porpoise, complete figure
 - (3) Traveling Ballet Leg Combination - to include at least 2 of the following positions: **Ballet Leg**, with right leg, **Ballet Leg**, with left leg, **Ballet Leg Double, Flamingo**.
 - (4) Heron *thrust* starting from the submerged double ballet leg position
 - (5) A minimum of two (2) forms of propulsion techniques, including at least one sequence with one arm above the surface of the water.
 - (6) Elements 1-4 must be performed in order
 - (7) Element 5 may be executed at any time.
- j. Duet/Trio Technical Routine Requirements
 - (1)-(5) Elements 1-5 same as Solo Elements
 - (6) Joined Action – must include one of the following connected elements (a figure, float or stroking)
 - (7) Elements 1-4 must be performed in order
 - (8) Elements 5-6 may be executed at any time
- k. Team Technical Routine Requirements
 - (1)-(5) Elements 1-5 same as Solo Elements
 - (6) Cadence Action – identical movement(s) performed sequentially one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed, they must be consecutive and not separated by other optional or required elements.
 - (7) Elements 1-4 must be performed in order
 - (8) Elements 5-6 may be executed at any time

Refer to the USSS Code, Article 10.01 C., for changes to these elements by FINA. The current FINA elements shall be used.

22a. Cont'd New a-m.

- I. Age Groups:
 - (1) Solo/Duet/Trio/Team:
Master or Grand Master:
20-29; 30-39, 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70-79; 80-89, etc. (as high as necessary to accommodate all age entries).
 - (2) Free Combo Routine:
Master or Grand Master:
20-34; 35-49; 50-64; 65& older
 - (3) Age for each routine entry is determined by averaging the ages of the competitors.
- m. Technical Routines: 1 ½ minutes

22b. Rule IV.D.4. Amend (a), insert new (b) and renumber as follows:

4. Scoring:
 - (a) ~~((Figures, Individual Technical routines and Free routines shall be scored as separate events.))~~ **Routine events shall be scored according to Rule IV.D.1.b.(1) (d).**
 - (b) **Figures and Free Combo Routines shall be scored as separate events.**
 - (c) Bonus points shall be calculated according to Rule IV.D.1.b.(3)(e).

22c. Rule IV.D.6. Awards:

- a. Remains the same
- b. Routine awards:
 - (1) Remains the same
 - (2) Remains the same
 - (3) ~~((Ribbons shall be awarded to places 1-8 for Individual Technical Routines.))~~ **Ribbons shall be awarded to places 1-8 for Free Combo Routines.**

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL AS AMENDED

23. **NEW MASTERS TECHNICAL ELEMENT PROPOSAL 2**

- A) Only Free Routines shall count toward the Overall Team Trophy (as it always was prior to this year).
- B) A Technical Element, of the competitor's choosing, **MUST** be completed in order to compete in Free Routine Events.
- C) A competitor may choose to do any one of the following (to complete requirement B.)
 - 1) Individual Technical Routine
 - 2) Duet Technical Routine
 - 3) Trio Technical Routine
 - 4) Team Technical Routine

Rationale: This proposal means that up to 8 team members could complete their technical requirement swimming a team technical routine, or they could choose any other of options 1-4. For example, a Club with 2 teams of 8: one team could choose to swim Team Technical routine and the other team might choose to swim two Trio Technical routines, one Individual Technical routine, and one in C Category Figures. This would result in a total of 4 Technical routines and one Figure competitor instead of 15 Individual Technical routines and one figure competitor. The net savings (in time) would be 16 and one half minutes (15 routines vs. 4). This club could have reduced the time even more by swimming 2 Team Technical routines. (All technical routines are 1 minute 30 seconds)..Adoption of this proposal would result in a much shorter meet for all of the competitors as well as less stress for the judges and other officials. Dawn's additional comments, since the basis of requiring a technical element is to assure that the sport does not become "all show" and that competitors have met basic standards, there is no reason they need to all do them one at a time. A coach would not place a beginner on a team Technical if all members of the team could not do those basic elements. Also it allows for any competitors considering international events to be able to compete on the Technical routine required for at least one of the events, so coaches are not having to practice swimmers in things they shall not be doing internationally. As, for example, I had 22 Individual Technical Routines in this competition, all different routines. Only 6 of those swam solos but all swam on one of our 3 teams. With this requirement, I would have had 3 Technical routines, not 22, 16 of which we shall never use again until next Masters Nationals. Note, we also do not have a team of all experienced swimmers. Of those 22 I had in these nationals, only 7 ever swam in USSS/AAU programs. Four of our swimmers had participated in high school or summer rec programs, but the rest all learned as adults. Two were brand new this year; one more began last year, and three more now are in their third year.....all these ladies started as adults.

WITHDRAWN BY THE MASTERS COMMITTEE

24. Rule II.G.1.b.(1) (page 19) new (b) and renumber.
(b) **For the U.S. Senior Open Championship, medals shall be awarded to places 1-3 and ribbons shall be awarded to all remaining finalists. Medals and ribbons shall be given to alternates who swim either the technical or free routine.**

Rationale: Clarifies who receives awards – similar to U.S. National Championship awards as noted in Rule II.G.1. b.(1)(a).

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

25. Rule II.G.1.b.(1) (page 19) new (b) and renumber.
(b) **For the U.S. Senior Open Championship, medals shall be awarded to places 1-3. Medals shall be given to alternates who swim either the technical or free routine.**

Rationale: Follows FINA rules where only the top 3 places are awarded medals.

RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

26. Rule II.G.1.b.(1) (page 19) new (c) and renumber.
(c) **For the U.S. Junior Open Championship, medals shall be awarded to places 1-3.**

Rationale: Follows FINA rules where only the top 3 places are awarded medals.

RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

27. Rule II.A.1.b.(1) (page 3) add new (c).
(c) **For awards exception, see Rule II.G.1.b.(1)(b).**

Rationale: Denotes the awards exception from FINA Rules. (Housekeeping to ensure the rule number reference incorrect. Not necessary if Item 25 above is accepted.)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

28. Rule II.A.2.b.(1) (page 3) add new (c).
(c) **For awards exception, see Rule II.G.1.b.(1)(c).**

Rationale: Denotes the awards exception from FINA Rules. This is necessary even if Item #25 is not accepted - existing language at (c) denotes an exception to FINA Rules of awarding only places 1-3.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

29. Rule II, C.2.c.(2)(b) (page 7) amend as follows:

- ii. **Each Club may enter no more than 2 Solos, 2 Duets, and 2 Trios who** ((Each Solo, Duet or Trio entry must)) have recorded the minimum standard score established for that event. For the 50% rules, see Rule II.C.1.c.

Rationale: Helps to limit the number of US entries in the competition [U.S. Senior Open] and mirrors the number of routines that Foreign Federations may enter.

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30. Rule II, C.3.c.(3)(a)ii (page 8) amend as follows:

- ii. **Each Club may enter no more than 2 Solos, 2 Duets, and 2 Trios who** ((Each Solo, Duet or Trio entry must)) have recorded the minimum standard score established for that event. For the 50% rules, see Rule II.C.1.c.

Rationale: Helps to limit the number of US entries in the competition [U.S. Junior Open] and mirrors the number of routines that Foreign Federations may enter.

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31. Rule II.C.3.c.(3) (page 9) insert new (b) and renumber.

- (b) **For Figure competition, all eligible Solos, Duets and Trios which meet the qualifying score for the event, as noted in Rule II.C.3.c.(3)(a)iii, may enter the figure competition, whether or not the routine is entered in the U.S. Junior Open Championship.**

Rationale: Enables athletes to participate in the figure competition, which is a qualification component for Jr. Team Trials, and to place recognition on figures as an extremely important component of routines.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS

32. **WITHDRAWN; COVERED BY PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN BOTH RULES AND LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEES**

33. Rule II.C.3.b. Insert new (2) and renumber:

- (2) **For Figure competition, all eligible Solos, Duets and Trios which meet the qualifying score for the event, as noted in Rule II.C.3.b(1)(b), may enter the figure competition, whether or not the routine is entered in the U.S. Junior Championship.**

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL; NEEDS 90% APPROVAL TO PASS