

## **Adult Skaters in the DC area and beyond -**

Are you interested in serving as a U.S. Figure Skating official? Are you planning on attending the technical panel seminar in April 2022 or in the future? Are you interested in learning more about technical panel roles or judging? We are offering an introduction to serving as an official. This event will not be a sanctioned school or technical panel seminar offering appointments but will give you a chance to learn about the roles in skating, learn some of the calling rules and have some hands-on experience on a platform with a mini-system (not during competition events). An introduction to judging will also be offered if there is interest.

Zoom encounter for pre-event education for prospective technical panel members - date TBD

In person education, practice technical panel calling, practice data entry, practice video operator entry with hands-on activity on the mini-system for IJS will be held on **February 26-27, 2022** at the New Year's Invitational at the Prince William Ice Center in Dale City, VA. Exact agenda will be determined after the close of entries when the schedule is finalized.

Education will be facilitated by Deborah Spence, judge, National Technical Specialist and Qualifying Data Operator and Cheryl Litman, Qualifying Data Operator and judge plus others.

### **Technical Panel members (controllers, specialists and data operators):**

- Must be able to take directions and work well in a team environment.
- Must be free from conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in any event in which they function as a technical panel official.
- Must adhere to the ethics and conflict of interest policies established by the Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee in order to serve in any event.

**A singles skating technical specialist** must be either:

- a. A former novice competitor at a sectional championship / final in a singles event or
- b. A former junior or senior competitor at a regional championship / challenge or higher in a singles event or
- c. A former masters junior-senior competitor at an adult sectional championship in a singles event, or
- d. A former junior or senior competitor at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in a pairs event or
- e. The coach(es) responsible for 50 percent or more of three such competitors' training or
- f. A current sectional-level or higher competition judge in the discipline in which they serve.

**A data operator** for singles, pairs and dance:

- a. Must have the knowledge of the skating discipline in which they serve.
- b. Must have good computer skills and be familiar with the data entries corresponding to the called elements

Qualifications for serving as a judge can be found on the US Figure Skating website.