

2025 FINAL POST-CONVENTION RULES REPORT

ITEMS APPROVED

ITEM #1: Remove all references to US Open Championship from all sections of the USAAS Rulebook, including all Appendices.

ITEM #2: Adopt AQUA rules for number of participants included in Final events.

CP 6.5.5 A drawing shall be held for the order of appearance in Finals as follows:

CP 6.5.5.1 For all competitions: After the Figures and/or Technical routines, Free routine Preliminaries, Acrobatic Routine Preliminary and Free Combination Preliminary, the first 12 by total score shall compete in the Finals.

Exception: For the U.S. National Championship, U.S. Junior Championship and U.S. Youth Championship, if the number of participants in preliminaries is higher than 35, the first fourteen (14) by total score shall compete in the Finals.

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CP 6.5.5.1 For all competitions: After the Figures and/or Technical routines, Free routine Preliminaries, Acrobatic Routine Preliminary and Free Combination Preliminary, the first 12 by total score shall compete in the Finals.

- ~~1. The order of appearance in Finals shall be determined by lot in groups of 6 competitors. Those who placed 1-6 per CP 6.5.5.1 shall draw for start numbers 7-12. Those who placed 7-12 per CP 6.5.5.1 shall draw for start numbers 1-6. If the number of competitors is not divisible by 6, the smallest group must start first.~~
- ~~2. For the Final draw, the highest qualifier in each group shall draw first, with the next qualifiers drawing in order of placement. If there is a tie for placement within the same group of 6, the names of the tied competitors shall be drawn by lot to determine the competitor to draw first for the order of swim. If there is a tie for places 6 and 7 (different groups), those routines will form their own group in the draw (1-5, 6-7, 8-12).~~

Add new CP 6.5.5.1.1. and CP 6.5.5.1.2

CP 6.5.5.1.1 For the U.S. National Championship, U.S. Junior Championship and U.S. Youth Championship, the order of appearance in Finals will be: the top 12 finalists from the preliminaries will swim in reverse order. Example: number 12 swims first, number 11 swims 2nd, etc. In cases of ties in the Preliminaries, there will be a separate draw between tied competitors to decide the order of the main draw.

CP 6.5.5.1.2 For the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship:

- ~~3. The order of appearance in Finals shall be determined by lot in groups of 6 competitors. Those who placed 1-6 per CP 6.5.5.1 shall draw for start numbers 7-12. Those who placed 7-12 per CP 6.5.5.1 shall draw for start numbers 1-6. If the number of competitors is not divisible by 6, the smallest group must start first.~~
- ~~4. For the Final draw, the highest qualifier in each group shall draw first, with the next qualifiers drawing in order of placement. If there is a tie for placement within the same group of 6, the names of the tied~~

competitors shall be drawn by lot to determine the competitor to draw first for the order of swim. If there is a tie for places 6 and 7 (different groups), those routines will form their own group in the draw (1-5, 6-7, 8-12).

ITEM 4: Remove all AQUA figures from the figure section of the USAAS Rulebook and refer instead to AQUA's Artistic Swimming | Figures Manual 2022-2025 and Artistic Swimming | Manual for Judges, Technical Controllers, Referees and Coaches 2022-2025, as follows:

PART FOUR, FIGURE RULES

FIGURE RULE 1

- A. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF FIGURES: Retain alphabetical index, but highlight USAAS-only figures, and refer all others to the above-named manuals.
- B. THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF FIGURES: Retain as is.

FIGURE RULE II, COMPULSORY FIGURES AND FIGURE SELECTION GROUPS FOR COMPETITIONS: Retain as is.

FIGURE RULE III, GENERAL REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR FIGURE EXECUTION: Retain as is.

FIGURE RULE IV, BASIC POSITIONS FOR FIGURES: Retain as is.

FIGURE RULE V, BASIC TRANSITIONS AND MOVEMENTS: Retain as is.

FIGURE RULE VI, DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES FOR ARTISTIC SWIMMING: List and describe the USAAS-only figures.

ITEM 5: Rename figure 345 Reverse Catalina as Catalina Reverse.

ITEM #6: Change description of Figure #302, Blossom to match AQUA description.

From a **Back Layout Position**, the legs are raised to the vertical as the body is submerged to a **Back Pike Position** with the toes just under the surface of the water. trunk is lowered as the hips are bent to assume a Submerged Ballet Leg Double Position. The feet separate along the surface of the water as a vertical upward movement of the legs and hips is executed as the body unrolls to assume the hips rise and the body assumes a Split Position. The legs join to assume a **Vertical Position** at ankle level. Maintaining the **Vertical Position**, the body descends along its longitudinal axis until the toes are submerged. A Vertical Descent is executed.

ITEM #7: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2 JUDGES

OD 2.1 Eligibility:

~~OD 2.1.1 Categories of National Judges:~~

~~OD 2.1.1.1 Category 1: All Level 4 and 5 Judges who participate in judging at the Association, Regional or Zone Championships annually and who are unaffiliated at a specific competition.~~

~~OD 2.1.1.2 Category 2: All Level 4 and 5 Judges who meet the above requirements but are affiliated at a specific competition. These judges may be unaffiliated for some events at this competition and may judge as an unaffiliated judge in those events.~~

~~OD 2.1.2 2.1.1 All other Rated Judges: Judges who are on the current accredited list with the appropriate rating for a specific competition. Refer to Appendix G. that Championship Level 2 and above shall be considered equal at all Association Championships.~~

ITEM #8: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2.3 Selection Procedures:

OD 2.3.1 All National Judges shall declare which competitions they shall be able to attend as an unaffiliated judge and

which they shall be able to attend as an affiliated judge.

OD 2.3.2 The Officials' Committee Chair shall ~~draw~~ select a minimum of ~~10~~ **6 unaffiliated** judges from the list of eligible Category 1 Judges for each competition. For National Championships where a National Team Trials is attached, selection priority will be given to the judges selected by the Chief of Sport for the National Team Trials. These judges shall be officially notified that they have been selected and are required to be available to judge the entire competition. The individual judges shall officially accept or reject this selection. ~~For the U.S. Senior Open Championship, only World Aquatics judges shall be selected.~~

Add new 2.3.3

OD 2.3.3 Judges who have confirmed their availability will be notified whether or not they have been selected at least 60 days prior to the start of the competition.

~~**OD 2.3.3.2 Judge Utilization:**~~ Where possible, the judges shall be drawn for Preliminary events in such a manner that no judge shall be used twice until all eligible unaffiliated judges have been used. The same procedures shall apply to Final events.

~~**OD 2.3.3.3 Back to Back Judging:**~~ Where possible, a judge shall not be selected to judge consecutive Preliminary events on the same day.

ITEM #9: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2.3 Selection Procedures:

OD 2.3.4 Selection of Judges:

~~**OD 2.3.4.1**~~ Judges shall be selected in the order of events.

and renumber following

OD 2.3.4.2 Judges shall be selected from a list of eligible judges as determined by the Officials' Committee Chair for National Championships; otherwise, by the respective Officials Chair (or appointed representative).

OD 2.3.4.4 Eligible judges are those on the current accredited list with the appropriate rating for that competition. (Example: At Senior Association Championships, Level 2 and higher ratings shall be considered equal.) Under no circumstances shall a judge with an inappropriate rating be selected until All available judges with appropriate ratings shall be ~~have been~~ seated first.

ITEM #10: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2.4 Duties/Responsibilities:

OD 2.4.1 When judging an event, a judge shall possess only those papers approved by the Event Referee.

~~**OD 2.4.2**~~ Each judge shall be provided with a means of recording and a visible signaling of awards.

~~**OD 2.4.2.1**~~ At the completion of each routine the judges record their scores on a judging system (paper or electronic) provided. ~~by the Meet Management Committee. All scores shall be received and reviewed by the Event Referee (or appointed representative) before the scores are simultaneously presented manually, displayed on the scoreboard or announced, and shall then be the accepted score in case of error or dispute.~~ When an electronic system is used, if a judge(s) makes an error inputting a score, the judge shall notify the Event Referee prior to the announcement of the scores for the routine, ~~or the announcement of the next routine, whichever comes first.~~

~~**OD 2.4.2.2**~~ On a signal of the Event Referee, the judges' scores will simultaneously be presented manually or electronically for each panel.

OD 2.4.3 No judge shall communicate with another individual while a competitor(s) is performing.

OD 2.4.4 Judges once seated may not leave their positions without the Event Referee's approval.

~~**OD 2.4.4.1**~~ A judge who leaves the assigned position without approval shall be declared ineligible to judge for the remainder of that competition.

~~**OD 2.4.4.2**~~ If a second infraction occurs, the judge shall be declared ineligible to judge for 1 year from the date of the infraction.

ITEM #11: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2.5 Judging Panels:

OD 2.5.1 Figure Competition:

OD 2.5.1.1 Judges shall be placed, ~~when possible~~, in elevated positions, when possible, in such locations as to have a profile view of the competitors.

OD 2.5.2 Routine Competition:

OD 2.5.2.1 Judges shall be placed, ~~when possible~~, in elevated positions, when possible, on opposite sides of the pool.

OD 2.5.2.2 At all National Championships competitions 10 judges (2 panels of 5 judges) shall officiate in all routine events; one panel for Elements and one panel for Artistic Impression.

- When 6 to 8 judges are available, 2 panels of either 3 or 4 judges shall be used.

OD 2.5.2.3 ~~Two~~ One Event Assistant Referees may be assigned for routine competition. ~~to assist the Event Referee with assessment of penalties. Refer to Appendix L.~~

ITEM #12: Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 2.6 Methods of Scoring:

OD 2.6.1 Figure Competition:

OD 2.6.1.3 The judges' scores shall be flashed simultaneously and announced immediately after each figure on a signal from the Panel Referee. Judges' scores may only be flashed on the scoreboard or be sent to the computer after approval by the Panel Referee.

OD 2.6.2 Routine Competition:

OD 2.6.2.1 Judges shall award scores from 0–10, with 0.25 point increments.

1. If 1 or more judge(s), by reason of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, has given no score for a routine, the average of the scores of the other remaining judges shall be computed and shall be considered as the missing score. For Methods of Scoring, see Rules OD 5.1.2.3.
2. If an unexpected situation occurs during the session and 1 or more judges cannot give a score for a routine, the Event Referee may disrupt the session and performance. After the settlement of the matter and safe confirmation, the Event Referee shall resume the session and allow the competitor(s) to swim again.

OD 2.6.2.3 At the completion of each routine:

1. Judges shall record their scores and submit them on a judging system (paper or electronic) provided by the Meet Management Committee.
2. When the Event Referee (or appointed representative) determines that all scores have been received, the Event Referee shall signal for the results to be simultaneously presented manually, displayed on the scoreboard or to be announced. Judges' scores shall not be changed after being posted on the scoreboard or announced.
3. At the discretion of the Vice President Competitive Programs (or appointed representative) at all National Championships or the appropriate Technical Chair (or appointed representative) at all other competitions, the display of routine scores may be waived. ~~If the scores are not displayed, the following alternate scoring method may be used.~~
 - ~~When the Event Referee determines that all scores have been received, the Event Referee shall signal for the start of the next routine.~~
 - ~~Scores from routine #1 shall be read upon completion of routine # 2 and the competitors shall be introduced at that time.~~
 - ~~This procedure shall be followed throughout the event.~~
4. Scores are only official once signed by the Vice President Competitive Programs (or appointed representative) or the appropriate Technical Chair (or appointed representative) at the conclusion of the competition.

OD 2.6.2.4

Second Panel – Artistic Impression

TRANSITIONS consider: The ~~artistry and mastery~~ execution and complexity of varied and purposeful movements, propulsions and strokes that link the routine elements.

ITEM #13:

Update OD rules to reflect current practices and/or match AQUA.

OD 3 TECHNICAL CONTROLLER

OD 3.1 Eligibility: An Official with the appropriate training. Refer to Appendix G.

OD 3.2 Selection Procedures:

OD 3.2.1 All Technical Controllers shall declare which competitions they shall be able to attend as a Technical Controller.

OD 3.2.2 The Officials' Committee Chair shall ~~draw~~ select 6 Technical Controllers from the list of eligible, and available, Technical Controllers for each ~~competition~~ event. These Technical Controllers shall be ~~officially~~ notified that they have been selected and ~~are guaranteed to officiate at least 1 event. The individual technical controllers shall~~ officially accept or reject this selection.

Add new OD 3.2.3

OD 3.2.3 Technical Controllers who have confirmed their availability will be notified whether or not they have been selected at least 60 days prior to the start of the competition.

OD 3.3 Duties/Responsibilities of the Technical Controllers:

OD 3.3.1 Two groups of 3 Technical Controllers shall officiate in all routines: 1 group to check the number, order of performance and predeclared difficulty of Free Elements (Hybrids and Acrobatics) and the performance and predeclared order of the Technical Required Elements (Technical routines) and 1 group to register the number and type of synchronization errors observed in all routine events except solo events.

OD 3.3.2 Difficulty Technical Controllers:

OD 3.3.2.1 There shall be 1 Difficulty Technical Controller ("DTC") and 2 Difficulty Assistant Technical Controllers ("DATC").

OD 3.3.2.2 The Difficulty Technical Controllers shall verify all ~~of the~~ declared Technical Required Elements (~~Technical routines~~) and the Free Elements (Hybrids and Acrobatics) performed in real time as they occur in a routine. ~~The Referee~~ In the case ~~is consulted in case of~~ a Conflict of Interest ~~where one of the DTCs~~ will recuses himself. ~~They~~ The DTCs are also responsible for the identification of any "technical errors" which are differences in what is declared on the Coach Card/Element Card to what is performed in the water or an error in a Technical Required Element (Technical routines).

OD 3.3.2.3 The Difficulty Technical Controllers check the predeclared difficulty on the submitted Coach Card/Element Card. The Difficulty values may be found in World Aquatics Appendices 6 and 7.

OD 3.3.2.4 The Difficulty Technical Controllers may have 1 review in slow motion (and/or 1 time at normal speed for elements involving a timed skill) for each element or transition part they are questioning. In order for a Base Mark or zero to be applied ~~or the review to be dismissed~~, all 3 DTCs must be in agreement. If a unanimous decision cannot be reached, the ruling will go in the favor of the athlete.

OD 3.3.2.5 The Difficulty Technical Controllers will have communication with the Event Referee and ~~shall be~~ placed in elevated positions, when possible, and will be seated together on the pool deck with a clear view of the pool.

OD 3.3.3 Synchronization Technical Controllers:

OD 3.3.3.3 The STCs shall be placed in elevated positions, when possible, and will be seated together on the pool deck with a clear view of the pool.

ITEM #14:

Add Mixed Ability Event

THIS RULE WILL TAKE EFFECT BEGINNING WITH THE 2025 U.S. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

CP 3 ELIGIBILITY

CP 3.1 General:

CP 3.1.1 Definitions:

1. Solo event categories consist of:
 - Women Solo (an athlete who identifies as a girl/woman);
 - Men Solo (an athlete who identifies as a boy/man); and
 - Gender Inclusive Solo (open to athletes who do not identify as a girl/woman or boy/man).
2. Duet event categories consist of:
 - Women Duet (both athletes identify as girls/women);
 - Men Duet (both athletes identify as boys/men);
 - Mixed Duet (1 athlete identifies as a boy/man, 1 as a girl/woman); ~~and~~
 - Gender Inclusive Duet (1 or more athlete(s) who do not identify as girls/women or boys/men); and
 - Mixed Ability Duet (open to an AWD athlete swimming with a non-AWD athlete in the Masters category only)
3. Open event categories (no gender restriction) consist of:
 - Trio;
 - Mixed Ability Trio (open to an AWD athlete(s) swimming with a non-AWD athlete(s) in the Masters category only);
 - Team;
 - Acrobatic Routine; and
 - Free Combination.

Housekeeping changes to penalty section of Appendix L.

ITEM #16:

Allow waivers for Walk-On time limits in Masters competitions.

THIS RULE WILL TAKE EFFECT BEGINNING WITH THE 2025 U.S. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

MS 4.3 Technical Routine Competition:

MS 4.3.3 There shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit. For Time Allowances for Walk-On and Deck Movements, see Rules CP 4.2.2.6.2 and 4.2.2.6.3.

Exception: Competitors with physical limitations or other needs who need to exceed the walk-on time allowances (as stated in CP 4.2.2.6.2) may request a waiver from the Vice President-Competitive Programs and/or Event Referee.

1. Competitors with disabilities are allowed to have assistance or be guided to the correct starting point on deck or in the water.

MS 4.4 Free Routine Competition:

MS 4.4.2 There shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit. For Time Allowances for Walk-On and Deck Movements, see Rules CP 4.2.2.6.2 and 4.2.2.6.3.

Exception: Competitors with physical limitations or other needs who need to exceed the walk-on time allowances (as stated in CP 4.2.2.6.3) may request a waiver from the Vice President-Competitive Programs and/or Event Referee.

1. Competitors with disabilities are allowed to have assistance or be guided to the correct starting point on deck or in the water.

ITEM #17:

Facilitate timeliness of Student-Athlete Technical Affidavit submissions

CO 1.3.2 All student-athletes shall complete the [Student-Athlete Technical Affidavit](#) ~~2~~ **1** times per year. The Technical Affidavit can be found on the USAAS website. In the spring semester, the affidavit must be completed ~~even though there may be no~~

~~changes-~~ by all student-athletes who were not on school roster during the fall semester. For each competitive season, the deadline for Student-Athlete Technical Affidavit submission will be determined by the Collegiate Committee and communicated to all Collegiate coaches via email.

New CO 1.3.2.1

CO 1.3.2.1 Failure to submit the online form for all competitive student-athletes by the deadline will result in a fine of \$25 per student-athlete.

ITEM #18: Facilitate timeliness of uploading Collegiate competition results

CO 3 COLLEGIATE SCORING

New CO 3.3, 3.3.1 and 3.3.2

CO 3.3 Collegiate Results

CO 3.3.1 Collegiate Competition hosts must upload results as directed by the Collegiate Committee within two business days of the completion of each competition.

CO 4.1.3.1 Failure to upload scores will result in a fine of \$100 to the host institution.

ITEM #19: Change routine requirements for Collegiate Trio Free event

Appendix L, JUNIOR / SENIOR / COLLEGIATE ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

7. Collegiate Trio Free	2:45	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Free Hybrids (must include 1 declaration from each family in the routine) •• 3 Pair Acrobatics* (free choice, but must not repeat the same Acrobatic) <p><u>Composition of Trio elements (combination of Pair Acrobatics*, Free Hybrids, and Choreography Hybrids ("ChoHY")) with no DD (i.e., factor of 1.0) will be determined by the Collegiate Committee prior to the start of each season and will be communicated to all Collegiate coaches via email no later than October 1st of each year.</u></p> <p>* See Article 1, Section 1.05.</p>
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Housekeeping changes to the penalty section of Appendix L if item is approved.

ITEM #20: Establish new Collegiate event and its routine requirements

CO 2.4 Routine Competition:

CO 2.4.1 The competition shall consist of Solo, Men Solo (Honorary only), Duet, Mixed Duet (Honorary only), Trio and Team events, along with Developmental Routines (Honorary only) in Solo, Duet, Trio and Team.

Appendix L, JUNIOR / SENIOR / COLLEGIATE ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

Add new #11

11. Collegiate Developmental Routines			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Collegiate Developmental Routines will include honorary Solo, Duet, Trio and Team events. These events will follow the requirements for Intermediate Routines with Required Elements with the following exceptions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>No acrobatics limitations</u> ○ <u>Routine times will match other Collegiate routine events.</u> • <u>Eligibility:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Solos must be competing in Technical Category D.</u> ○ <u>Trios must have at least 1 competitor competing in Technical Category D.</u> ○ <u>Duets and Teams must have at least 50% of competitors competing in Technical Category D.</u>
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Housekeeping changes to the penalty section of Appendix L if item is approved. The Developmental Routines will use the appropriate corresponding Intermediate routine penalties.

ITEM #21: Remove institutional coaching limitations

CO 1.7 — Coaching Limitation: Each institution may have a maximum of 1 head coach, 1 assistant coach, 1 volunteer and 1 graduate assistant/volunteer on deck at the same time. Only the head coach and assistant coach may be paid.

ITEM #23: Correct the rule for competitors 13-14 years of age in an Acrobatic routine.

CP 3.2.4 Qualifications for entry in Zone and Association Championships: Each Zone or Association shall set its own rules for conduct of their Championships.

Exception: Competitors who are 13-14 years of age may be combined with competitors who are 15 & over in order to enter Honorary Junior and Senior routines in Zone and Association Championships. Honorary competitors in a given event in Senior Zone Championships shall not be eligible for the U.S. National Championship, with the exception of the Acrobatic Routine.

ITEM #24: Allow 13 and 14 year old athletes to compete in free team routines and tech team routines at Senior Nationals.

CP 4.1.1.1 For the U.S. National Championship, competition shall consist of Technical and Free routines for Solos, Duets and Teams. There shall also be an Acrobatic Routine event.

1. When the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships are held together, there shall be 1 combined Acrobatic Routine event. Competitors from the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships may be combined in the same Acrobatic Routine for this event.
2. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the **Team Technical, Team Free and Acrobatic Routine events** at the U.S. National Championships. At least 1 competitor in the **Team Technical, Team Free and Acrobatic Routine** must be in the Senior age division.

Housekeeping changes to CP 3.2.4 if item is approved.

ITEM #25: Allow 13 and 14 year old athletes to compete in free team routines and tech team routines at Junior Nationals.

CP 4.1.2.1 For the U.S. Junior Championship, competition shall consist of Technical and Free routines for Solos, Duets and

Teams. There shall also be an Acrobatic Routine.

1. When the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships are held together, there shall be 1 combined Acrobatic Routine event. Competitors from the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships may be combined in the same Acrobatic Routine for this event.
2. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Team Technical, Team Free and Acrobatic Routine events at the U.S. Junior Championships. At least 1 competitor in the Team Technical, Team Free and Acrobatic Routine must be in the Junior age division.

ITEM #26: Allow 12 and under athletes to compete in team routines at Youth Nationals.

CP 4.1.3.1 For the U.S. Youth Championship, competition shall consist of Figures and Free routines for Solos, Duets and Teams. There shall also be a Free Combination event conducted as a 100% routine event.

1. U.S. clubs and U.S. National Teams may enter more than 1 Free Combination in the U.S. Youth Championship.
2. Competitors who are 12 years of age and younger and who have passed Grade Level 4 may participate in the Team and Free Combination events at the U.S. Youth Championships. At least 1 competitor in the Team and Free Combination routine must be in the Youth age division.

ITEM #28: Eliminate the Junior Olympic exception for number of competitors in an Acrobatic Routine.

CP 5 ENTRY PROCEDURES

CP 5.1 Numbers of Competitors:

CP 5.1.1 A Team (Technical or Free) shall consist of 4, but no more than 8 competitors.

CP 5.1.2 A Free Combination shall consist of 4, but no more than 10 competitors who make a combination of routines.

CP 5.1.3 An Acrobatic Routine shall consist of 4, but no more than 8 competitors.

~~**Exception:** For U.S. Junior Olympic, Regional Junior Olympic and Association Junior Olympic Championships, an Acrobatic Routine shall consist of 4, but not more than 10 competitors.~~

ITEM #34: Intermediate Rules Change Proposal

Appendix L

INTERMEDIATE FREE ROUTINES WITH TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS

INTERMEDIATE SOLO (1:45), DUET / TRIO (2:05) AND TEAM (2:35) Technical Required Elements # 1-5 1-3 must be performed in the order listed. Placement of additional routine requirements # 6-8 4-6 is optional.	
1. ——— Figure # 348 Tower. [DD 1.9]	
1A. Figure #348e Tower spinning 360 [DD 2.0]	1B. Figure #348 Tower [DD 1.9]
2. ——— Boost — a rapid, head-first rise, with a maximum amount of the body above the surface of the water. One arm must be lifted above the surface as the body reaches maximum height. The Boost is begun with the body totally underwater or with the back of the head and/or torso flush with the surface. The Boost is completed upon total submergence. [DD 1.3]	
2A. Figure # 423 Ariana [DD 2.2]	2B. Figure # 420 Walkover, Back [DD 1.9]
3. ——— Figure # 101 Ballet Leg, Single. [DD 1.6]	
3. Figure # 301 Barracuda [DD 1.9]	

4. Figure # 318 Kip, Bent Knee. [DD 1.8]
5. Figure # 301 Barracuda. [DD 1.8]
6. 4. Solo Additional Routine Requirement – maximum of 1 x Free Hybrid must be performed. Placement within the routine is optional
7. 5. Duet and Trio Additional Routine Requirements – maximum of 1 of the following must be performed. Placement within the routine is optional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 1 x Free Hybrids OR • 1 x Free Hybrid and ChoHY or 1 x Pair Acrobatic* • *See Article 1, Section 1.05.
8. 6. Team Additional Routine Requirements – maximum of 1 of the following must be performed. Placement within the routine is optional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 1 x Free Hybrids OR • 1 x Free Hybrid and ChoHY or 1 x Team Acrobatic Movement* (with DD safety limit**) • *See Article 1, Section 1.04.
9. 7. Solo, Duet and Trio General Routine Requirement – Technical Required Elements # 1-5 3 shall be performed parallel to the sides of the pool where the panels of judges are seated.
10. 8. Duet, Trio and Team General Routine Requirement – All Technical Required Elements # 1-5 3 must be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all competitors. Mirror actions are not permitted during the Technical Required Elements.

ITEM #35: Establish Hybrid Family declaration limitations in Intermediate routines

Appendix L

INTERMEDIATE FREE ROUTINES WITH TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Add new chart below Intermediate Team Acrobatic Movement Safety Limits Chart

*** Intermediate Routines Free Hybrid Family Declaration Limits for Solo, Duet, Trio and Team: Refer to the World Aquatics Hybrid Catalogue.

<u>HYBRID FAMILY</u>	<u>DD LIMITS</u>
<u>Thrusts</u>	<u>Level B - Level 4</u>
<u>Spins</u>	<u>Level B - Level 1</u>
<u>Twists</u>	<u>Level B - Level 1</u>
<u>Airborne Weight</u>	<u>Level B - Level 6</u>
<u>Flexibility</u>	<u>Level B - Level 3</u>
<u>Connections</u>	<u>Level B - Level 1</u>

ADD NEW PENALTY:

Intermediate Routines Exceeding the Hybrid Family Declaration Limits: A Base Mark shall be applied for each declaration exceeding the limits of the Hybrid Family (see chart, Intermediate Free Routines with Technical Required Elements)

Housekeeping changes to penalty section of Appendix L if item is approved, and to #s 4, 5 and 6 of chart for Intermediate Free Routines with Technical Required Elements to reference the new chart for Free Hybrid Family Declaration Limits.

ITEM #36: Eliminate Intermediate Combos

CP 3.6 Intermediate:

CP 3.6.3 Regional Championships:

CP 3.6.3.1 May be held in Figures, Solo, Duet, Trio, and Team ~~and Free Combination~~ in 4 age divisions: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-15 and 16 & over.

CP 3.6.3.2 Each Region may set its own rules for conduct of their Championships.

CP 3.6.4 Association Championships:

CP 3.6.4.1 May be held in Figures, Solo, Duet, Trio, and Team ~~and Free Combination~~ in 4 age divisions: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-15 and 16 & over.

CP 3.6.4.2 Each Association may set its own rules for conduct of their Championships.

CP 4 EVENTS

CP 4.1 Programs:

CP 4.1.5 **Intermediate:** Competitions shall consist of Figures and/or Free Routines with Technical Required Elements. ~~There shall also be a Free Combination event conducted as a 100% routine event.~~

CP 4.2 Routine Competition:

CP 4.2.2 Time Requirements for Routines by Event and Age Division shall be as follows, including 10 seconds for Deck Movements:

CP 4.2.2.5 Free Combination:

1. 16-19/20 3:30
2. Youth and 12 & under ~~and Intermediate~~ 3:00

Appendix L

Article 4

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FREE COMBINATION ROUTINES

FREE COMBINATION REQUIRED ELEMENTS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

~~Intermediate (3:00) /~~ 12 & Under (3:00) / Youth (3:00) / 16-19/20 (3:30) / Masters (4:00)

Article 5

INTERMEDIATE FREE COMBINATION ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS

Event	Time (+ 5 sec)	Total Elements	Summary
1. Free Combination	3:00	7	2 Team Acrobatics* with DD safety limit** Free Transitions 1 x DD Solo Hybrid 1 x DD Duet Hybrid 1 x DD Trio Hybrid 2 x DD Team Hybrids (must be executed with a minimum of 4 competitors required). * See Article 1, Section 1.04.

**** Intermediate Team Acrobatic Movement Safety Limits for Team ~~and Free Combination~~:**

Team Acrobatic Movements cannot have a Degree of Difficulty ("DD") higher than the Total DD (Max), inclusive of the Base Mark value, than the following:

Housekeeping changes to penalty section of Appendix L if item is approved.

ITEM #38: Proposed new Novice Figure

FIGURE RULE 1A, ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF FIGURES

Add new figure

[358] Snapping Turtle [1.7]

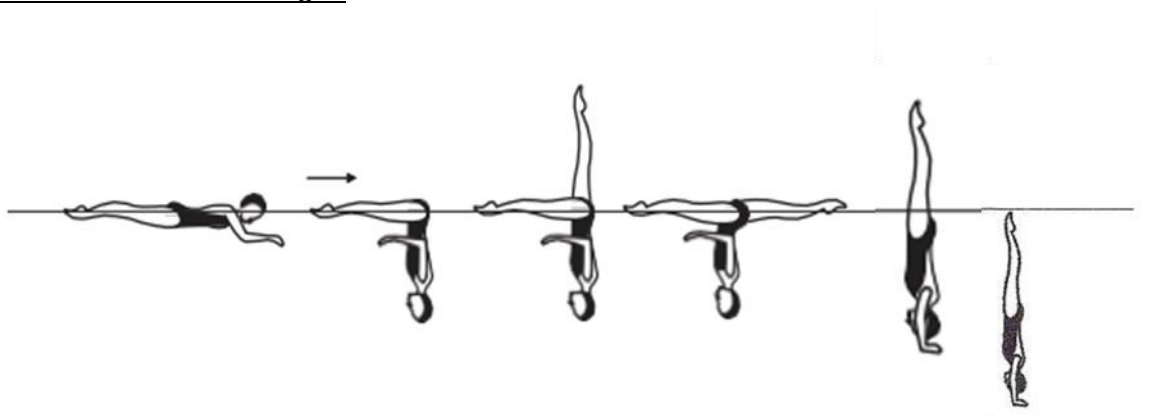
FIGURE RULE 1B, THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF FIGURES

[Category III, Somersault Category]

FIGURE RULE VI, DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES FOR ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Snapping Turtle:

From a Front Layout Position, a Walkover, Front (360) is executed to a Split Position. The legs join symmetrically and RAPIDLY to assume a Vertical Position. Maintaining the Vertical Position, the body descends RAPIDLY along its longitudinal axis until the toes are submerged.



ITEM 39: Change Novice Compulsory Figures

FIGURE RULE II, COMPULSORY FIGURES AND FIGURE SELECTION GROUPS FOR COMPETITIONS

A. NOVICE FIGURES:

COMPULSORY FIGURES:

100 Bent Knee, Alternate	1.1
201 Dolphin	1.4
358 Snapping Turtle	1.7
302 Blossom	1.4
316 Kipnus	1.4

ITEM #40: Proposal to change Novice Technical Required Elements

APPENDIX L

NOVICE FREE ROUTINES WITH TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS NOVICE

SOLO / DUET / TRIO AND TEAM (1:30)

Technical Required Elements # 1- 5 **4** must be performed in the order listed. Placement of optional routine requirement # **6** 5 is optional.

1. Figure # 310 Somersault, Back Tuck. [DD 1.1]
1. Figure #316 Kipnus [DD 1.4]
2. Figure # 100 Bent Knee, Alternate. [DD 1.1]
3. No Arm Boost – a rapid, head first rise, with a maximum amount of the body above the surface of the water. The No Arm Boost is begun with the body totally underwater or with the back of the head and/or torso flush with the surface. The No Arm Boost is completed upon total submergence. [DD 1.0]
3. Figure #358 Snapping Turtle [1.7]
4. Figure # 302 Blossom. [DD 1.4]
4. Figure #460 Oyster [DD 1.2]
5. Figure # 316 Kipnus. [DD 1.4]
6. 5. Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Optional Routine Requirement - One Free Hybrid may be performed (optional). Placement within the routine is optional.
7. 6. Acrobatic Movements are not permitted.
8. 7. Solo, Duet and Trio General Routine Requirement - Technical Required Elements # 1- 5 4 shall be performed parallel to the sides of the pool where the panels of judges are seated.
9. 8. Duet, Trio and Team General Routine Requirement – All Technical Required Elements # 1- 5 4 must be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all competitors. Mirror actions are not permitted during the Technical Required Elements.

Housekeeping changes to penalty section of Appendix L if item is approved.

FAILED ITEMS

ITEM #15: Include Mixed Ability and AWD routines in calculations for the High Point Team at the US Masters National Championship.

MS 7.3 High Point Team Awards for the U.S. Masters Championship shall be awarded by total points accumulated as per scoring system for Team trophies, including all Mixed Ability and AWD routines. See Rule CP 7.4. A trophy shall be awarded to first place and plaques to second and third place.

ITEM #22: Integration of ChoHY Hybrids Across All Routine Types

APPENDIX L

ARTICLE I, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ROUTINES

1.01 All routines are composed of Elements and Transitions. All routines must perform the Technical Required Elements # 1-5 (Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Technical routines), or # 1-3 (Mixed Duet Technical routine), a predetermined number of Free Elements (Hybrids and Acrobatic Movements) and a free choice of Transitions as defined in Appendix L and [World Aquatics Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5.](#)

- **Elements include:**

Hybrids (free content)

Acrobatic Movements

Technical Required Elements ("TRE"), which are precisely described combinations of positions and transitions to be performed by all athletes in Technical routines only.

Choreography Hybrids ("ChoHY"), which have a fixed DD of 1.0.

- **Transitions:** are the linking actions between the Elements, including propulsion techniques, strokes, ballet leg combinations, flexibility surface actions, surface pattern changes, or pair assisted actions.

1.03

1. Coach Card/Element Card: For all routines, it is required that the Technical Required Elements # 1-5 (Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Technical routines) or # 1-3 (Mixed Duet Technical routine), Free Elements (Hybrids, **Choreography Hybrids** and Acrobatic Movements) and Transitions be declared and submitted on the Coach Card/Element Card. The Coach Card/Element Card must indicate the degrees of difficulty for each Element selected to be performed, and the order of performance selected. Each Choreography Hybrid must be clearly labeled as "ChoHY" with a fixed DD of 1.0. The Coach Card/Element Card must be submitted prior to the competition.

- **Exceptions:**

- **Novice/Collegiate:** The Coach Card/Element Card is not required for Novice and Collegiate Technical Category A and B compulsory routines.
- **Masters:** The Coach Card/Element Card is not required for Masters routines when the Technical Required Elements are performed in the order listed in this Appendix.
- **Athletes With Disabilities:** The Coach Card/Element Card is not required for Athletes With Disabilities ("AWD") Free routines.

Add new #2

2. A ChoHY may be used in place of any Free Hybrid within a routine. The inclusion of a ChoHY does not increase the total number of Free Hybrids permitted; it serves as a substitute and maintains the required count of Free Hybrids as specified for each routine type. A ChoHY may be performed by any number of athletes as appropriate to the routine type. For example, in a Duet, only one athlete may perform a ChoHY if desired. In Free Combination, if a ChoHY is used in place of a Free Hybrid, it must still meet the participation requirement for that Element (i.e., 4 or more athletes for a team hybrid).

ITEM #27: Eliminate the Junior Olympic exception for no minimum time limit on technical and free routines.

CP 4.2.2.6 Time Allowances:

CP 4.2.2.6.1 Technical and Free Routines:

1. There shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus or minus the allotted time limit.

Exception: In the following competitions, there shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit.

- Novice, Intermediate and Athletes with Disabilities competitions.
- ~~U.S. Junior Olympic, Regional Junior Olympic and Association Junior Olympic Championships.~~
- Collegiate Dual, Invitational, Regional and other routine competitions exception, see Rule CO 2.4.5.1

ITEM #29: Reintroduction of Trios to the Junior Olympic Track (Finals only event)

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

CP 3.5.5.2 May be held once a year in the following age divisions and routine events:

12 & under	Youth	15-17	18-19/20	16-19/20
Figures	Figures	Solo (Technical/Free)	Solo (Technical/Free)	Free Combination
Solo (Free)	Solo (Free)	Duet (Technical/Free)	Duet (Technical/Free)	Acrobatic Routine
Duet (Free)	Duet (Free)	Team (Technical/Free)	Team (Technical/Free)	<u>Trio (Free)</u>
Team (Free)	Team (Free)			
Free Combination	Free Combination			
<u>Trio (Free)</u>	<u>Trio (Free)</u>			

1. A competitor may only enter a specific routine event (Solo, Duet, **Trio**, Team, Acrobatic Routine or Free Combination) in 1 age division. A competitor may enter a routine event (Technical or Free) in different age divisions as long as the competitor only enters 1 type of routine in the competition. (For example, Youth Free Duet and 15-17 Technical Duet). See Rule CP 3.1.4.
2. A competitor may enter either the Free Combination event or the Acrobatic Routine event in the 16-19/20 age division, but not both.
3. All Technical routine events, Free Solo, **Free Trio**, Acrobatic Routine and Free Combination events shall be Final events.

CP 3.5.5.3 Each Zone shall qualify up to 8 Solos, 12 Duets, and 12 Teams in each event in each age division. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Free Combination **and 12 Free Trio** routines in the 12 & under, Youth and 16-19/20 age divisions. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Acrobatic Routines in the 16-19/20 age division.

CP 3.5.5.4 No Region shall have more than its proportionate share of the 12. In the Solo, Duet, **Trio** and Team events in the Regional Championships, each Region shall qualify competitors by ranking in the: Combined Free routine and Figure competition (12 & under and Youth); or, Free routine or Technical routine competition (15-17 and 18-19/20).

CP 3.5.5.5 All 12 & under and Youth competitors in Solo, Duet, **Trio** and Team Free routines shall compete in the Figure competition. The Figure results shall be added to the Preliminary Free routine score to determine the top 12 Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. Number 13 shall be the pre-swimmer.

CP 3.5.6.2 Each Association may qualify the top 3 Solos, Duets, **Trios**, Teams, Acrobatic Routines and Free Combinations in a specific age division. See Rule CP 3.5.5.2 for age divisions and routine events.

Exception: Any Association which is the only participant in its Region in a given year, event and age division, may qualify the top 4 Solos, Duets, **Trios**, Teams, Acrobatic Routines and Free Combinations in a specific age division.

Appendix L

12 & Under Routine Requirements

Add Trio

Event	Time	Total Elements	Summary
Trio Free	2:30	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 free hybrids (must include 1 declaration from each family in the routine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ must follow hybrid safety limit for 12 & under • 1x Choreography Hybrid ("ChoHY") with no DD (i.e., factor of 1.0) • 2 Pair Acrobatics (free choice, but must not repeat the same Acrobatic)
Additional Trio Requirement: A Cadence Action must be performed by all routine members. Placement within the routine is optional.			

Appendix L

Youth Routine Requirements

Add Trio

Event	Time	Total Elements	Summary
Youth Trio	2:30	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 free hybrids (must include 1 declaration from each family in the routine) • 1x Choreography Hybrid ("ChoHY") with no DD (i.e., factor of 1.0) • 3 Pair Acrobatics (free choice, but must not repeat the same Acrobatic)
Additional Trio Requirement: A Cadence Action must be performed by all routine members. Placement within the routine is optional.			

Appendix L

Junior / Senior / Collegiate Routine Requirements

Add Trio

Event	Time	Total Elements	Summary
16-19/20 Trio Free	2:45	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 free hybrids (must include 1 declaration from each family in the routine) • 1 x Choreography Hybrid ("ChoHY") with no DD (i.e., factor of 1.0) • 3 Pair Acrobatics (free choice, but must not repeat the same Acrobatic)
Additional Trio Requirement: A Cadence Action must be performed by all routine members. Placement within the routine is optional.			

AMENDED PROPOSAL

TO ADD A NEW #2 UNDER CP 3.5.5.2 and renumber following

2. A competitor may enter either the Free Duet event or the Free Trio event, but not both.

ITEM #30: Upper Age Group Realignment for Junior Olympic Track, combine the existing 15-17 and 18-19/20 categories into a single Junior age division for all JO events.

CP 3.5.2 Determination of Age Division:

CP 3.5.2.1 The age of a competitor shall be based on the year of birth. Age divisions are as follows:

- 12 & under
- Youth (13 to 15 for women and 13 to 16 for men, and Solo and Duet gender inclusive competitors)
- ~~15-17~~
- ~~18-19/20 (18-19 for women and 18-20 for men, and Solo and Duet gender inclusive competitors).~~
- Junior (15-19 for women and 15-20 for men, and Solo and Duet gender inclusive competitors)

~~Exception: 16-19/20 for Free Combination and Acrobatic Routines only. See CP 3.5.5.2.~~

ITEM #31 A&B: Choose between options A and B regarding Solo qualifiers and Solo Finals for National Junior Olympics.

OPTION 31-A: Increased JO Solo Qualifiers and Reintroduce JO Solo Finals for 12U, Youth and Junior (Contingent upon Item #30 Passing)

CP 3.5.5.3 Each Zone shall qualify up to ~~8~~ 12 Solos, 12 Duets and 12 Teams in each event in each age division. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Free Combination routines in the 12 & under, Youth and Junior ~~16-19/20~~ age divisions. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Acrobatic Routines in the Junior ~~16-19/20~~ age division.

CP 3.5.5.4 No Region shall have more than its proportionate share of the 12. In the Solo, Duet and Team events in the Regional Championships, each Region shall qualify competitors by ranking in the:

- Combined Free routine and Figure competition (12 & under and Youth); or,
- Free routine or Technical routine competition (Junior ~~15-17 and 18-19/20~~).

- ~~1. In the Solo event, 2 entries per region per age division shall qualify to the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship.~~
- and renumber following

CP 3.5.5.5 All 12 & under and Youth competitors in Solo, Duet and Team Free routines shall compete in the Figure competition. The Figure results shall be added to the Preliminary Free routine score to determine the top 12 Solos, Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. Number 13 shall be the pre-swimmer.

- ~~1. The Figure results shall be added to the Solo Final Free routine scores to determine final placement.~~
- and renumber following

CP 3.5.5.6 All Junior ~~15-17 and 18-19/20~~ competitors in Solo, Duet and Team may compete in the Technical and/or Free routine events. The Preliminary Free routine score shall be used to determine the top 12 Solos, Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. Number 13 shall be the pre-swimmer.

1. All Technical routine events, ~~Free Solo~~, Acrobatic Routine and Free Combination shall be final events.

OPTION 31-B: Increased JO Solo Qualifiers and Reintroduce JO Solo Finals for Junior (Contingent upon Item #30 Passing)

CP 3.5.5.3 Each Zone shall qualify up to 8 Solos in the 12 & Under and Youth age divisions, and up to 12 Solos in the Junior age division. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Duets and 12 Teams in each event in each age division. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Free Combination routines in the 12 & under, Youth and 16-19/20 age divisions. Each Zone shall qualify up to 12 Acrobatic Routines in the 16-19/20 age division.

CP 3.5.5.4 No Region shall have more than its proportionate share of the 8 or 12. In the Solo, Duet and Team events in the Regional Championships, each Region shall qualify competitors by ranking in the:

- Combined Free routine and Figure competition (12 & under and Youth); or,

- Free routine or Technical routine competition (~~Junior 15-17 and 18-19/20~~).
1. In the Solo event, 2 entries per region in the 12 & Under and Youth per-age divisions, and 3 entries per region in the Junior age division shall qualify to the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship.

CP 3.5.5.6 All ~~Junior 15-17 and 18-19/20~~ competitors in Solo, Duet and Team may compete in the Technical and/or Free routine events. The Preliminary Free routine score shall be used to determine the top 12 Solos, Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. Number 13 shall be the pre-swimmer.

ITEM #32: Eliminate the 16-19 Combination Routine at the Junior Olympics

CP 4.1.4 Junior Olympic: Competitions shall consist of Figures and Free routines for the 12 & under and Youth age divisions. In the 15-17 and 18-19/20 age divisions, competitions shall consist of Technical and/or Free routines. In the 16-19/20 age division, competition shall consist of the Acrobatic Routine. ~~and Free Combination.~~

ITEM #33: Limitation on Free Routines Entered at Junior Olympics

CP 3.5.5.2 May be held once a year in the following age divisions and routine events:

(add new #4)

4. A competitor may enter a maximum of five (5) free routines, only three (3) of which may be in “non-team” events (all solo events and all duet events), unless their club has fewer than four members.

ITEM #37: Allowance of 45 Degrees for DTC Evaluations in All Intermediate Routines

OD 3.3 Duties/Responsibilities of the Technical Controllers:

OD 3.3.2 Difficulty Technical Controllers:

OD 3.3.2.2 The Difficulty Technical Controllers shall verify all of the Technical Required Elements (Technical routines) and the Free Elements (Hybrids and Acrobatics) performed in real time as they occur in a routine. The Referee is consulted in case of a Conflict of Interest where one of the DTCs recuses themselves. They are also responsible for the identification of any “technical errors” which are differences in what is declared on the Coach Card/Element Card to what is performed in the water or an error in a Technical Required Element (Technical routines).

Add Exception to OD 3.3.2.2

Exception: For all Intermediate routines, Difficulty Technical Controllers (DTCs) shall allow for up to a 45 degree deviation on all evaluated spins and rotations, including those executed during thrusts and connection elements.

ITEM #41: Proposal to change Novice Technical Required Elements

APPENDIX L

NOVICE FREE ROUTINES WITH TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS

NOVICE SOLO / DUET / TRIO AND TEAM (1:30)

Technical Required Elements # 1-5 must be performed in the order listed. Placement of optional routine requirement #6 is optional.

1. Figure # 310 Somersault, Back Tuck. [DD 1.1] **Front Walkout: Split to Surface Arch to Back** **Layout: From the Split Position, the hips remain stationary as the front leg is lifted in a 180° arc over the surface of the water to meet the opposite leg in a Surface Arch Position. An Archup (see Figure Rule V.A.) is executed to a Back Layout Position. [DD TBD]**

2. Figure # 100 Bent Knee, Alternate. [DD 1.1] **Inverted Tuck Position to Bent Knee Vertical Position: From an Inverted Tuck Position with the shins perpendicular to the surface of the water, the shins remain perpendicular to the surface while the trunk unrolls as the legs assume a Bent Knee Vertical Position (left or right leg) midway between the former vertical line through the hips and the former vertical line through the head and the shins. [DD TBD]**

3.	No-Arm Boost - a rapid, head-first rise, with a maximum amount of the body above the surface of the water. The No-Arm Boost is begun with the body totally underwater or with the back of the head and/or torso flush with the surface. The No-Arm Boost is completed upon total submergence. [DD 1.0]
4.	Figure # 302 Blossom. [DD 1.4] <u>Surface Front Pike Position to Fishtail Position:</u> <u>From a Surface Front Pike Position, without movement of the trunk and with minimal change in level, one leg is lifted to a Fishtail Position. [DD TBD]</u>
5.	Figure # 316 Kipnus. [DD 1.4] <u>Thrust: From a submerged Back Pike Position, with legs remaining perpendicular to the surface of the water, a vertical upward movement of the legs and hips is rapidly executed as the body unrolls to assume a Vertical Position. In the Back Pike Position the toes are just under the surface of the water prior to the Thrust. Maximum height is desirable. [DD TBD]</u>
6.	Solo, Duet, Trio and Team Optional Routine Requirement - One Free Hybrid may be performed (optional). Placement within the routine is optional.
7.	Acrobatic Movements are <u>not</u> permitted.
8.	Solo, Duet and Trio General Routine Requirement - Technical Required Elements # 1-5 shall be performed parallel to the sides of the pool where the panels of judges are seated.
9.	Duet, Trio and Team General Routine Requirement – All Technical Required Elements # 1-5 must be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all competitors. Mirror actions are not permitted during the Technical Required Elements.

Note:

1. All Novice routines shall include the Technical Required Elements and may also include 1 optional Free Hybrid. The optional Free Hybrid may be placed anywhere in the routine and will be judged under Artistic Impression (no Acrobatic Movements permitted).
2. The Coach Card/Element Card is not required for Novice routines.
3. There will be a maximum synchronization error deduction of 10 points for all Novice routines.

ITEM #43:

Eliminate preswimmers at the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship

CP 3.5.5.5

All 12 & under and Youth competitors in Solo, Duet and Team free routines shall compete in the Figure competition. The Figure results shall be added to the Preliminary Free routine score to determine the top 12 Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. ~~Number 13 shall be the preswimmer.~~

1. The Figure results shall be added to the Solo Final Free routine scores to determine final placement.
2. The Free Combination event shall be a Final event and shall not include the Figure scores.

CP 3.5.5.6

All 15-17 and 18-19/20 competitors in Solo, Duet and Team may compete in the Technical and/or Free routine events. The Preliminary Free routine score shall be used to determine the top 12 Duets and Teams that qualify for the Final Free routine competition. ~~Number 13 shall be the preswimmer.~~

1. All Technical routine events, Free Solo, Acrobatic Routine and Free Combination shall be Final events.

ITEM #44:

Change random draw procedure for additional entries to national championships.

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

CP 3 ELIGIBILITY

CP 3.1 General:

CP 3.1.6 Additional Entries: When a National Championship has fewer entries than the maximum allowed, the Vice President Competitive Programs (or appointed representative) may select additional entries by a random draw from the provisional entries, with the initial draw being from the next routines(s) in order of placement from the qualifying competition and any following draws from the subsequent routines(s) in order of placement, until the maximum number of entries for the championship has been reached. See Rule CP 5.5.6.1. The number of randomly selected entries and qualified entries may not exceed the maximum number of possible entries for the championship.

AMENDED PROPOSAL

CP 3.1.6 Additional Entries: When a National Championship **or Junior Olympic Championship** has fewer entries than the maximum allowed, the Vice President Competitive Programs (or appointed representative) may select additional entries ~~by a random draw~~ **may be drawn** from the provisional entries, ~~with the initial draw being from the next routines(s) in order of placement from the qualifying competition(s) and any following draws from the subsequent routines(s) in order of placement, until the maximum number of entries for the championship has been reached.~~ See Rule CP 5.5.6.1. The number of randomly selected entries and qualified entries may not exceed the maximum number of possible entries for the championship.

CP 3.1.6.1 For the U.S. Youth Championship, U.S. Junior Championship, and U.S. Senior Championship: If qualifying spots are available, additional entries shall first be selected by random draw to determine from which Zone Championship(s) said additional entries will come from. Second, the individual routine(s) from the randomly drawn Zone(s) shall be drawn in order of placement from the qualifying competition(s).

CP 3.1.6.2 For the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship: If qualifying spots are available, additional entries shall first be selected by random draw to determine from which Regional Championship(s) said additional entries will come from. Second, the individual routine(s) from the randomly drawn Region(s) shall be drawn in order of placement from the qualifying competition(s).

Example: Say there are 6 extra spots for Youth Women's Duet at the Junior Olympic Championship. The VP Competitive Programs (or appointed representative) might draw, at random, 2x West Zone Region B, 1x South Zone Region C, 2x South Zone Region D, and 1x East Zone Region B. This would mean that the next 2 highest placing Youth Women's Duets from WZ Region B, the next 1 highest placing Youth Women's Duet from South Zone Region C, etc., etc., would qualify as additional entries to the Junior Olympic Championship.

ITEMS REFERRED BACK TO RULES COMMITTEE

ITEM #42:

Eliminate Figures competition at the U.S. Junior Olympic Championship

CP 3.5.5.5

All 12 & under and Youth competitors in ~~Solo, Duet and Team free routines~~ shall compete in the ~~Figure~~ competition. ~~The Figure results shall be added to the Preliminary Free routine score to determine the top 12 Duets and Teams that~~ competition. The top 12 Duets and Teams shall qualify for the Final Free routine competition. Number 13 shall be the preswimmer.

- ~~1. The Figure results shall be added to the Solo Final Free routine scores to determine final placement.~~
~~2. 1. The Solo and Free Combination events shall be a Final events. and shall not include the Figure scores.~~