



# The Inside Edge

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## U.S. Figure Skating To Host Governing Council at Disney World



The 2006 Governing Council will be held in Orlando, FL at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort on May 2 - 7. The GC meetings (Friday and Saturday) as well as educational seminars and forums

are open to all U.S. Figure Skating members and their guests.

Seventeen educational seminars will be offered on Thursday, including:

*Club Risk Management*  
*How to Start and Run a Successful Interclub*  
*Parent Essentials*  
*Events and Competitions for Clubs*  
*Marketing and Sponsorship - A Guideline for Clubs*

*Synchronized Skating - Investing in the Future*  
*Nutrition for Skaters*  
*How To Run a Non-Qualifying Competition Using the New Judging System*  
*Theatre on Ice*



Among the honored guests this year is South Carolina's **Elaine Bushey**, who is celebrating her 50th year as a U.S. Figure Skating judge.

A partial list of items for proposed action is provided on pages 2 - 3. For a complete slate of recommendations, please access the website at [www.usfsa.org/event\\_details.asp?id=32955](http://www.usfsa.org/event_details.asp?id=32955).

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## Back By Popular Demand: Atlanta FSC to Host Zimmerman/Fontana Training Clinic

The Atlanta FSC will host a training clinic with three-time national pairs champion **John Zimmerman** and three-time Italian nationals champion **Silvia Fontana Zimmerman** following the Atlanta Open on June 19. The cost of the camp is \$120 for all members of SICSC clubs. Private lessons will be available only to participants on June 20.

### About John ...

John's competitive eligible career (with partner Kyoko Ina) reaped many awards and accolades: three U.S. national titles, several Grand Prix medals, and a bronze medal at the 2002 World Championships. However, his proudest competitive moment was their 5th place finish at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, performing two electric programs that were both met with standing ovations. Their bronze medal at the World Championships a few weeks later was the first World medal by a U.S. pair since 1998.



John Zimmerman and Silvia Fontana Zimmerman

After turning professional following the close of the 2002 - 2003 season, they joined Stars on Ice, touring the U.S. and Canada for five months out of the year. John has been featured in several magazines as both an athlete and a model and was the first athlete to appear on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." This year, John and his celebrity partner, Jillian Barberie, placed second in the Fox series, "Skating with Celebrities." He also served as a sports analyst for Yahoo Sports at the 2006 Olympic Games.

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Note: The requests for action listed below represent only a sampling. The full text regarding adults, dance, synchronized skating, pairs, and technical panel recommendations can be accessed on the website.

**Articles VII and IX:**

Implementation of a Materials and Service Fee for delegates and observers attending Governing Council. The fee would be established annually by the Board of Directors.

**Rule 3102: Registration for Qualifying Competitions - Singles, Pairs, and Dance**

Effective with the 2006 - 2007 skating season, single skaters not competing in pairs or dance must compete in the region where legal residence is established or where the principle training center is located as listed on the entry form.

Pairs and dance skaters must compete at the regional championships held in the region in which their home club is located.

**Rule 3141: Registration for U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships**

Reduce the minimum number of skaters advancing from regional to U.S. Junior Championships from four to two.

**Rule 3212: Entries - Qualifying Competitions**

Add Item D: All withdrawals will be considered final and the skater may not re-enter the qualifying competition even if before the entry deadline. This would be effective July 1, 2006.

**Rule 3281: Qualifying Rounds and Seeding - U.S. Junior Championships**

Adds two groups:

# of Entries	# of Qualifying Rounds	# Advancing to Final Round from Each Group	Final Round
37 - 40	2	10	20
40 - 48	3	6	18

**Rule 3661: Novice Men Short Program (Technical Elements)**

In jump combination, may not repeat Axel or double Axel from (1) or double or triple jump from (2). Spin changed to camel or sit spin (minimum 6 revs), no change of foot permitted. In the spin combination, the minimum number of revs is 2 for each position. Adds two step sequences of a different nature with full utilization of the ice (straight line, serpentine or circular).

**Rule 3662: Novice Ladies Short Program (Technical Elements)**

In jump combination, may not repeat Axel or double Axel from (1) or double or triple jump from (2). In spin combination, the minimum number of revs required in a position is 2. Adds one step sequence of a different nature with full utilization of the ice (straight line, serpentine or circular). Adds 1 spiral sequence consisting of at least 2 spiral positions (held for at least 3 seconds).

**Rule 3663: Novice Well-Balanced Free Skate Program Requirements**

Spins: maximum of 3 spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin) with a minimum of 5 revs and 1 a spin combination (minimum of 10 revs). The number of changes of foot in the spin combination is optional.

**Remarks:**

B. A total of two jumps with 2-1/2 or 3 revs may be repeated, and at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or jump sequence.

C. Spins: The required combination spin must have at least 1 change of position and at least 1 change of foot and may have a flying entry (minimum of 2 revs). The required minimum number of total revs is 10. The required flying spin may change feet and/or position; however, the landing position must be held for a minimum of 2 revs. The minimum number of revs for the flying spin is 6. All spins in this program may begin with a jump and may change feet.

D. The step sequence or spiral sequence must utilize the entire ice surface. Additional moves in the field and spiral positions will be counted as transitions.

**Rule 3681: Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate Program Requirements**

D. Spins: The minimum number of revs for the flying spin is 5. The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 4 revs.

**Rule 4110: Adult Master Pairs**

Implementation of an adult championship pairs event, effective with the 2007 adult sectional and U.S. Adult Championships.

Implementation of the ISU judging system for only adult gold and higher events in free skate and dance, effective with the 2007 U.S. Adult Championships.

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Governing Council requests for action continued

**Rule 4231: Conduct of Compulsory Dance Events**

Reduces the number of patterns of the European Waltz from three to two. Amends the starting point for the European Waltz and American Waltz. Changes will affect dance patterns in the Rulebook.

**Rule 4241: Selection and Posting of Compulsory Dances**

The selection and posting of compulsory dances for senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile, pre-juvenile and all adult dance events will be drawn and announced no later than the May Board of Directors meeting.

**Test Rules 30.01, 37.01, 53.51: Singles, Pairs, Dance**

Reskating of any element of a test would be amended by the addition of item C that permits a skater or couple who have omitted a required element or substituted for a required element in the test to use one of their reskates to fulfill the stated requirement.

**Test Rule 43.05: Compulsory Dance Requirements**

Reduces the number of required test patterns from 3 to 2 for the following dances: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown, and Ten Fox.

**Test Rules 54.01 - 54.05: Juvenile - Senior and Masters Free Dance Tests**

Added language and requirements.

**Judges Committee**

**Realign the competition judges structure as follows:**

Singles, Pairs, Dance: Novice judges become regional judges

Singles, Pairs, Dance: Junior and senior judges become sectional judges

Synchronized Skating: Novice judges become junior sectional judges

Synchronized Skating: Junior and senior judges become senior sectional judges

Three new southeast clubs have been granted provisional status and will be proposed for full U.S. Figure Skating membership:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>	<b><u>President</u></b>
Miami FSC	Miami, FL	www.miamifsc.org	Don Kearns
FSC of the Midlands	Irmo, SC	www.irmo.com	Mary Beth Singleton
Music City FSC	Nashville, TN	www.nashville.gov/sportsplex	Mary Jo Howland

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**About Silvia ...**



Silvia at Turin; Ladies Free Skate.

In addition to her three Italian national titles, Silvia Fontana Zimmerman represented her home country on the 2006 Olympic team after a three-year absence from competitive skating. Training with Olympic coach Robin Wagner, she captured the hearts of the fans, placing 22nd while skating with a torn tendon in one leg and an ACL knee joint injury in the other. Prior to her retirement in 2002, Silvia represented Italy in the 1999 - 2002 European Championships and World Championships. She also competed in the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, where she placed 10th.

John and Silvia's 2004 clinic in Atlanta was extremely popular and truly inspirational. Skaters should register early as enrollment will be limited.



John and Kyoco in Stars on Ice.

# 2006 Adult U.S. Figure Skating Championships

March 29 - April 2



<b>ADULT GOLD</b>		
<b><u>Ladies Class III Free Skate</u></b>		
Christina Mayville	Atlanta FSC	17th/17
<b><u>Ladies Class I &amp; II Free Skate</u></b>		
Kristina Rosa	Atlanta FSC	5th/12
<b><u>Pairs</u></b>		
Rob Lichtefeld/ Phyllis Friello	Georgia FSC/ Ice Club of Baltimore	7th/9
<b>ADULT SILVER</b>		
<b><u>Ladies Class IV Free Skate QR A</u></b>		
Jeannette Doney	Atlanta FSC	5th/9
<b><u>Final Round</u></b>		
Jeannette Doney		9th/12
<b><u>Ladies Class III Free Skate QR A</u></b>		
Beth Bilka	Atlanta FSC	4th/16
<b><u>Final Round</u></b>		
Beth Bilka		10th/12
<b><u>Dance</u></b>		
Kathy Shehee/ John Richardson	Atlanta FSC	6th/8

<b>BRONZE</b>		
<b><u>Ladies Class III Free Skate</u></b>		
Kristen Rausch	Atlanta FSC	10th/10
<b>INTERPRETIVE</b>		
<b><u>Ladies Class III, Character/Comedy</u></b>		
Christine Mayville	Atlanta FSC	9th/12
<b><u>Ladies Class I &amp; II, Artistic/Drama</u></b>		
Kristina Rosa	Atlanta FSC	9th/11
<b><u>Ladies Class IV, Grp. B</u></b>		
Jeannette Doney	Atlanta FSC	16th/16
<b><u>Ladies Class II</u></b>		
Kristen Rausch	Atlanta FSC	6th/15



## May 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 USFS Governing Council - Orlando	3	4	5	6
7 Test Sessions - FSC of Charleston, Georgia FSC	8	9	10	11	12 Test Session - Atlanta FSC	13 Charleston Classic (Carolina Ice Palace)
14 Mother's Day 	15	16	17	18	19 June Test Applications Due - Georgia FSC, Atlanta FSC	20 Champions On Ice - Philips Arena 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			