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Dear Athletes and Coaches,

Welcome to the 2020 Eastern Sectional Adult Championships and Nonqualifying Competition! The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, is proud to once again welcome the adult skating community to Ardmore. The local organizing committee has been working very hard to make this a great experience and on behalf of PSC&HS I am delighted to welcome you to these event.



As you make your final preparations, we wanted to provide you with a few reminders:

- Event commencement and practice: Per Rule 2701 F, “a skater/team may skate on unofficial practice ice at any rink, at any time, EXCEPT between the time when the skater’s/team’s event segment has begun (as signified by the first warm-up group taking the ice) and the time when the last skater/team in the event completes their program. If an athlete fails to adhere to this rule, disqualification will result.
- Check-in: Please be sure to check-in at Registration when you arrive to receive your credential and check-in with the ice monitor before each practice session and competitive event.
- Call to Start: Per Rule 1322, “Before each performance, the name of the competitor/team will be called.
  - For IJS events: Every singles, pairs and ice dance competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, rhythm dance, free skate or free dance) no later than 30 seconds after the competitor’s/ team’s name has been announced. If the competitor/team has not taken their starting position within 30 seconds after their name is announced, the referee will deduct 1.0. If the competitor/team has not taken their starting position within 60 seconds after their name is announced, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn....
  - For 6.0 events: Every singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, rhythm dance, free skate or free dance) no later than one minute after the competitor’s/team’s name has been announced. Failing to do so, the referee must instruct the judges to take the appropriate deduction (per the current Deduction Table for Events Judged Using the 6.0 System)”
- Allowance of a Delayed Start or Restart – Singles/Pairs/Ice Dance: Per Rule 1403 A. “If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the competitor(s) may restart the program from the beginning if the competitor(s) reports to the event referee within 20 seconds after the start. If the competitor(s) reports to the referee more than 20 seconds after the start, the competitor(s) will resume the program at the point of interruption or, if the interruption occurred at the entrance to or during an element, at the point immediately preceding this element. *If for any reason there is an interruption or stop in the music, the competitor must stop skating when they become aware of the problem or at the acoustic signal of the event referee, whichever is earlier.* Back-up music must be readily available at rink side. To remedy such a music issue, **CD format ONLY** is acceptable. No phones or tablets will be accepted.”
- Items falling on the ice: Per Rule 1071.d, if “part of the costume/decoration falls on the ice: (the deduction will be) -1.0 per program.” In the interest of everyone’s safety, please confirm that all decorations on costumes are firmly fastened and will sustain the rigors of an athletic competition.
- Results: Please note that once the award ceremony has occurred, all results are final. Please see Rule 1500 for information should there be a dispute regarding the protocol. Please review your protocols quickly and thoroughly.

Final round advancement: Championship Adult Silver Ladies – 12 skaters will advance to the final round (4 from each group + next 4 highest scores)

A final note: A referee is considered the skaters advocate. A referee’s job is to make certain that the competition is conducted according to the current US Figure Skating rules and that these rules are consistently applied so that each skater has an equal chance of finishing in first place. I recognize you have worked hard to participate in the qualifying season and wish you the very best of luck! If you have any questions, please feel free to find me.

Yours in skating,

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Chief Referee, 2020 Adult Eastern Sectional Championships and Nonqualifying Competition