CHOREOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

**** Videotape Guidelines for all levels:**

1. The video must be a DVD format of good quality taken within the last three (3) years.
2. The skater(s) must be at the designated level for the rating.
3. The candidate will be asked to narrate the video, discussing points such as theme and style.
4. The candidate must have a back up video (DVD) in working condition. If the video is unable to be viewed at the time of the exam, the exam will not be permitted to continue as the exam requirement will be considered "incomplete". The exam fee will be forfeited.

1. REGISTERED PSA CHOREOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR (RC):

A. Must have attended a PSA approved educational program within one year of applying to take an exam. Affidavit must be on file with the PSA office.
B. Must have completed the PSA Basic Accreditation rating.
C. Must be able to pass a pre-preliminary (U.S. Figure Skating) moves-in-the-field test or higher.
D. Must have a minimum of 50 hours over a one-year period of professional on-ice instructing or coaching experience choreographing programs at the **U.S. Figure Skating juvenile or preliminary singles, ice dance or pairs** or ISI Freestyle 5 or 4, or other ISU member organization equivalent or higher.
E. Must have studied ballet, modern dance or jazz class for at least one year. Must produce references from an accredited dance school* attesting to the candidate's ability and knowledge at the prescribed level of training;
OR must have majored in dance for one year at an accredited college or university*;
OR must be rated at the registered level or higher in free skating, ice dance, free dance, pair skating, moves in the field or synchronized team.
F. ** Must bring a DVD video with a sampling of the applicant's figure skating choreographic works at the juvenile level to the exam for review by the panel of examiners.
G. Must submit a signed letter from the club/rink/facility verifying professional skating credentials.
H. Must pass the PSA Registered Choreography Instructor oral exam.
I. Must have passed the Registered Sport Science & Medicine written exam.

2. CERTIFIED PSA CHOREOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR (CC):

A. Must have attended a PSA approved educational program within one year of applying to take an exam. Affidavit must be on file with the PSA office.
B. Must have completed the Registered PSA Choreography Instructor rating.
C. Must have a minimum of 100 hours over a two-year period of professional coaching experience choreographing with at least one of the years at the certified level or higher. For **U.S. Figure Skating intermediate test skaters in singles, ice dance or pairs**; for ISI Freestyle 6, Pair 6 or Free Dance 6; or for other ISU member organization equivalent test level.
D. Must have studied ballet, modern dance or jazz class for at least two years. Must produce references from an accredited dance school* attesting to the candidate's ability and knowledge at the prescribed level of training;
OR must have majored in dance for two years at an accredited college or university*; OR must be rated at the certified level or higher in free skating, ice dance, free dance, pair skating, moves in the field or synchronized team.
E. ** Must bring a DVD video with a sampling of the applicant's figure skating choreographic works at the Intermediate level to the exam for review by the panel of examiners.
F. Must pass the PSA Certified Choreography Instructor oral exam.
G. Must have passed the Certified Sport Science & Medicine written exam.

3. SENIOR PSA CHOREOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR (SC):

A. Must have attended a PSA approved educational program within one year of applying to take an exam. Affidavit must be on file with the PSA office.
B. Must have passed the Certified PSA Choreography Instructor exam.
C. Must have a minimum of 150 hours over a three-year period of professional coaching on-ice experience choreographing programs for professional ice show principals; for **U.S. Figure Skating junior level**; or **sectional novice competitors**; or for other ISU member organization equivalent with at least **one of the years at the senior level or higher**.
D. Must have one additional year of study in ballet, modern dance or jazz class, preferably different from the previous study. Must produce references from an accredited dance school* attesting to the candidate's ability and knowledge at the prescribed level of training; **OR** must have majored in dance for three years at an accredited college or university*; **OR** must be Senior rated in free skating, ice dance, free dance, pair skating, moves in the field or synchronized team.
E. Must have choreographed a routine for a group ensemble on ice.
F. ** Must bring a DVD video with a sampling of the applicant's figure skating choreographic works at the novice or junior level to the exam for review by the panel of examiners.
G. Must pass the Senior PSA Choreography Instructor oral exam.
H. Must have passed the Senior Sport Science & Medicine written exam.

4. MASTER PSA CHOREOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR (MC):

A. Must have attended a PSA approved educational program within one year of applying to take an exam. Affidavit must be on file with the PSA office.
B. Must have completed the Senior PSA Choreography Instructor rating.
C. Must have a minimum of five (5) years professional on-ice coaching experience in choreographing programs for professional ice show principals; or **U.S. Figure Skating senior skaters in singles, pairs or dance or national senior competitors;** or other ISU member organization equivalent. The coach must have coached a minimum of 250 hours over the five-year period with at least **one year (50 hours) at the master level.**
D. Must have choreographed a complete program for a senior level skater;
OR produce a bachelor's degree in dance from an accredited college or university*; **OR** must be master rated in free skating, ice dance, free dance, pair skating, moves in the field or synchronized team.
E. ** Must bring a DVD video with a sampling of the applicant's figure skating choreographic works at the Senior level to the exam for review by the panel of examiners.
F. Must pass the Master PSA Choreography Instructor oral exam.
G. Must have passed the Master Sport Science & Medicine written exam.

***Dance school must be accredited by organizations such as Cecchetti Council of America or the Royal Academy of Dance.**