U.S. FIGURE SKATING BRAND GUIDELINES
The focus of our identity is to encourage, inspire and have fun. We created this document to help communicate our branding guidelines to our organization and partners.

Our branding is essential to the identity of US. Figure Skating.

We require strict dedication to standards and guidelines to ensure that our brand maintains a consistent look and feel no matter where in the world it’s seen.

This guide is provided to keep the brand focused and unique.

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**OUR MISSION**

We create and cultivate opportunities for participation and achievement in figure skating.

**OUR VISION**

Together, we foster fun and inspire a lifelong passion for skating while developing champions on and off the ice.

**OUR VALUES**

EXCELLENCE: Highest standards in all endeavors
INTEGRITY: Honesty and openness in all we do
RESPECT: We value each other’s voices, contributions and well being
RESILIENCE: We get up and adapt to challenges on and off the ice
COMMUNITY: Nurturing connections through the skating community

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U.S. FIGURE SKATING IS THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SPORT OF FIGURE SKATING

Member, United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee
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Please contact U.S. Figure Skating for permission to use any logos or images.

You may be asked to supply final artwork for usage approval.

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

Never use U.S. Figure Skating logo brand images without permission. This includes the U.S. Figure Skating logo, logos affiliated with U.S. Figure Skating, Snowplow Sam and all other images included in this document.

- The primary logo (horizontal version) should be used whenever possible in its two-color version (Pantone 485 and Reflex Blue). One-color and black-and-white versions have been provided for times when the two-color version will not work. This applies to program logos as well.
- The secondary logo (vertical version) can be used in instances when the horizontal logo does not fit. The two-color version again is preferred, but one-color and black-and-white versions can be provided. This applies to program logos as well.
- Never use the symbol icon of the boot alone.
- The U.S. Figure Skating logo must always include the registration mark, ®. It is prohibited to use the logo without the mark or an older version with an SM or TM.

COMMERCIAL USAGE

No business or other commercial entity should use the U.S. Figure Skating logo without the express consent of U.S. Figure Skating. Generally speaking, the use of the U.S. Figure Skating logo is reserved for official sponsors, suppliers and licensees, clubs, sanctioned events and programs and other entities associated with U.S. Figure Skating.

ONLY OFFICIAL LICENSEES MAY USE

the U.S. Figure Skating logo as authorized under the applicable license from U.S. Figure Skating. Official U.S. Figure Skating partners should submit all proposed uses of the U.S. Figure Skating logo for approval through authorized channels prior to use.

DO NOT USE

the U.S. Figure Skating logo in any form of advertising (e.g., on a brochure, in a print ad, on your website, in social media, etc.) or put the U.S. Figure Skating logo on clothing or other merchandise unless you are an official U.S. Figure Skating partner.

EDITORIAL USAGE

Editorial use of the U.S. Figure Skating logo is appropriate when it provides context to an article, story or broadcast or is used online for news-related purposes by a journalistic outlet.

U.S. Figure Skating referred to as such in all references. Abbreviations USFSA and USFS are not acceptable.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING BRAND GUIDELINES
1.0
OUR LOGO
1.1 PRIMARY (HORIZONTAL) LOGO

The horizontal logo is the primary logo for U.S. Figure Skating. This logo should be used whenever possible in its two-color version, Pantone 485 and Reflex Blue.

The U.S. Figure Skating logo should never be used at less than 100% opacity, except on headquarters documents that require a watermark.

PRIMARY LOGO

One-color and black-and-white versions (shown on page 9) have been provided for times when the two-color version will not work. This applies to program logos as well.

The U.S. Figure Skating logo has a white box that should be visible when placed on any background other than white.

LOGO COLORS

USFig Red
PANTONE 485
CMYK 0 95 100 0
RGB 218 41 28
HEX/HTML DA291C

USFig Blue
PANTONE Reflex Blue
CMYK 100 89 0 0
RGB 0 20 137
HEX/HTML 001489

White
CMYK 0 0 0 0
RGB 255 255 255
HEX/HTML FFFFFF
1.2 SECONDARY (VERTICAL) LOGO

The vertical logo is the secondary logo for U.S. Figure Skating. This logo should be used because of space, size or design requirements.

- This logo cannot be used for program and club logos because of width restrictions (page 15).
- The U.S. Figure Skating logo should never be used at less than 100% opacity, except on headquarters documents that require a watermark.

SECONDARY LOGO

One-color and black-and-white versions (shown on page 10) have been provided for times when the two-color version will not work.

The U.S. Figure Skating logo has a white box that should be visible when placed on any background other than white.

LOGO COLORS

USFig Red

- PANTONE 485
- CMYK 0 95 100 0
- RGB 218 41 28
- HEX/HTML DA291C

USFig Blue

- PANTONE Reflex Blue
- CMYK 100 89 0 0
- RGB 0 20 137
- HEX/HTML 001489

White

- CMYK 0 0 0 0
- RGB 255 255 255
- HEX/HTML FFFFFF
1.3 SPOT COLOR LOGOS OPTIONS

The U.S. Figure Skating primary and secondary logos are also available in four spot color options; Pantone 485, Reflex Blue, black and white.

The U.S. Figure Skating logo may only appear in these spot colors. Any exceptions must be used under the direction of Ramsey Baker, CMO.

USFig Red
PANTONE 485
CMYK 0 95 100 0
RGB 218 41 28
HEX/HTML DA291C

USFig Blue
PANTONE Reflex Blue
CMYK 100 89 0 0
RGB 0 20 137
HEX/HTML 001489

Black
CMYK 0 0 0 100
RGB 35 31 132
HEX/HTML 231F20

White
CMYK 0 0 0 0
RGB 255 255 255
HEX/HTML FFFFFFF
1.4 LOGO CLEARSPACE AND SIZE

The U.S. Figure Skating logo should have ample clearspace.

Space requirements do not apply when the logo is incorporated into an event, club or program logo.

**PRIMARY LOGO CLEARSPACE**

For the horizontal logo, use the US in the logo as a reference to check clearspace. The cap height of the US is the space you should allow around the entire logo. You can always allow for more clearspace than the cap height of the US, but not less.

*The horizontal logo cannot be made smaller than 7/8 inch (.875”) wide.*

**SECONDARY LOGO CLEARSPACE**

For the vertical logo, use the SK in the logo as a reference to check clearspace. The cap height of the SK is the space you should allow around the entire logo. You can always allow for more clearspace than the cap height of the SK, but not less.

*The vertical logo cannot be made smaller than 5/8 inch (.625”) tall.*
1.5 INCORRECT LOGO USAGE

DON'T
1. Change the logo's orientation.
2. Add extraneous effects to the logo. This includes but is not limited to: bevel and emboss, lighting effects and drop shadows.
3. Place the primary logo (without the white box) on a photo or a color other than white.
4. Change the logo colors.
5. Attempt to recreate the logo or the white box behind the logo.
6. Scale the logo disproportionately.
7. Use the logo as a repeated pattern, “wallpaper,” or other decorative device.
8. Reduce the opacity of the color logo.
9. Display the logo without the registration mark.
2.0

LOGO TREATMENTS
2.1 U.S. FIGURE SKATING LONG LOGO

The U.S. Figure Skating long logo may be used in place of the primary or secondary logo for special projects under the direction of the CMO. This logo is only available in one-color versions; Pantone Reflex Blue, Pantone 485 (Red), black and white.

This logo has restricted usage and may only be used under the direction of Ramsey Baker, CMO.
2.2 WEBSITE LOCKUP LOGOS

Website logo treatments include USFigureSkating.org and ShopUSFigureSkating.com. The use of upper-lower-case letter for each website adheres to the U.S. Figure Skating style guide.

*These logos should adhere to the same guidelines as the U.S. Figure Skating logo outlined in Section 1 and may only be used with permission from U.S. Figure Skating.*
2.3 AFFILIATION LOGO TREATMENTS

These U.S. Figure Skating logo treatments (only available in horizontal form) are available for members, sponsors and sanctioned events.

These logos should adhere to the same guidelines as the U.S. Figure Skating logo outlined in Section 1 and may only be used with permission from U.S. Figure Skating.
These logo treatments cannot use the U.S. Figure Skating secondary logo (vertical) because of width restrictions. This logo treatment must be used for all U.S. Figure Skating committee* and program** logos and clubs have the option to use this treatment for their logo.

- The verbiage cannot extend the width of the logo, but can be two lines if needed.
- Text should be in all caps.
- Text should be Pantone Reflex Blue.
- Font size can vary depending on length of program and club name.
  
  Font: *Helvetica Nueu LT Std Black Condensed Oblique*

*A committee oversees, develops and implements programs that support members in their area.

**A program is any series of events, curriculum or annually occurring event that U.S. Figure Skating administers and supervises.

In sample shown, the U.S. Figure Skating logo is 2 inches wide and font size is 14 points.
2.5 EVENT AND CAMP LOGOS

U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events, non-competition events and camps hosted by U.S. Figure Skating must include the U.S. Figure Skating logo, year, official event name (as shown in the style guide) and location (optional for some programs and camps).

All logos must be submitted to U.S. Figure Skating for approval.

Logos for International ISU events hosted by U.S. Figure Skating must meet ISU logo requirements and be approved by the ISU. U.S. Figure Skating may request design changes before approval.

Final logos must be provided in EPS (vector), JPG and PNG formats.

Requirements for U.S. Figure Skating event and camp logos:

- Event logos should include: year, official event name, the U.S. Figure Skating logo (or associated program logo) and event location. No other information should be included in events logos, such as, a copyright, design credit, club/rink name, event dates, etc.
- The U.S. Figure Skating logo should be clearly visible in the logo design and should not overlap a design or artwork. It should also be an appropriate size so it is visible in print, signage, digital and apparel. Because of the variety in logo designs, U.S. Figure Skating may request changes to ensure the logo is prominent and clearly visible. Events logos do not have to adhere to the clearspace guidelines shown on page 8.
- Regional nonqualifying (NQ) competition logos must be differentiated from the regional championship logo by design, color scheme, layout, etc., so that they clearly appear as separate events. NQ competition names, which also appear in the logo, cannot contain the full region name or “Regional” in their event name.

Samples of past logos:
2.6 LOCKUP LOGOS FOR PARTNERS

The U.S. Figure Skating primary logo (horizontal) may be used in a lockup logo for a sponsor or organization. Because logos come in many shapes and sizes, logos should look visually balanced, as though neither is larger or more important than the other. When using a lockup logo, the U.S. Figure Skating logo cannot be made smaller than 7/8 inch (.875”) wide.

It is preferred that lockup logos be created by the U.S. Figure Skating creative department.

LOCKUP EXAMPLE

PROUD PARTNER OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING
Learn to Skate USA, powered by Toyota, is endorsed by U.S. Figure Skating, USA Hockey and US Speedskating.

The endorsed by lockup should appear on most printed promotional and marketing pieces. For digital images or printed pieces where space is an issue, this lockup can be excluded, but should be determined on a case-by-case basis.
2.6 **LOGO LOCKUP FOR COACHING EVENTS**

All U.S. Figure Skating camps and seminars that include coaches must use the U.S. Figure Skating, Professional Skaters Association and USOPC Coaching Program lockup logo on printed pieces.
3.0 OTHER LOGOS & ARTWORK
The Learn to Skate USA program, endorsed by U.S. Figure Skating, USA Hockey and US Speedskating, is the beginner ice skating program for both recreational and competitive skaters.

The stacked Learn To Skate logo is the primary logo, although either version can be used depending on space and design.

For the complete Learn to Skate USA brand guidelines, email design@usfigureskating.org.

LEARN TO SKATE USA STACKED LOGO

LEARN TO SKATE USA HORIZONTAL LOGO

LOGO COLORS

LTS USA Blue
PANTONE 286
CMYK 100 75 0 0
RGB 0 51 160
HEX/HTML 0033A0

LS USA Light Blue
PANTONE 2975
CMYK 34 0 5 0
RGB 153 214 234
HEX/HTML 99D6EA

LTS USA Gray
PANTONE 430
CMYK 33 18 13 40
RGB 124 135 142
HEX/HTML 7C878E

Toyota Red
PANTONE 1795
CMYK 0 96 93 2
RGB 210 38 48
HEX/HTML D22630

This is the Toyota logo red and not a Learn to Skate USA brand color.
3.2 FAN ZONE

Fan Zone is the U.S. Figure Skating website for fans that offers live competition streaming, breaking news, video and more.

The primary logo for Fan Zone is the two-color version, Pantone 485 and Reflex Blue.

*This logo is also available in the same color versions as the U.S. Figure Skating logo, shown on page 7.*
3.3 COMPETE USA

Compete USA events are competitions held by clubs and rinks for all beginner skaters who are members of Learn to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure Skating. Competition organizers may choose to create their own logo or use the official Compete USA logo, shown below.

For permission to use this logo, email Erika Lehman at elehman@usfigureskating.org

LOGO COLORS

USFig Red
PANTONE 485
CMYK 0 95 100 0
RGB 218 41 28
HEX/HTML DA291C

USFig Blue
PANTONE Reflex Blue
CMYK 100 89 0 0
RGB 0 20 137
HEX/HTML 001489

LTS USA Gray
PANTONE 430
CMYK 33 18 13 40
RGB 124 135 142
HEX/HTML 7C878E
3.4 **GET UP®**

In text, Get Up® should always include the registration mark. The Get Up® logo is available in three color options; black, gray and white.

- **Black**
  - CMYK: 0 0 0 100
  - RGB: 35 31 132
  - HEX/HTML: #231F20

- **Pantone 425**
  - CMYK: 48 29 26 76
  - RGB: 84 88 90
  - HEX/HTML: #54585A

- **White**
  - CMYK: 0 0 0 0
  - RGB: 255 255 255
  - HEX/HTML: FFFFFF

For permission to use this logo, email Brian Burns at bburns@usfigureskating.org

The fonts for Get Up® are:

- Nexa Black
- Nexa Heavy
- Nexa XBold
- Nexa Bold
- Nexa Book
- Nexa Light
Skating is the official publication for U.S. Figure Skating. The SKATING magazine logo can be used in any color.

For permission to use this logo, email Troy Schwindt at tschwindt@usfigureskating.org

**SKATING LOGO**

This logo is used on the cover and inside pages of the magazine. It should also be used for all marketing and promotional materials for SKATING.

**SKATING LOGO WITH TAGLINE**

When the SKATING logo is used on its own and not accompanied with verbiage or images promoting the magazine, it should include the tagline “OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING.”
3.6 WORLD FIGURE SKATING MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME

The World Figure Skating Museum & Hall of Fame serves as a repository for the sport of figure skating and is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This logo is also available in black and white options.

✉️ For permission to use this logo, email Karen Cover at kcover@usfigureskating.org

LOGO COLORS

HOF Blue
PANTONE 659  
CMYK 59 27 0 0  
RGB 123 164 219  
HEX/HTML 7BA4DB

HOF Gray
PANTONE 423  
CMYK 22 14 18 45  
RGB 137 141 141  
HEX/HTML 898D8D
3.7 SNOWPLOW SAM

Snowplow Sam is the official mascot for U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA.

Snowplow Sam is available in three options as shown below. Please contact U.S. Figure Skating for permission to use Snowplow Sam and to find out which version is appropriate for your organization.

For internal use only, Snowplow Sam may be rotated, flipped, repositioned or re-outfitted to be used in illustrations, diagrams and other materials. Snowplow Sam may only be altered by U.S. Figure Skating creative department.

LEARN TO SKATE USA VERSION
Includes the white Learn to Skate USA logo the scarf (do not use the Toyota lockup logo) and should be used for all programs/events/organizations that are affiliated with Learn to Skate USA.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING VERSION
Includes the white vertical U.S. Figure Skating logo on the scarf and should be used for all programs/events/or organizations that are affiliated with U.S. Figure Skating.

GENERIC VERSION
Snowplow Sam without a logo on the scarf is also available. This version should be used at the discretion of U.S. Figure Skating.
4.0 TYPOGRAPHY, COLORS & ICONS
GOTHAM NARROW

Typography is an essential part of our brand image. Typography is the art and technique of arranging type and should be treated as a design element, much like a logo or image.

4.1

GOTHAM NARROW

Gotham Narrow is the font family for U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA. It is a clean, simple font family that offers 16 versions. This font is appropriate for all text, including headlines, subheads and body copy. Montserrat may be used for web development.

• U.S. Figure Skating editorial publications may use other fonts in addition to Gotham Narrow.
• Some events and programs have a unique logo and look and feel that require the addition of unique fonts. These fonts should be determined by the creative department and be consistent throughout all designs.

FONT STYLES

Gotham Narrow Thin
Gotham Narrow Thin Italic
Gotham Narrow Extra Light
Gotham Narrow Extra Light Italic
Gotham Narrow Light
Gotham Narrow Light Italic
Gotham Narrow Book
Gotham Narrow Book Italic

Gotham Narrow Medium
Gotham Narrow Medium Italic
Gotham Narrow Bold
Gotham Narrow Bold Italic
Gotham Narrow Black
Gotham Narrow Black Italic
Gotham Narrow Ultra
Gotham Narrow Ultra Italic
4.2 **MONTESERRAT**

Montserrat is a free Google font that should be used for web, email and other digital when Gotham Narrow can’t be used. It is a clean, simple font family that offers 18 versions. This font is appropriate for all text, including headlines, subheads and body copy.

Montserrat may be downloaded here: https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Montserrat Montserrat

### FONT STYLES

- Montserrat Thin
- Montserrat Thin Italic
- Montserrat Extra-Light
- Montserrat Extra-Light Italic
- Montserrat Light
- Montserrat Light Italic
- Montserrat Regular
- Montserrat Regular Italic
- Montserrat Medium
- Montserrat Medium Italic
- Montserrat Semi-Bold
- Montserrat Semi-Bold Italic
- Montserrat Bold
- Montserrat Bold Italic
- Montserrat Extra-Bold
- Montserrat Extra-Bold Italic
- Montserrat Black
- Montserrat Black Italic
4.3 BRAND COLORS

The U.S. Figure Skating color palette consists of seven brand colors.

These colors may be used in gradients and transparencies.

*Pantone 485 and Reflex Blue are the only brand colors that are used in the U.S. Figure Skating.
## 4.4 GRADIENTS

The U.S. Figure Skating gradient palette is based on our brand colors and may be used in design and as a photo filter.

Gradients are not available in Pantone colors.

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4.5 ICONS

U.S. Figure Skating has an established style for all icons.

Icons should be 2px stroked with rounded corners.

To request an icon, email the creative department at design@usfigureskating.org

EXAMPLES

DIGITAL USAGE

32px x 32px 1:1 ratio

64px x 64px 1:1 ratio

DARK & LIGHT BACKGROUND USAGE
5.0

STYLE GUIDE
accolades
When referencing an accolade or career accomplishment (i.e. champion, medalist), all words should be lowercase. Continue to capitalize event names. (2018 Olympic champion. 2018 U.S. ladies bronze medalist. 2013 World bronze medalist.)

addresses
In complete addresses, use the postal abbreviations for states (Denver, CO, not Denver, Colorado). Always include a ZIP code with a complete address. Abbreviate “Avenue” (Ave.), “Boulevard” (Blvd.) and “Street” (St.) in complete addresses. Spell them out when used with only a street name. Abbreviate North, South, East and West in complete addresses (with periods, N., S., etc.). Use numerals for numbered streets, unless the number is less than 10 (56 N. 10th St., 20 First St.)

a.m., p.m.
Lowercase, with periods, and have a space between the time and a.m. or p.m. (10 a.m.) “The event is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.” or “The event is from 7-9 a.m.”

Friends of Figure Skating
A fan-based membership. Should be referred to in this way, making sure to include the “s” on “Friends.” (Become a Friends of Figure Skating member or be a “Friend,” capitalized.)

international events
• European Figure Skating Championships: First reference: 20XX ISU European Figure Skating Championships. Second reference: European Championships. Europeans is acceptable but not preferred. Euros is not used.
• ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final: Appropriate second references: Junior Grand Prix Final, JGP Final.
• ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final: Appropriate second references: Grand Prix Final.
• Rostelecom Cup: Also known as Cup of Russia. Use Rostelecom Cup in all written uses. Cup of Russia is appropriate in direct quotes.
**skating terms**
- Biellmann: Spin name is capitalized because it is named after Denise Biellmann.
- camel spin
- choctaw: Lowercase.
- Lutz: This jump is named for its inventor Alois Lutz and is therefore capitalized in all cases.
- mohawk: Lowercase.
- Salchow: This jump is named for its inventor Ulrich Salchow and is therefore capitalized in all cases. Do not abbreviate (Sal or Sow).

**NBC Sports**

**NBC Sports Network**
Second reference: NBCSN

**NGB**
Capitalize this as an abbreviation for national governing body. Do not capitalize national governing body when spelled out.

**numbers/numerals**
Spell out numbers zero through nine; use numerals for 10 and above. Ordinals: Spell out first through ninth — starting with 10th, use figures. Spell out a numeral if it begins a sentence; recast the sentence if necessary. One exception — if the numeral identifies a calendar year. (Thirty-six skaters were entered in the event. 1994 was a good year.)

**Olympic Figure Skating Team Event**

**Olympic Training Center**
Second reference: OTC.

**Olympic Winter Games**
Precede this with the year (2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea). Appropriate second references: Olympic Games, Winter Games, the Games. Inappropriate: Winter Olympic Games, Winter Olympics, PyeongChang Olympics, PyeongChang Games, etc.

**percentages**
Use the word percent (not the symbol %) in text. Use figures for percentages (5 percent). Repeat percent with each individual figure. (He said 10 percent to 30 percent of the people may not vote.)

**regional championships**
Do not capitalize unless writing the event name in its entirety. (Athletes will compete at the 20XX Southwestern Regional Figure Skating Championships. Athletes will compete at the regional championships to advance in the qualifying structure.) First reference: Full event name. Second reference: regional championships.
- New England Regional Figure Skating Championships
- North Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Championships
- South Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Eastern Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Upper Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Southwestern Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Northwest Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Central Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships
- Southwest Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships
season (figure skating)
Refer to the figure skating competition year as the season (July 1–June 30, corresponding to the membership year). This is the 2018-19 season. It encompasses the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019. Include the entire year on the first side of the en dash and the last two numerals of the second year on the other side.

Sectional Championships
• Eastern Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Pacific Coast Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Eastern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships
• Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships
• Midwestern/Pacific Coast Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships (held concurrently)

Skate America
Never use the word “the” before it. When the event has a title sponsor, first reference is always 20XX (Sponsor Name) Skate America. Second reference: 20XX Skate America, Skate America SkateFest

SKATING magazine
Capitalize the entire word when referring to SKATING magazine.

Skating Spectacular
This is the exhibition of champions at the conclusion of Skate America and the U.S. Championships. If Smucker’s continues its sponsorship, first reference is Smucker’s Skating Spectacular.

Snowplow Sam
Official mascot of U.S. Figure Skating. It is acceptable on second reference to call him Snowplow but using full name is preferred.

Social Media
Facebook (facebook.com/usfigureskating)
Instagram (instagram.com/usfigureskating)
Pinterest (pinterest.com/usfigureskating)
Twitter (twitter.com.USFigureSkating) @ USFigureSkating
YouTube (youtube.com/usfigureskating)

STAR
This is the appropriate second reference for Serving the American Rinks.

S.T.A.R.S.

S.T.A.R.S. Combine
A series of off-ice physical challenges that measure fitness in three key areas. All references: S.T.A.R.S. Combine. Please note, when used alone, combine should be lowercased.

Stars on Ice
Do not use SOI.
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**state names**
State names are no longer abbreviated per Associated Press style (Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albany, New York). They are spelled out when they stand alone (She flew to Colorado from Texas). Use the postal abbreviations (CO, CA) only with a full address that includes a ZIP code. In text, place one comma between the city and the state and another comma after the state. (Cleveland, Ohio, hosted the event.) Do not abbreviate any of the Canadian provinces in text. (Use postal abbreviations for provinces in full addresses.)

**telephone and fax numbers**
The preferred format is: 719.635.5200.

**Theatre On Ice**
Capitalized. Theatre is spelled this way, not theater (exception to AP style). TOI as an abbreviation is an acceptable second reference, although Theatre On Ice is preferred throughout.

**time**
Use numerals except for noon and midnight. Times should be listed as figures and with a.m. or p.m., lowercase with periods (4 p.m.).

**titles**
For job titles, capitalize them if it precedes the person’s name (Creative Director Andrea Morrison) but lowercase when the title is after the name, usually offset by commas (Samuel Auxier, U.S. Figure Skating president, spoke to the crowd.) See “composition titles” entry for book titles, songs, etc.

**U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships**
The appropriate first reference is U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Second reference: U.S. Adult Championships. “Adult nationals” not appropriate unless it is used in a direct quote (lowercase it).

**U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships**
This is the correct name for the National Collegiate Championships. We do not abbreviate this. Second reference: U.S. Collegiate Championships.

**U.S. Figure Skating**
The legal name of the organization is the U.S. Figure Skating Association, but in text it should always be referred to as U.S. Figure Skating. USFSA and USFS are not appropriate.

**U.S. Figure Skating Championships**
This event is commonly referred to as “nationals,” but that is not the official name of the event. Always use the word “the” before the event name. The appropriate first reference is the 20XX U.S. Figure Skating Championships. If there is a title sponsor, the first reference is the 20XX (Sponsor Name) U.S. Figure Skating Championships (first reference must include sponsor name AND the words ‘Figure Skating’). Second reference: U.S. Championships.

**U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program**
Second reference: SafeSport Program. Note: The USOC SafeSport program has a lowercase “p.”

**U.S. Intercollegiate Team Skating Championships**
The three colleges with the most points in each collegiate conference are invited to compete at this event.

**U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships**
Second reference: U.S. Synchronized Championships. Synchro Nationals is not acceptable.
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*United States Olympic Committee*
Second reference: USOC.

*World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame*

**www**
Retain this part of a website address in text, but usfigureskating.org is an exception. Using the “www” should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

**years**
Use numerals, without commas (1985). Use an “s” without an apostrophe to indicate spans of decades or centuries (the 1990s, the 1800s). Years are the lone exception to the rule in numerals that a figure is not used to start a sentence. (2002 was a good year.)