

**2022 TOYOTA U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ATHLETE BYE & ADVANCEMENT CRITERIA – AS OF JUNE 12, 2021**

*All information is subject to change based on current information and  
feasibility of live international competitions.*

**Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to outline the approved criteria for which a registered competitor may receive a bye to the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

The following bye criteria and junior advancement rules were reviewed and approved by U.S. Figure Skating's International Committee, Competitions Committee, Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC) and U.S. Figure Skating's Board of Directors as required under U.S. Figure Skating rule 2511.

Per rule 2500, all athletes receiving a bye **are required to register for the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series presented by Toyota AND register for at least one competition prior to the deadline of Sept. 1, 2021.** Failure to do so will result in the competitors(s) not being entered nor allowed to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships© for the current season. Additionally, all are highly encouraged to participate in the Championship Series. If byed athletes choose to compete, they will not lose their bye to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©, regardless of score, nor displace an athlete who would have qualified if the said athlete had not competed.

**SENIOR BYES AND ADVANCEMENT**

**SINGLES**

**Maximum of 18 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.**

- Athletes who qualify for the same event at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2501 (B) (2);
- Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2501 (B) (2);
- Athletes selected to the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event per rule 2501 (B) (2);
- Athletes who have won a medal in the singles event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games per rule 2501 (B) (2);
- Athletes who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as an ISU Grand Prix, ISU Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;
  - Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top two (2) total combined scores from each section in the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series;
- The next best top three (3) scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series.

**PAIRS**

**Maximum of 12 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.**

- Teams who qualify for the same event at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or the ISU Junior

Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2502 (B) (2);

- Teams who placed in the top five in the same event at the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2502 (B) (2);
- Teams selected to the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event per rule 2502 (B) (2);
- Teams who have won a medal in the pairs event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games per rule 2502 (B) (2);
- Teams who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as a Grand Prix, Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;
  - Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top four (4) total combined scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series.

## ICE DANCE

### Maximum of 15 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.

- Teams who qualify for the same event at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final or the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2503 (B) (2);
- Teams who placed in the top five in the same event at the 2021 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2503 (B) (2);
- Teams selected to the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event per rule 2503 (B) (2);
- Teams who have won a medal in the ice dance event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games per rule 2503 (B) (2);
- Teams who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as a Grand Prix, Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;
  - Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top five (5) total combined scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series.

### SENIOR BYES AND ADVANCEMENT – BREAKDOWN

	Maximum Spots	Top 5/World Team	Available Spots	International Byes	Championship Series
Ladies	18	5	13	4	9
Men	18	5	13	4	9
Pairs	12	5	7	3	4
Ice Dance	15	5	10	5	5

## JUNIOR BYES AND ADVANCEMENT

### SINGLES

### Maximum of 18 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.

- Athletes who qualify for the same event at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2501 (A) (1);
- Athletes who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as a Junior

Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;

- Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top three (3) total combined junior scores from each section in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series;
- The next best three (3) total combined junior scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series;
- The top three (3) total combined novice scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series.

## PAIRS

### Maximum of 12 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.

- Teams who qualify for the same event at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2502 (A) (1);
- Teams who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as a Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;
  - Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top nine (9) total combined scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series.

## ICE DANCE

### Maximum of 15 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships©.

- Teams who qualify for the same event at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2503 (A) (1);
- Teams who are assigned to and compete at three (3) international assignments classified as a Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event;
  - Refer to the approved list of international competitions within this document.
- The top 12 total combined scores from the nation in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Series.

### JUNIOR BYES AND ADVANCEMENT – BREAKDOWN

	Maximum Spots	International Byes	Championship Series – Jr.	Championship Series – Nov.
Ladies	18	3	12	3
Men	18	3	12	3
Pairs	12	3	9	
Ice Dance	15	3	12	

## Criteria Notes

If the maximum spots allotted for byes are not met through the outlined criteria, additional competitors from the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series will be invited to fill the maximum available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships© for each level/discipline. Competitors from the Championship Series will be selected based on next best total combined score(s) in the nation. This will apply equally to all disciplines in the junior and senior events.

If the number of athletes with three international assignments from the approved international competition list

exceeds the number of available byes to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the athletes with three international assignments will be ranked and awarded byes in the following order until there are no byes available. The remaining athletes will compete in the U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series to qualify for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

- Highest to lowest best total score in the approved list of international competitions for Grand Prix competitors;
- Highest to lowest best total score in the approved list of international competitions for Junior Grand Prix competitors;
- Highest to lowest best total score in the approved list of international competitions for other international competitors.

### **Required Minimum Score**

The required minimum score for all athletes to compete at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships© is under review for all disciplines and will be addressed in the fall of 2021.

### **Other Circumstances**

No medical byes will be granted for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships© per rule 2513.

Once approved, this document shall supersede the relevant bye rules within the 2021/22 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook unless specifically mentioned (ex. medical byes).

Only the athlete(s) in question may submit an appeal to U.S. Figure Skating via Events Department at [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org). The headquarters liaison will share the appeal with the Athletes Advisory, Competitions, and International Committee chairs. The liaison will coordinate a review of and vote on the matter within 48 hours of receiving the appeal and communicate the results to the athlete(s).

### **APPROVED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS APPLICABLE FOR 2021/22 BYES:**

#### **ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating**

ISU Junior Grand Prix France  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Canada  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Slovakia  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Russia  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Slovenia  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Poland  
ISU Junior Grand Prix Austria

#### **ISU Challenger Series**

Lombardia Trophy  
Autumn Classic  
Nebelhorn Trophy  
Nepela Memorial  
Finlandia Trophy  
Asian Open  
Ice Challenge  
Warsaw Cup

**APPROVED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS APPLICABLE FOR 2021/22 BYES (Cont.):**

**ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating**

Skate America

Skate Canada International

Cup of China

NHK Trophy

Internationaux de France

Rostelecom Cup

**ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final**

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