

2023 SINGLES, PAIRS AND ICE DANCE QUALIFYING SEASON ATHLETE BYE & ADVANCEMENT CRITERIA

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 2023 Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final, in addition to the 2023 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 2022-23 National Qualifying Series prior to the Series Application Deadline (Sept. 20, 2022)**. Failure to do so will result in the competitor(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 National Qualifying Series via an [approved NQS competition](#). If athletes receiving byes choose to compete, they will not lose their bye to the Sectionals Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final and/or U.S. Pairs Final, regardless of score, nor displace an athlete who would have qualified if the said athlete had not competed.

ADVANCEMENT TO SECTIONAL SINGLES FINAL, U.S. PAIRS FINAL AND/OR U.S. ICE DANCE FINAL

For junior and senior events: Any member of the U.S. Figure Skating Team, defined in rule ICR 3.05, who has been assigned to and competes at an international assignment 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

ADVANCEMENT TO THE U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS©

SENIOR SINGLES

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

- Athletes who placed in the top five in the same event at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2501 (B) (2)
- Athletes selected to the 2022 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 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 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 total combined scores from each section in the Sectional Singles Final**
 - **Plus, next-best scores nationwide until maximum is met**

SENIOR PAIRS

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

- Teams that placed in the top five in the same event at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2502 (B) (2)
- Teams selected to the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event per rule 2502 (B) (2)
- Teams that have won a medal in the pairs event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games per rule 2502 (B) (2)
- Teams that 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 that are assigned to and compete at three 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 teams from the U.S. Pairs Final**
 - **Plus, next-best teams the U.S. Pairs Final until maximum is met**

SENIOR ICE DANCE

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

- Teams that placed in the top five in the same event at the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2503 (B) (2)
- Teams selected to the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating World Team (not including alternates) in the same event per rule 2503 (B) (2)
- Teams that have won a medal in the ice dance event at the most recent Olympic Winter Games per rule 2503 (B) (2)
- Teams that 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 that are assigned to and compete at three 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 teams from the U.S. Ice Dance Final**
 - **Plus, next-best teams from U.S. Ice Dance Final until maximum is met**

JUNIOR 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 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 four total combined junior scores from each section in the Sectional Singles Final**
- **The top two total combined novice scores each section in the Sectional Singles Final**

JUNIOR PAIRS

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

- Teams that qualify for the same event at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2502 (A) (1)
- Teams that 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 total combined scores from the nation in the U.S. Pairs Final**
 - **Plus, next-best teams from the U.S. Pairs Final until maximum is met**

On Nov. 17, the board approved a motion via e-ballot to allow the top two finishers in novice at the 2023 U.S. Pairs Final to compete in the junior pairs event at the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships as a one-year exception to rule 2502. If either of those teams chooses not to participate, no additional teams will be invited.

JUNIOR ICE DANCE

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

- Teams that qualify for the same event at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final per rule 2503 (A) (1)
- Teams that are assigned to and compete at three 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. Ice Dance Final**
 - **Plus, next-best teams from U.S. Ice Dance Final until maximum is met**

Criteria Notes

If the maximum spots allotted for byes are not met through the outlined criteria, additional competitors from the U.S. Figure Skating November Finals will be invited to fill the maximum available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships© for each level/discipline. Competitors from the November Finals 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 November Finals 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 2022.

Other Circumstances

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

Only the athlete(s) in question may submit an appeal to U.S. Figure Skating via the Events Department at events@usfigureskating.org. The headquarters liaison will share the appeal with the chairs of the Athletes Advisory, Competitions Committee and International Committee. 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).

A bye list will be posted on www.USFigureSkating.org prior to the Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final in early November 2022 to finalize qualifying advancement numbers.

APPROVED COMPETITIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE APPLICABLE FOR 2022/23 BYES:

ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

ISU Junior Grand Prix France (Courchevel)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix Czech Republic (Ostrava)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix Latvia (Riga)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix Armenia (Yerevan)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix France (Grenoble)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix Poland (Gdańsk)
 ISU Junior Grand Prix Italy (Egna-Neumarkt)

ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating

Skate America
 Skate Canada International
 Grand Prix de France
 MK John Wilson Trophy
 NHK Trophy
 Grand Prix Espoo

**Please refer to [ISU website](http://www.isu.org) for updated Grand Prix details*

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

Additional Competitions:

U.S. Figure Skating Classic
Autumn Classic
Lombardia Trophy
Nebelhorn Trophy
Nepela Memorial
Finlandia Trophy
Asian Open
Ice Challenge
Budapest Trophy
Denis Ten Memorial

Please note, participation at the Philadelphia Summer Championships, Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships, Cranberry Cup, John Nicks Pairs Challenge, Japan Open and World University Games are not approved competitions for bye criteria.

Contact Information

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