

## 2024 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 2024 Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final, in addition to the 2024 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 2023-24 National Qualifying Series prior to the close of the series on Oct. 8**. Failure to do so will result in the competitor(s) not being entered nor allowed to compete at the 2024 Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final and/or 2024 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships for the current season. Additionally, all are highly encouraged to participate in the National Qualifying Series via an [approved 2023-24 NQS competitions](#). If athletes receiving byes choose to compete, they will not lose their bye to the Sectionals Final, U.S. Ice Dance Final, U.S. Pairs Final, and/or 2024 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, regardless of score, nor displace an athlete who would have qualified if the said athlete had not competed (per rule 2472).

### **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 minimum of one international assignment classified as an ISU Grand Prix, ISU Junior Grand Prix and or ISU Challenger Series event that is included in the list of approved competitions in this document.

#### **Additional competitors may qualify for the sectional singles final as outlined in Rule 2472:**

- Having won the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the junior level, in the previous season, if competing at the junior level this season.
- Having won the sectional singles final at the senior level in the previous season.

### **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 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2501 (B) (1)

- Athletes selected to the 2023 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 (not including the team event) per rule 2501 (B) (3)
- 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 (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511) 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 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2502 (B) (1)
- Teams selected to the 2023 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 (not including team event) per rule 2502 (B) (3)
- 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 (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511) per rule 2502 (B) (4)
- 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 next best placements at 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 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships per rule 2503 (B) (1)
- Teams selected to the 2023 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 (not including team event) per rule 2503 (B) (3)
- 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 (not including alternates; or as a member of the United States Figure Skating Team who meets the approved criteria per rule 2511) per rule 2503 (B) (4)
- 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 next best placements at the 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 (not including alternates) per rule 2501 (A) (3)
- 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 8 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 (not including alternates) per rule 2502 (A) (2)
- 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 eight total combined junior scores from the nation in the U.S. Pairs Final**

## **JUNIOR ICE DANCE**

### **Maximum of 10 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 (not including alternates) per rule 2503 (A) (2)
- 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 ten total combined junior scores from the nation in the U.S. Ice Dance Final**

## **NOVICE PAIRS**

### **Maximum of 4 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

- **The top four total combined novice scores from the nation in the U.S. Pairs Final**

## **NOVICE ICE DANCE**

### **Maximum of 5 available spots at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

- **The top five total combined novice scores from the nation in the U.S. Ice Dance Final**

## 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 2023.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org) prior to the Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final and U.S. Ice Dance Final in early November 2023 to finalize qualifying advancement numbers.

## **APPROVED COMPETITIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE APPLICABLE FOR 2023/24 BYES:**

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

ISU Junior Grand Prix Thailand (Bangkok)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Austria (Linz)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Turkey (Istanbul)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Japan (Osaka)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Hungary (Budapest)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Poland (Gdańsk)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Armenia (Yerevan)

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

Skate America

Skate Canada International

Grand Prix de France

Cup of China

Grand Prix Espoo

NHK Trophy

*\*Please refer to [ISU Website](#) for updated Grand Prix details*

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

### **Challenger Series:**

Lombardia Trophy

Autumn Classic (Canada)

Nebelhorn Trophy

Nepela Memorial

Finlandia Trophy

Budapest Trophy

Denis Ten Memorial Challenge

Ice Challenge

Warsaw Cup

*Please note, participation at the following international competitions, Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships, Cranberry Cup, John Nicks Pairs Challenge, Autumn Classic (Los Angeles), the Japan Open, and the Golden Spin of Zagreb **are not** approved competitions for bye criteria.*

### **Contact Information**

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