



# **U.S. Adult Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program Guidelines**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program recognizes competitive adult figure skaters who have successfully demonstrated longevity in the sport through their ongoing participation in the U.S. Adult Championships and the Adult Competition Series.

It defines the ultimate success in competitive adult figure skating as being physically able to skate competitively for a lifetime and rewards competitive adult figure skaters who manage their training in a way that makes this possible.

The goal of the Adult Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program is to create a shift within our culture -- encouraging competitive adult figure skaters to focus on the long-term goal of successfully participating in this program over shorter-term goals that may increase their chance of injury and prevent future participation in the sport.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program is open to all members of U.S. Figure Skating who compete at the U.S. Adult Championships or in the Adult Competition Series. It is also open to Learn to Skate USA members in the adult 1-6 levels who compete in the Adult Competition Series.

## **REGISTRATION/ADMINISTRATION**

To participate in the program, U.S. Adult Championships skaters must enroll online at: <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/form2020/index.html> and their past U.S. Adult Championships competitive history will be verified. Those qualifying in the Adult Competition Series (competing in the minimum required events and competitions) will automatically be registered in the Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program.

Adult Competition Series and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships annual competition credits will update automatically from that point forward. There is no fee to register for the program.

Each year a participant competes in an event at the U.S. Adult Championships or qualifies in the Adult Competition Series (competes in the minimum required events and competitions) adds another year of credit to their competitive history. Only one year of competition credit per season will be credited to a participant's competitive history

## **RECOGNITION BENEFITS**

Athletes who obtain a new recognition tier (either through their initial registration in the program or their previous registration and ongoing competition in the Adult Competition Series or U.S. Adult Championships) will receive an email notifying them of the recognition tier by July 1.

Adults who have met a new recognition tier for the first time during the previous calendar year (either through their initial registration in the program or their previous registration and ongoing competition in the Adult Competition Series or the U.S. Adult Championships) will:

1. Earn the title “U.S. Adult Figure Skating XXXXX Lifetime Competitor”, as specified in the Recognition Levels table on Page 3 of this document
2. Be recognized:
  - a. On the U.S. Figure Skating Website
  - b. Via an email to their club president
3. Receive a downloadable certificate commemorating their achievement
4. Be eligible to wear patches or pins of their recognition level. Patches and pins will be offered for purchase in the in Members Only section of U.S. Figure Skating’s website after July 1, 2018, under the “Merchandise” tab.

Upon reaching the Platinum Adult Lifetime Competitor Recognition Level, athletes will be recognized in Skating Magazine and receive a hard-copy certificate of high quality.

## RECOGNITION LEVELS

Participants in the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program will be recognized according to the following schedule:

Years of Competition	Recognition Level
5	<b>Pewter</b> Adult Lifetime Competitor
10	<b>Bronze</b> Adult Lifetime Competitor
15	<b>Silver</b> Adult Lifetime Competitor
20	<b>Gold</b> Adult Lifetime Competitor
25	<b>Platinum</b> Adult Lifetime Competitor