



Adult Special Achievement Awards

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INTRODUCTION/RATIONALE

The purpose of U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards is to recognize and reward adult figure skaters who demonstrate high-quality technical elements and performance regardless of difficulty.

The goal of the Adult Special Achievement Awards Program is to help create a shift within our culture, encouraging competitive adult figure skaters to focus on improving presentation and executing elements with high quality instead of attempting riskier, lower-quality elements that may increase their chance of injury and prevent future participation in the sport.

The Adult Skating Program defines the ultimate success in competitive adult figure skating as being physically able to skate competitively for a lifetime. Therefore, this program offers an incentive to competitive adult figure skaters who manage their competitive programs and strategy in a way that sets them up for success and longevity.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards are pins given to adult athletes to reward high quality skating in their programs at the Adult Sectional Championships and the U.S. Adult Championships. Pins are awarded in championship singles events at the adult sectional championships and championship pairs and partnered ice dance events at the U.S. Adult Championships.

ELIGIBLE EVENTS AND AWARDS

Events where Adult Special Achievement Awards will be awarded are:

- U.S. Adult Sectional Championships: championship adult silver, championship adult gold, championship masters intermediate-novice, and championship masters junior-senior singles events
- U.S. Adult Championships: championship masters pairs and the free dance component of championship partnered adult dance.

Each skater will receive an Adult Special Achievement Award at the conclusion of the medal ceremony for each eligible free skate/free dance event for the following:

- The skater, couple, or pair in each group with the highest Presentation mark total
- The skater in each singles group with the highest point total for their ChSt element
- The pair in the championship masters pairs event who earns the most points for their side-by-side solo spin
- The couple in the championship adult dance event who earns the most points for their twizzles
- Each skater or couple who achieves a total GOE of 0.00 or higher for each element on their protocol (the total GOE score column is directly to the right of the Base Value column) and no dashed elements.
- Each skater in the championship masters junior-senior events who earns at least one +3 GOE or higher for an element (one GOE pin is awarded the first time this is achieved)*
- Each skater in championship adult silver , championship adult gold , championship masters intermediate-novice , championship masters pairs or championship adult dance who earns at least two +2 or higher GOEs or at least one +3 or higher GOE for an element (one GOE pin awarded the first time this is achieved)*

**Only 1 pin will be awarded to each skater regardless of the amount of GOE achievements. However, all elements achieving this will be recognized.*

- If the event is uncontested, there will be no pin given for the highest presentation, ChSt, side-by-side spin, or twizzles.

In events with qualifying rounds, pins will be awarded in both the qualifying round and the final round.

