

# 2023 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT



The 2023 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships and High Performance National Development Camp (click [HERE](#) for information packet) held in San Jose, Calif., Jan. 23-29, 2023. The U.S. Championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted in accordance with the rules of U.S. Figure Skating as written in the [2022/23 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#) or amended by U.S. Figure Skating's Board of Directors. All events will be judged using the international judging system (IJS).

## [SAP Center](#) – Competition

**525 W Santa Clara St. – San Jose, CA 95113**

The SAP Center, host of the 2012 & 2018 U.S. Championships and home of the San Jose Sharks, will host all Junior and Senior level competitions. The arena is an 18,000 seat downtown Venue and has an 85' x 200' (NHL) sized ice surface.



## [Sharks Ice San Jose](#) – Practice (Official & Unofficial), High Performance National Dev. Camp **1500 South Tenth Street – San Jose, CA 95112**

Located approximately 10 minutes from downtown San Jose, Sharks Ice San Jose will host official and unofficial practices for the Championships, in addition to the High Performance National Development Camp.

## **COVID-19 PROTOCOL | as of November 18, 2022 (subject to change)**

The event does not require proof of vaccination for accredited persons. Additionally, antigen testing will NOT be required to receive accreditation nor will be conducted onsite. Accredited persons and spectators are encouraged but not required to wear facial coverings within arenas and on shuttle.

## **ATHLETE CHECKLIST**

- 1. Junior/Senior EMS Registration Confirmation – Deadline: November 21, 2022**
  - All athletes advancing from the Sectional, U.S. Ice Dance and/or U.S. Pairs Finals must confirm their registration via [EMS](#) (Competition Registration – Qualifying – “Confirm Registration”). If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).
    - Note: athletes with byes can skip this step!
- 2. [Book Hotel](#) – Deadline: earlier of December 16, 2022, or when all rooms in the room block are booked.**
  - See details below, “Participant Housing”
- 3. Accreditation Forms & [Photo Upload](#) – Deadline: December 9, 2022**
  - [Accompanying Guest/Minor Form](#), [Coach Form](#)
- 4. [Event Program & Headshot Form](#) – Deadline: December 9, 2022**
- 5. Music Upload & Planned Program Content (PPC) via EMS – Deadline: January 16, 2023**

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## PARTICIPANT HOUSING

U.S. Figure Skating has obtained a group rate for athletes and coaches at the [San Jose Marriott](#) which will serve as the official hotel for the Championships. The Marriott is the only property that will be serviced by the event shuttle. A maximum of TWO rooms are available on a first-come basis. All are encouraged to [book reservations](#) as early as possible for best availability. The room block will close as early as **December 16, 2022, or when all rooms in the block are booked.** Participant Rates:

- Run of House Room: \$269 + taxes per night/per room
- Double: \$275 + taxes per night/per room

*U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to cancel reservations booked in official block that are NOT connected to a participating athlete or coach. Additional hotels can be booked [here](#), note: the event shuttle will NOT serve these properties.*

## LOCAL GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The San Jose International Airport (SJC) is approximately 10 minutes to downtown San Jose. San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is also an option but is 45-60 minutes to downtown San Jose.

**Airport → Hotel(s):** all athletes and coaches are responsible for arranging their own ground transportation from the airport to the hotel on arrival and departure. More information on ground transportation in San Jose can be found [here](#).

**Event Shuttle:** an event shuttle will support transportation from the San Jose Marriott to the official venue(s). The shuttle system schedule will be released and posted once finalized on the [event website](#). The shuttle will begin operation on Monday, January 23 to support the first day of official practice and end on Sunday, January 29 following the exhibition. The shuttle system is not available for any special requests including any ice time purchased by athletes outside of the official ice listed on the event schedule.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS ALTERNATES

See [U.S. Figure Skating Rules 2520-2524](#) for alternate information.

## ALL WITHDRAWS

All withdraws must be submitted in writing to [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) and include Event Discipline/Level, Athlete Name(s) and Member Number(s). All withdraws MUST be submitted by the athlete or if under the age of 18, parent or guardian. Withdraws will not be accepted from coaches.

## ACCOMPANYING GUEST CREDENTIAIS & EVENT TICKETS

Each athlete will receive one complimentary accompanying guest credential for an [immediate family member](#) that will provide access to the SAP Center, Sharks Ice and event shuttle (note: there are NO chaperone credentials). In order to receive an accompanying guest credential, the mandatory form must be completed [HERE](#) and photo uploaded to Member's Only (how to guide [here](#)).

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Athletes may purchase one additional accompanying guest credential for an immediate family member (\$150) and up to two accompanying minor credentials (\$75).

**A block of open seating (on a first come basis) has been reserved in the main arena for all credentialed persons interested in watching the competition throughout the week in the upper bowl. If interested in guaranteed or lower bowl seats for any session, all are encouraged to purchase event tickets [here](#).**

**There are NO chaperone credentials at the 2023 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships and event level access is restricted to athletes, coaches, and officials.**

## **COACH CREDENTIAL POLICY**

- Singles – max. of two coaches accredited (one complimentary and one at additional cost)
- Pairs/Dance Teams – max. of three coaches can be designated (two complimentary and one at additional cost)

To be eligible for a coach credential, the coach must be a member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating, Professional Skaters Association as well as having successfully completed PSA CER requirements and the coach registration process at time of credentialing.

These designated coaches will each receive an event credential. Credentials provide access to the event shuttle, public areas of the arenas, and depending on each credential's assigned level of access, access to restricted areas of the venues. In addition to submitting the [Coach Credential Application](#), all skaters are required to update their coach information via [EMS](#).

## **CREDENTIAL PHOTOS**

All attendees (skaters, coaches and accompanying guests/minors) are required to upload their photos in advance of the competition to [Member's Only](#). If a chaperone or accompanying minor does not have a U.S. Figure Skating membership, they must create a [Non-Member Account](#) to provide the photo in advance. [Click here](#) for additional information on this process.

## **SECURITY**

The 2023 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be supported by a comprehensive security plan. Credential color and specific assigned graphic icons will determine level of access to restricted areas at both official arenas. U.S. Figure Skating will solely determine the appropriate color, access icons and expiration date for the credential of every competitor, coach, chaperone and official.

Competitor and coach credentials expire the day following the athlete's last competition event (free skate or free dance) for [event level access](#).

Accredited individuals are required to wear their credential at all times while riding the event shuttle or in the arena(s) or restricted areas of the hotel. [Competitors are exempt from this policy only when they are on the](#)

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ice. Individuals without credentials will be refused access to the shuttle buses, restricted areas of the official hotels and both the public and restricted areas of the arenas.

Individuals found in any restricted area without the appropriate credential will be immediately removed from the premises, and risk losing their credential and all its privileges for the duration of the Championships. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS to this and all U.S. Figure Skating security policies.

### ANTI-DOPING

The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) will conduct in-competition drug testing for Championship (Senior) level events only. Drug testing will be conducted at the SAP Center following the free skate for each senior competition. Testing will be performed on the top four (4) place-winners at the senior level only (subject to change), as well as one random entry per discipline at the senior level (subject to change).

Following the completion of each senior event, and before leaving the arena, each competitor in that event must check at the USADA testing room for the list of skaters selected for testing. Any competitor who is in a Registered Testing Pool for USADA or the International Skating Union (ISU) may be tested at ANY time during the competition, including immediately following a practice session.

All testing will adhere to the protocols and guidelines established by USADA and the International Skating Union (ISU). Detection of any prohibited substances will lead to penalties or sanctions as determined by the ISU. Questions regarding prohibited substances, drug testing or the safety of any medication, drug or dietary supplement should be directed to the USADA at [www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org) or (800) 233-0393.

### ON-ICE AWARDS

U.S. Figure Skating Championship trophies will be awarded to the winners of each event. U.S. Figure Skating medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through fourth in each event. Exact times will be indicated on the color schedule and within [EMS](#).

### DRAWS

The initial draw for each event will take place according to the schedule available onsite. Each of the draws for the 2022 TOYOTA U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be conducted in accordance with the [2022/23 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#) and by the specific event's referee and accountant.

### EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2022. The following athletes will be invited to perform:

- Senior Level – Champions, Silver & Bronze Medalists, in addition to Special Invites
  - Special invites will be confirmed upon conclusion of each event
- Junior Level – champion(s) in each discipline.

All competitors should come prepared with exhibition music and costumes. Exhibition practice ice is included on the event schedule and is mandatory. Medalists and their coaches will receive a day pass credential for

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Sunday admission to the arena (if applicable) and all other additional information at the awards ceremony for their event. Music must be emailed to [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) prior to the exhibition practice.

## PRACTICE ICE

Official practice ice (OPI) groups are available [HERE](#). Day of pre-event warmups (WU) will be assigned based on start order established onsite. Unofficial practice ice (UPI) will be available via [EMS](#) December 15 at 12:00 pm ET at the practice facility (Sharks Ice San Jose). In advance of this date, we kindly request that you DO NOT contact the practice ice facility directly to secure ice. Refer to the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#) (specifically rules 2701 F & 2712 A) for additional practice ice parameters.

F. Unofficial practice ice: this is not scheduled by the chief referee, nor is it the responsibility of U.S. Figure Skating. A skater who would like additional practice sessions beyond official practice ice may contact local rinks for times and prices. A skater/team may skate on unofficial practice ice at any rink, at any time, EXCEPT between the time when the skater's/team's event segment has begun — as signified by the first warm-up group taking the ice — and the time when the last skater/team in the event completes their program.

## COLOR SCHEDULE

The color schedule can be found on the [event website](#) and [Event Management System](#) (EMS). Personal schedules will be available via [EMS](#) for athletes and coaches no later than December 15. Please note, all schedule information is tentative and subject to change.

## CONTACTS

General Questions

Email: [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org)

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## RESOURCE LIST & DUE DATES

[Event Website](#) + [Purchase Tickets](#)

[Color Schedule](#)

[Official Practice Ice Groups](#)

[Pre-Order Merchandise](#)

[Mandatory Event Program Form](#) – **Deadline: December 9**

[Accompanying Guest/Minor Credential Request](#) – **Deadline: December 9**

[Coach Credential Request](#) – **Deadline: December 9**

[San Jose Marriott Booking Link](#) – **Deadline: December 16**

[Event Management System \(EMS\)](#)

- Skater Portal: [My Coaches](#), [Music](#), [PPC](#) – **Deadline: January 16**
- Coach Portal: [My Skaters](#), [Coach Schedule](#)

[Approved 2022-23 Bye Criteria](#)

[Minimum Total Element Score](#) \*requires log-in to [Members Only](#), for SENIOR only

[U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#)

[School Absence Letter Request](#)

Program Requirements | Junior & Senior

- Singles: [Short Program](#) & [Free Skate](#)
- Pairs: [Short Program](#) & [Free Skate](#)
- Ice Dance: [Rhythm Dance](#) & [Free Dance](#)