

OFFICIAL USFSA, CFSFA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1944 United States Championships

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS of the USFSA will be held under the auspices of the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis at the Arena Rink on February 24, 25, and 26, 1944. The rink, with an ice surface of 95 x 205 feet, will be available for practice at the morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. See December SKATING, pages 11 and 44, for rule changes affecting the National Championships.

Entry blanks will be mailed to all Club Secretaries and Individual Members of the United States Figure Skating Association, and should be returned to Mr. Arthur F. Preusch, Competition Chairman, c/o the Minneapolis Arena, 2900 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis 8, Minn. Entries must bear Post Office cancellation stamp not later than midnight, February 9, 1944. Entry fee of \$3.00 per person per event must be enclosed. Entries for Men's Senior and Junior Singles and all Pair events will not be accepted after that date; other entries bearing a later cancellation date may be considered as post-entries and the entry fee doubled.

A general schedule, subject to change depending on the number of entries in the different classes, has been announced as follows: Thursday morning, music timing for Novice and Junior Singles and Pairs; Men's and Ladies' Novice School Figures on Thursday afternoon followed by more music practice. Friday is devoted to school figures; Men's Junior, then Ladies' Junior, Ladies' Senior and Men's Senior; the Free Skating on Friday evening will be Men's Novice, Ladies' Novice, Men's Junior, Ladies' Junior, Junior Pairs. Saturday morning starts with music timing for Seniors, followed by Junior Dance and Senior Dance (elimination and semi-final rounds) with the Final Rounds in both Dances that afternoon; Fours for contents; and more music

timing and practice. Saturday evening starts with the Men's Senior Free Skating, Ladies' Senior, exhibition by the four Junior Dance Finalists, Senior Pairs, Fours for performance, exhibitions by the Junior Man and Lady and Pair winners, exhibition by the four Senior Dance Finalists, and announcement of results and awards.

Music will be from records to be played over the rink sound system. Contestants must furnish their own records for Free Skating, Pairs and Fours events.

Tickets for all sessions will be furnished all contestants upon arrival in Minneapolis, and seats near the ice will be held for them.

Hotel and transportation information will be included in the announcement to go out with entry blanks. The Hotel Radisson has been selected as headquarters for the National Championships. Other Minneapolis hotels are the Nicollet Hotel and the Curtis Hotel.

A buffet Supper and Dance will be held following the events Saturday evening, in honor of the Judges, Officials and Contestants.

Changes in Rules

ALL SKATERS interested in competitions and tests are reminded that various rules have been changed. In order that their Rulebooks may be up-to-date they are urged to copy into their books the rule changes as given on the Official Pages in the 1943 May, October, and December Issues.

WALTER S. POWELL,
President, USFSA

To Members of Carnival & Exhibition Sanctions Committee

SEVERAL INQUIRIES have been received from officials of clubs in this country and in Canada regarding carnivals and exhibitions in which their skaters have been invited to appear. Members of the Committee are requested to notify the Chairman as soon as sanctions are issued so such inquiries can be cleared promptly.

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