

2001 Championships awarded to Boston

Boston, Mass., has been selected as the site for the 2001 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the USFSA announced recently.

The Skating Club of Boston and the Massachusetts Sports Partnership will host the event which is scheduled for Jan. 13-21, 2001. The state-of-the-art, 17,200-seat FleetCenter — home to the NBA's Boston Celtics and NHL's Boston Bruins — will serve as the primary venue for the Championships.

The announcement was made by USFSA President Morry Stillwell of Malibu, Calif., following a vote by the USFSA Board of Directors at its October meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"We are confident that the city of Boston will be an excellent host for U.S. figure skating's premier event," Stillwell

said. "The city's state-of-the-art facilities combined with the strength and enthusiasm of the local skating community are sure to set the stage for a successful U.S. Championships in the year 2001."

The U.S. Championships are expected to attract more than 1,500 athletes, coaches and officials to the city. The 2001 edition will mark the sixth time that the city has hosted the U.S. Championships — the last time being 1962.

Other finalists to host the 2001 event were Hartford, Conn. — with a bid prepared by The Charter Oak Skating Club and the International Skating Center of Connecticut — and Orlando, Fla. — with a bid prepared Sunshine State Figure Skating Club and the Orlando Area Sports Commission.

Upcoming USFSA Championship Events

- 1998 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Jan. 4-11, 1998
Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1998 U.S. Precision Team Skating Championships
March 11-14, 1998
San Diego, Calif.
- 1998 Junior Olympics
March 18-21, 1998
Plano, Texas
- 1998 Adult National Figure Skating Championships
April 16-19, 1998
Oakland/Berkeley, Calif.
- 1999 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Feb. 7-14, 1999
Salt Lake City, Utah
- 1999 U.S. Precision Team Skating Championships
March 10-13, 1999
Tampa, Fla.
- 2000 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Feb. 6-12, 2000
Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2001 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Jan 13-21, 2001
Boston, Mass.



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Final places for Olympics decided

The remaining places for the Figure Skating competition at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games were decided at the Karl Schäfer Memorial Competition, Oct. 15-18, in Vienna, Austria.



Under the International Skating Union's qualification system, 24 entries for the Ladies and Mens events, 16 entries for the Pairs, and 19 for the Dance event at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan next February were allocated based on the results of the 1997 World Figure Skating Championships.

The remaining six entries in the Ladies and Mens events, four in the Pairs and five in the Dance were allocated after the conclusion of the final Qualifying Competition in Vienna.

Only countries which had not already qualified for places in each discipline were eligible for the remaining places for Nagano. Other skaters could compete in Vienna but were not eligible for the Olympic places. In all cases, Olympic places are awarded to countries, not individual skater(s).

FINAL LIST OF COUNTRIES QUALIFIED FOR OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

Qualified at 1997 World Figure Skating Championships

LADIES	MEN	PAIRS	DANCE
USA 3	CAN 3	GER 2	RUS 3
FRA 3	USA 2	RUS 3	CAN 2
RUS 3	RUS 2	USA 2	FRA 3
HUN 2	UKR 2	CAN 2	USA 2
AUT 2	GER 2	FRA 2	UKR 2
UKR 2	AZE 2	POL 2	ITA 2
	JPN 2		LIT 2
GER 1	FRA 1	CHN 1	POL 1
AUS 1	GRB 1	KZK 1	GER 1
POL 1	ROM 1	AUS 1	CZE 1
SWI 1	ISR 1		
CZE 1	HUN 1		
UZB 1	LAT 1		
JPN 1	DEN 1		
FIN 1	CHN 1		
SLO 1	UZB 1		

Qualified at Karl Schäfer Memorial Competition

LADIES	MEN	PAIRS	DANCE
CHN 1	AUS 1	UKR 1	BLR 1
AZE 1	BUL 1	CZE 1	ISR 1
GRB 1	SWI 1	GRB 1	BUL 1
ITA 1	ITA 1	JPN* 1	GRB 1
SWE 1	SVK 1		JPN* 1
SPN 1	KZK 1		
Totals:	30	30	20
		20	24

* Under ISU rules, if the Olympic host country does not qualify by rights one entry is reserved in each discipline. JPN qualified in the Ladies and Mens events at the 1997 World Figure Skating Championships and one place has now been allocated to JPN in the Pairs and Dance events.

Reserves (in order)

LADIES	MEN	PAIRS	DANCE
SVK	LUX	AZE	ARM
CRO	POL	GRE	KZK
SAF	FIN	ARM	SVK
BUL	TPE	SVK	AUT
CAN	ROK	BLR	HUN
ROK	EST		SWI
EST	SLO		EST
YUG	CZE		
TPE	SPN		
ROM	SAF		

COUNTRY ABBREVIATIONS: ARM — Armenia; AUS — Australia; AUT — Austria; AZE — Azerbaijan; BLR — Belarus; BUL — Bulgaria; CAN — Canada; CHN — China; CRO — Croatia; CZE — Czech Republic; DEN — Denmark; EST — Estonia; FIN — Finland; FRA — France; GER — Germany; GRB — Great Britain; GRE — Greece; HUN — Hungary; ISR — Israel; ITA — Italy; JPN — Japan; KZK — Kazakhstan; LAT — Latvia; LIT — Lithuania; LUX — Luxembourg; POL — Poland; ROK — Republic of Korea; ROM — Romania; RUS — Russia; SAF — South Africa; SLO — Slovenia; SPN — Spain; SVK — Slovak Republic; SWE — Sweden; SWI — Switzerland; TPE — Chinese Taipei; UKR — Ukraine; USA — United States of America; UZB — Uzbekistan; YUG — Yugoslavia.

Lane named to head PSA

Gerry Lane of Denver, Colo., has been named President-elect of the Professional Skaters Association. The election took place at the meeting of the PSA's Board of Directors, Oct. 4-5, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In May 1998, Lane will fill the position of President vacated by Bob Mock of Pittsburgh, Pa., who has held the office since 1994.

"I look forward to maintaining the course set for us by Bob Mock with regard to our relationships with the United States Figure Skating Association, Ice Skating Institute and other groups as well as the challenges facing us with rapid growth," Lane said. "Clubs and rinks everywhere are recognizing the importance of having competent coaches. We must expand all our programs in a responsible fashion in order to reach out to all levels of coaches wherever they may live."

Lane has held many positions within the PSA and the USFSA. He is currently serving his second term as First Vice President of the PSA and also chairs the Technical-Skating Rules and Standards Committee. In the past, Lane has served as a member of the USFSA Board of Directors and a member of both the Coaches and Singles and Pairs committees. He is certified as a Master-rated coach in figures, freestyle, dance, free dance and Moves in the Field.

U.S. Juniors finish strong in new ISU Series

U.S. junior skaters made a strong showing in the inaugural ISU Junior Series earning a record nine potential berths in the Series Final, March 6-8, 1998, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Junior Series — patterned after the highly successful ISU Champions Series for senior-level skaters — combines six prestigious international competitions for juniors into a unified point-earning series. The series is open to those skaters under the age of 19 as of July 1, 1997.

Skaters earned points based on their finishes at a maximum of two Series events that

included Grand Prix (St. Gervais, France), Sofia Cup (Sofia, Bulgaria), Ukrainian Souvenir (Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine), Pokal der Blauen Schwerter (Chemnitz, Germany), Hungarian Grand Prix (Szekesfehervar, Hungary) and Grand Prix SNP (Banska Bystrica, Slovak Republic).

The top eight point earners in ladies' and men's singles and the top six point-earning pairs and dance couples have qualified for the Junior Series Final — pending final approval by the Champions Series Management Commission — where a total purse of \$300,000 will be

awarded.

Americans Timothy Goebel (men's singles) and Jessica Joseph and Charles Butler (ice dancing) led the U.S. charge through the series — earning the maximum number of points (30) with two event wins each.

In ladies' singles, the United States is expected to have three entries into the Final — more than any other country — as Americans Amber Corwin, Shelby Lyons and Morgan Rowe all finished in the top eight in total points.

In pairs and dance, the United States is expected to qualify two entries in each discipline in the Finals.

Other U.S. skaters to finish in the top 12 of the final point standings include: Ladies — Andrea Gardiner (16 points); Men — Derrick Delmore (18) and Braden Overett (13); Pairs — Megan Sierk/Dustin Sierk (22), Carissa Guild/Andrew Muldoon (18) and Jaisa MacAdam/Garrett Lucash (18).

The U.S. is the only country to have more than one qualifier in each of the four disciplines and the only country to have qualifiers in all disciplines.

The tentative list of Junior Series Final qualifiers appears below.



The ISU Junior Series

Following are the tentative qualifiers for the ISU Junior Series Final, March 6-8, 1998, in Lausanne, Switzerland (subject to ratification by the Champions Series Management Commission). Points were awarded for the following places: First-15, Second- 13, Third- 11, Fourth-9, Fifth-7, Sixth-5, Seventh-4, Eighth-3, Ninth-2 and 10th-1.

Ladies

Name	Nation	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Viktoria Volchkova	RUS	—	—	15	—	—	15	30
2. Julia Soldatova	RUS	—	—	—	13	15	—	28
3. Amber Corwin	USA	—	—	—	15	—	13	28
4. Chisato Shina	JPN	—	11	13	—	—	—	24
5. Andrea Diewald	GER	13	—	—	7	—	—	20
6. Shelby Lyons	USA	11	—	9	—	—	—	20
7. Morgan Rowe	USA	—	15	—	4	—	—	19
8. Elena Pingachova	RUS	15	—	—	3	—	—	18

Men

Name	Nation	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Timothy Goebel	USA	15	—	15	—	—	—	30
2. Ivan Dinev	BUL	—	15	—	—	—	15	30
3. Matt Savoie	USA	13	—	—	15	—	—	28
4. Vincent Restencourt	FRA	—	—	13	—	11	—	24
5. Christo Turlakov	BUL	—	9	—	—	13	—	22
6. David Jäschke	GER	11	—	—	11	—	—	22
7. Yosuke Takeuchi	JPN	—	11	11	—	—	—	22
8. Vitaly Danilchenko	UKR	—	—	5	—	15	—	20

Pairs

Name	Nation	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Alena Maltseva / Oleg Popov	RUS	—	15	—	—	15	—	30
2. Yulia Obertas / Dmitry Palamarchuk	UKR	—	—	15	13	—	—	28
3. Natalie Vlandis / Jered Guzman	USA	13	—	—	15	—	—	28
4. Victoria Maxiuta / Vladislav Zhovnirsky	RUS	—	—	—	—	11	15	26
5. Svetlana Nikolaeva / Alexey Sokolov	RUS	15	—	—	11	—	—	26
6. Tiffany Stiegler / Johnnie Stiegler	USA	—	—	13	9	—	—	22

Dance

Name	Nation	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Flavia Ottaviani / Massimo Scali	ITA	15	—	—	—	—	15	30
2. Jessica Joseph / Charles Butler	USA	—	—	15	—	15	—	30
3. Federica Faiella / Luciano Milo	ITA	—	15	—	13	—	—	28
4. Oksana Potdykova / Denis Petukhov	RUS	—	—	—	15	11	—	26
5. Zita Gebora / Andras Visontai	HUN	13	—	—	—	13	—	26
6. Jamie Silverstein / Justin Pekarek	USA	—	13	—	11	—	—	24

Events: 1- Grand Prix de St. Gervais results on page 19); 2- Sofia Cup (results on page 20); 3-Ukrainian Souvenir (results on page 21); 4- Pokal der Blauen Schwerter (results on page 22). Complete results from 5-Hungarian Grand Prix (Oct. 23-26) and 6-Grand Prix SNP (Oct. 30-Nov. 2) will be published in the December issue of SKATING.