2012 U.S. SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA
SEPTEMBER 12-16, 2012

OVERVIEW

U.S. Figure Skating will host a Senior International figure skating competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 12-16, 2012. U.S. Figure Skating will serve as the organizer of this annual international competition that will feature top senior level athletes and top ISU level officials. In addition to the senior events, U.S. Figure Skating will also be conducting the "U.S. Challenge Skate", a developmental competition that will be held at the same time featuring a U.S. only Junior and Novice division.

GENERAL

The U.S. Figure Skating International Senior Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations 2010*, the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating 2010*, the Special Regulations for Ice Dance 2010*, the Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010* and the Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010* as well as all pertinent ISU Communications. Participation in the competition is open to all competitors who belong to an ISU Member, Rule 109, paragraph 1*, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102*, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in Rule 108, paragraph 2. b) and they meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements in Rule 109, paragraphs 1 through 5 and ISU Communication 1420. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clearance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation.

* in case of changes at the ISU Congress 2012, such changes will prevail.

COMPETITION VENUE

All practice and competition will take place at the Salt Lake City Sports Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah. The complex served as the official figure skating training venue for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. This complex features two indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of each 60m x 30m; the rinks are next to each other.

Salt Lake City Sports Complex
645 South Guardsman Way (1580 East)
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108
T: 801 583-9713

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Men and Ladies

Short Program: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 511, paragraph 1 and 2 and the respective ISU Communication. *)

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 512 *) and the respective ISU Communication. Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced-program" and the element values.

Duration: Men 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds
Ladies 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds

Factors: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 353, paragraph 1, l) *) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Discipline	Event	Factor
Men	Short Program	1,0
Men	Free Skate	2,0
Ladies	Short Program	0,8
	Free Skate	1,6

In case of changes made by the ISU Congress, the changes prevail.

Pairs

Short Program: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 520, paragraph 1 and 2, group for 2012/2013 and the relevant ISU Communications *).

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds maximum, but may be less.

Free Skating: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 521 and the relevant ISU Communications. Special attention should be paid to the "well-balanced program" and the element values.*)

Duration: 4 minutes and 30 seconds, +/-10 seconds

Factors: In accordance with ISU Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating 2010, Rule 353, paragraph 1, m) the multiplying factors for the Program Components are:

Discipline	Event	Factor
Pairs	Short Program	0,8
	Free Skate	1,6

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Ice Dance

Short Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dance 2010, Rule 609 *), and all pertinent ISU Communications. The composition of the Short Dance in the season 2012/2013 will contain 5 Required Elements in total:

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1 One to three of the following Rhythms: **Polka, March, Waltz.**
The Pattern Dance Elements must be skated on the Polka Rhythm, in any style of Polka. The tempo of the music throughout the Pattern Dance Elements must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the Pattern Dance Yankee Polka, i.e. 60 measures of two beats or 120 beats per minute, plus or minus 2 beats per minute**.**
2 Required Elements in the Creative part (Dane lift not more than one (1)Short Lift One (1) Not Touching Midline Step Sequence or Not Touching Circular Step Sequence and One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles). The music for the entire Short Dance (including music for specified Pattern Dance) is provided by the couple and may be vocal. The concept and choreography must produce the feeling of a unified dance. The Pattern Dance Elements may be skated anywhere in the Short Dance and should be integrated into the composition of the dance so that there should not be the feeling that there are just rhythms put together without thought of how they fit together.

Duration: 2 minutes and 50 seconds +/- 10 sec.
Free Dance: In accordance with the ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2010, Rule 610 and all pertinent ISU Communications. For the value of the required elements and components see the respective ISU Communications.
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Duration: 4 minutes, +/- 10 seconds ISU Technical Rules Ice Dancing 2010, Rule 610 paragraph 2 (well balanced program and required elements) and the respective ISU Communication must be observed.

EVENT STRUCTURE
The competition will include one day of official practice with a :20 minute warm-up on each day of competition. The event will feature the following disciplines:

- Senior ladies - singles (max. of 18)
- Senior men - singles (max. of 18)
- Senior Pairs (max of 12 teams)
- Senior Ice Dance (max of 15 teams)

ENTRY FEE
The entry fees for all entries are as follows:
Singles - $175USD/entry
Pairs - $250USD/team
Ice Dance - $250USD/team
Entry fees are required at time of final entries. U.S. Figure Skating will use an online payment for all registrations. If requested in advance, member federations will be allowed to wire registration funds directly.

ENTRIES
Citizen / Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure: Skaters must meet the participation, citizenship and residency requirements of ISU Rule 109, paragraphs 1 thru 5 and ISU Communication

1420 or any update of this Communication. Passports of the skaters, as well as the ISU Clerance Certificate, if applicable, must be presented at the accreditation for verification.. The Organizer will preferably accept skaters and couples having taken part in the finals of the Senior or Junior ISU Championships of the last two (2) seasons. As the host organizer, U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to enter a maximum of three (3) entries in each discipline. Additionally Canada will be invited to enter two (2) entries in each discipline with all other member nations invited to enter one (1) entry with alternate entries listed in case of openings. The Organizer reserves the right to limit the number of entries. The Organizer will confirm the accepted skater(s) after the closing date for entries. A maximum of 18 Ladies and Men, 12 Pairs teams and 15 Ice Dance teams will be accepted.

All competitors must be entered and all judges nominated only through their respective Member Association/Federation.

The preliminary entries must reach the Organizer by **Friday, July 20, 2012** and all final entries on **Friday, August 10, 2012** at the latest. ***Entries and nominations must be made on the official form(s) and sent to:***

U.S. Figure Skating
Attn: Bob Dunlop, Sr. Director, Events
20 First Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Fax: +1 719 635 9548
E-mail: Bdunlop@usfigureskating.org
The Announcement and the entry forms are also available at our website: http://www.usfigureskating.org

PANELS OF JUDGES

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one (1) International Judge or ISU Judge per discipline educated in the ISU Judging System, double duty Judges (Figure Skating/Ice Dance qualification) are preferred. The Panels of Judges will consist of up to seven (7) Judges with a minimum of five (5) Judges in all disciplines. The panels will be drawn immediately after the closing of entries. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result of the draw.

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel is:

Salt Lake City Marriott University Park Hotel
480 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108.
The hotel room rates are projected to be $99/room/night plus taxes. The rate will be confirmed and communicated in July, 2012 to Members that have sent the preliminary entry form.

JUDGES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL PANEL

The Organizer will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals for all drawn Judges, the invited Referees and the Technical Panel officials at the above mentioned hotel beginning with dinner on **Tuesday, September 11** through lunch on **Sunday, September 16, 2012**. The organizer will

additionally cover economy roundtrip airfare for Technical Panel officials (Referee, TC, TS, ATS, Data/Video)

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

For other team members (Team Leaders, Coaches and chaperones), rooms can be booked at the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park Hotel. All bookings are to be made with the Organizer by **August 10, 2012**. If the Team Leader, Coach or chaperone wishes to share a double room with the Competitor, half of the double room rate will be charged. The Organizer cannot guarantee availability of rooms for bookings which are received after that date.

REGISTRATION

Accreditation will take place at the official hotel. The accreditation desk will open at TBD on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2012. All persons to be accredited are kindly asked to accredit upon arrival. Accreditation will be given to Officials and ISU Office Holders. Accreditation as a Team Member will be given to all drawn Judges, Competitors and one Team Leader per participating team, one Coach per Competitor, a maximum of two Team Officials of ISU Members, provided that they are Board Members, Technical Committee Members or Members of the Head Office of their Association/Federation, and a maximum of two medical persons. Accreditation will only be granted to persons in those various functions if officially entered and named through their National Association. Chaperones (only one per skater) will receive a permit for joining the shuttle bus from the hotel to the ice rink and back.

DRAW AND JUDGES' MEETINGS

The draw for the starting order of the Short Program(s)/Short Dance will take place after the practice session for each discipline on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at the Main rink. The first Judges' Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 18.30 at the Main rink. The Round Table Discussions will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2012 for Ice Dance and on Sunday, September 16, 2012 for the Singles and the Pair event .

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Shuttle buses between the Hotel and the Ice Rink will be provided free of charge by the Organizer from Thursday to Saturday for all delegation members and officials.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The competitors and additional officials are responsible for their own arrangements concerning ground transportation to and from the official hotel to the airport.

RESULTS and ISU WORLD STANDINGS

Judging and calculations will be done according to ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance 2010, Rules 352 and 353. ISU World Standing points will also be awarded according to the "World Standings Procedure", that can be found on the ISU website (www.isu.org) under Single & Pairs/Ice Dance – World Standings. Any changes in this concern will be published immediately.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The final schedule of all the events, with practice sessions and practice groups, will be given upon arrival. Official practice sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 12.

Wednesday, September 12

Official practice sessions.
Judges' Meeting

Thursday, September 13

Short Dance
Men's Short Program

Friday, September 14

Ladies Short Program
Pairs Short Program
Free Dance
Men's Free Skate
Awards
Judges' Round Table Discussion – Men & Ice Dance

Saturday, September 15

Ladies Free Skate
Pairs Free Skate
Awards
Judges' Round Table Discussion – Pairs & Ladies

Sunday, September 16

Departures