# FRIENDS OF FIGURE SKATING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### WHAT IS THE FRIENDS OF FIGURE SKATING SUPPORTERS CLUB?

U.S. Figure Skating's Friends of Figure Skating Supporters Club is a philanthropic giving community that significantly impacts our athletes' lives. Generous contributions to the program enhance athlete journeys through the U.S. Figure Skating Fund and provide supporters with a range of exclusive benefits and experiences.

### WHAT IS THE U.S. FIGURE SKATING FUND?

The U.S. Figure Skating Fund supports athlete development, coaching education, competitions and events, skating programs, athlete financial assistance, inclusion and diversity initiatives, health and safety resources and technological advancements. This fund ensures skaters have the necessary resources and support for success both on and off the ice.

### HOW MUCH OF MY GIFT GOES TOWARD THE U.S. FIGURE SKATING FUND?

Exact amounts vary by level, but approximately 20-25% of each gift offsets the cost of the benefits provided. The remaining amount goes directly to the U.S. Figure Skating Fund.

## WHY ARE THE SUPPORTER CLUB LEVELS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS?

The cost of supporting our athletes in their pursuit of excellence continues to rise due to increased training expenses and higher costs for competitive travel. The increase also enables us to enhance the exclusive benefits and experiences we offer while covering the rising costs imposed by venues and vendors alike.

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROGRAM CHANGES FOR THIS SEASON?

We are bringing back the Friends of Figure Skating breakfast at Skate America and adding a Friends of Figure Skating breakfast at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025. Qualifying Supporters can purchase additional tickets to both events and the breakfast at U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Additionally, we have included a ticket to Boitano's Lounge at U.S. Championships at the Promoter level.

## I AM INTERESTED IN GIVING AT THE FAN LEVEL. CAN I STILL PURCHASE A TICKET TO THE FRIENDS OF FIGURE SKATING BREAKFAST AT THE DIFFERENT EVENTS?

No, the Friends of Figure Skating breakfasts are reserved for Supporters who have made a qualifying gift at the Friend and above levels.

### BREAKFAST TICKETS USED TO BE INCLUDED AS A PROGRAM BENEFIT; WHY THE CHANGE?

Due to rising food and beverage costs in venues, we are now asking each attendee to cover the cost of their breakfast. This change ensures that more of your philanthropic gift goes directly toward supporting the U.S. Figure Skating Fund, maximizing the impact on athlete development, coaching education, and other essential programs.

## WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY FRIENDS OF FIGURE SKATING SUPPORTERS CLUB BENEFITS?

Benefits are fulfilled at the beginning of each month, starting in September 2024.

### HOW DO I GET MY FREE U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAM AND PIN?

Supporters who will be at U.S. Championships are invited to visit the U.S. Figure Skating merchandise booth to pick up their program and pin.

### I WON'T BE AT U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR; HOW CAN I ENSURE I STILL RECEIVE MY EVENT PROGRAM AND PIN?

Fill out this form to request your free program and pin be mailed to your home after the event. A flat fee of \$6 for shipping will be collected.