



**Adult  
Special Achievement  
Awards**

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## **INTRODUCTION/RATIONALE**

The purpose of U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards is to recognize and reward adult figure skaters who demonstrate high-quality technical elements and receive the most points in their group for skating skills, interpretation and/or designated elements at the Adult Sectional Championships and the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

The goal of the Adult Special Achievement Awards Program is to help create a shift within our culture, encouraging competitive adult figure skaters to focus on improving skating skills and executing elements with high quality instead of attempting riskier, lower-quality elements that may increase their chance of injury and prevent future participation in the sport.

The Adult Skating Program defines the ultimate success in competitive adult figure skating as being physically able to skate competitively for a lifetime. Therefore, this program offers an incentive to competitive adult figure skaters who manage their competitive programs and strategy in a way that sets them up for success and longevity.

## **AWARD DESCRIPTION**

The U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards are pins given to adult athletes to reward high-quality skating in their programs at the Adult Sectional Championships and the U.S. Adult Championships.

Awards are given out only for the free skate/free dance event segments at the Adult Sectional Championships for championship singles athletes and at the U.S. Adult Championships for championship masters pairs and championship adult dance athletes.

## **ELIGIBLE EVENTS AND AWARDS**

Events where Adult Special Achievement Awards will be awarded are:

- U.S. Adult Sectional Championships: championship adult silver, championship adult gold, championship masters intermediate-novice, and championship masters junior-senior singles events
- U.S. Adult Championships: championship masters pairs and championship adult dance events

Each skater will receive an Adult Special Achievement Award at the conclusion of the medal ceremony for each eligible free skate/free dance event for the following:

- The skater, couple, or pair in each group with the highest Skating Skills mark total
- The skater, couple, or pair in each group with the highest Interpretation mark total
- The skater in each singles group with the highest point total for their spins
- The pair in the championship masters pairs event who earn the most points for their side-by-side solo spin
- The couple in the championship adult dance event who earn the most points for their twizzles
- Each skater, pair or couple who earn at least one +3 GOE for an element (one pin awarded for the first time this is achieved)

In events with qualifying rounds, pins will be awarded in both the qualifying round and the final round.