

## COMPETITIVE PIPELINE

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# ADVANCEMENT DETAILS: PAIRS



LEVEL	NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)*	SECTIONAL PAIRS CHALLENGE	U.S. PAIRS FINAL	NAT'L HIGH PERF. DEV TEAM CAMP or U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	OUTCOMES of NHPDTC or U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUVENILE INTER. NOVICE	<p><b>Entry:</b> Open entry</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Top 3 ranked teams, per level, nationwide earn a bye to the U.S. Pairs Final</p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> Open entry</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Top 5 per level, per section, advance to the U.S. Pairs Final.</p> <p><i>(Fill-up rule applies advancing to the U.S. Pairs Final, 5 / 18-and-fewer does NOT).</i></p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> 18 entries <i>(3 NQS + 5 per section x 3 sections)</i></p> <p><b>Result:</b> Top 9 total in each level advance to the National High Performance Development Team Camp.</p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> 9 per level participate in the National High Performance Development Team Camp</p>	<p><b>Have the potential for:</b> High Performance Singles Camp North American Challenge Nat'l Develop. Team Challenge Advanced novice internationals ISU developmental seminar Junior spring internationals Junior Grand Prix Series Athlete HP Development pool International Selection Pool (ISP)</p>
JUNIOR	Same as above	<p><b>Entry &amp; Result:</b> Same as above</p> <p><i>(Fill-up rule AND 18-and-fewer rules apply to advancing to the U.S. Pairs Finals)</i></p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> Same as above (18) + int'l byes</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Top 12 total qualifying for the U.S. Championships</p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> 12 entries + int'l byes at U.S. Champs.</p>	<p><b>Have the potential for:</b> Junior Grand Prix Series ISU Challenger Series International competitions Junior World Championships International Selection Pool (ISP)</p>
SENIOR	<p>Same as above</p> <p><i>* The NQS is a separate program; athletes re-register by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to continue through the system.</i></p>	Same as above	<p><b>Entry:</b> Same as above (18) + int'l byes</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Top 12 total qualifying for the U.S. Championships*</p>	<p><b>Entry:</b> 12 entries + byes at U.S. Champs.</p> <p><i>*All senior teams qualifying must have met a minimum TES at a NQS, regional, sectional, or ISU competition in order to compete at U.S. Championships</i></p>	<p><b>Have the potential for:</b> Above events (if age eligible) PLUS: Grand Prix Series World Championships Olympic Winter Games</p>

Current rules regarding byes for teams competing at international competitions, through the current sectional championships will apply as they do now, to the U.S. Pairs Final ., (i.e., we will be treating the Final as if it were the previous sectional championships, with regards to international byes.). The Sectional Pairs Challenge will be in October, in conjunction with one of the Regional Singles Challenges. The U.S. Pairs Final will be in November, in conjunction with one of the Sectional Singles Finals. Juvenile, intermediate and novice teams that did NOT earn a bye from the NQS must compete at the Sectional Pairs Challenge, regardless of whether or not there are 5 or fewer teams in their section. Junior and senior teams may elect to skip the Sectional Challenge if there are 5 or fewer teams entered in their section. The fill-up rule WILL apply for all levels.

**About 15 – 25 athletes annually compete in both pairs and singles.**

## SOLUTION

- For the Regional Singles Challenge, a singles athlete, that did not earn a bye to the Sectional Singles Final through the NQS, is permitted to choose to compete in the region where their Sectional Pairs Challenge was being held. (Scheduling may also permit them to compete out of their home region, if they choose.)
- Athletes that qualify for the Sectional Singles Final and the U.S. Pairs Final will be allowed to compete in the section that is also host the U.S. Pairs Final (if not their home section).
- If one of these athletes places 1st – 4th in juvenile, intermediate or novice singles, in a non-home section, the next athlete (5th place) will also be invited to the National High Performance Development Team Camp.
- Because of the small number of athletes that compete in multiple disciplines, there will not be a significant impact in the entry numbers. In the 2018 season, there were 13 pairs teams that had at least one partner competing in singles.

