

COMPETITIVE PIPELINE

Identify. Develop. Promote.

ADVANCEMENT DETAILS: SINGLES



LEVEL	NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)*	REGIONAL SINGLES CHALLENGE	SECTIONAL SINGLES FINAL	NAT'L HIGH PERF. DEV TEAM CAMP or U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS	OUTCOMES of NHPDTC or U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUVENILE INTER.	<p>Entry: Open entry</p> <p>Result: Top 6 ranked skaters per section earn a bye to their Sectional Singles Final</p>	<p>Entry: Open entry</p> <p>Result: Top 4 per region advance to their Sectional Singles Final</p>	<p>Entry: 18 entries <i>(6 NQS + 4 per region x 3 regions)</i></p> <p>Result: Top 4 per section advance to the National High Performance Develop. Team camp</p>	<p>Entry: 12 per level participate in the National High Performance Development Team Camp</p>	<p>Have the potential for: High Performance Singles Camp North American Challenge Nat'l Develop. Team Challenge Advanced novice internationals ISU developmental seminar Athlete HP Development pool</p>
NOVICE	Same as above	Same as above	<p>Entry: Same as above (18)</p> <p>Result: Top 2 per section advance to the Junior Event at U.S. Champs. Top 4 per section advance to the National High Performance Develop. Team Camp</p>	<p>Entry: 6 Entries are added to the Junior Event at the U.S. Championships.</p> <p>12 per level (including 6 above) participate in the National High Performance Development Team Camp</p>	<p>Have the potential for: 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	Same as above	<p>Entry: Same as above (18) + int'l byes</p> <p>Result: Top 4 per section advance to the U.S. Championships</p>	<p>Entry: 18 entries + int'l byes at U.S. Champs. <i>(6 Novice + 4 per section x 3 sections)</i></p>	<p>Have the potential for: Junior Grand Prix Series ISU Challenger Series International competitions Junior World Camp & 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. 1st to continue through the system.</i></p>	Same as above	<p>Entry: Same as above (18) + int'l byes</p> <p>Result: Top 4 per section advance to the U.S. Championships*</p>	<p>Entry: 12 entries + byes at U.S. Champs. <i>(4 per section* x 3 sections)</i></p> <p><i>*All senior athletes 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>Have the potential for: Above events (if age eligible) PLUS: Grand Prix Series World Championships Olympic Winter Games</p>

The top 2 novice singles athletes per section advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships: In junior.

How will this work?

- The top two finishers in novice ladies and novice men at each of the Sectional Singles Finals will be invited to compete in their respective **junior** event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships – accelerating them through the system more quickly and putting them in a better position to compete at the junior international level.
- Athletes must make any adjustments to their program to meet the rules for junior. They do NOT have to take the junior free skate test.
- Historically, a small number of novice athletes have been selected for Junior Grand Prix events, with this high-pressure event being their first exposure to junior level competition.
- Competing immediately in junior will accelerate their development and put them in a situation where they have less pressure to place, but will be challenged and gain experience against more developed competitors.
- Athletes gain experience in changing levels and making adaptations for programs, which they often do between domestic and international competitions.
- Athletes ALSO participate in the NHPDTC; combining their experience in competing at a higher level with education, development and support in what it takes to move from a high-performing domestic athlete to an international competitor.

