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## EVENT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR 2011 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

– Schedule to feature 19 competition sessions, plus Skating Spectacular –

**Greensboro, N.C. (August 3, 2010)** – U.S. Figure Skating today released the official event schedule for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held Jan. 22-30, 2011, in Greensboro, N.C. Approximately 250 skaters in the novice, junior and senior divisions will compete over the course of eight days to become U.S. champions.

Recent U.S. champions include 2010 Olympic champion Evan Lysacek, 2010 Olympic silver medalist ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White, and 2010 Olympians Rachael Flatt, Mirai Nagasu, Jeremy Abbott and pairs team Caydee Denney and Jeremy Barrett.

Session #	Date	Session
Session 1	Sun., Jan. 23	Novice compulsory dance, novice ladies short program
Session 2	Sun., Jan. 23	Novice men's short program, novice pairs short program
Session 3	Sun., Jan. 23	Junior men's short program
Session 4	Mon., Jan. 24	Novice free dance, novice ladies free skate
Session 5	Mon., Jan. 24	Novice men's free skate, novice pairs free skate
Session 6	Mon., Jan. 24	Junior ladies short program
Session 7	Tues., Jan. 25	Junior short dance
Session 8	Tues. Jan. 25	Junior men's free skate
Session 9	Wed., Jan 26	Junior pairs short program, junior free dance
Session 10	Wed., Jan 26	Junior ladies free skate
Session 11	Thurs., Jan. 27	Championship pairs short program
Session 12	Thurs., Jan. 27	Championship ladies short program
Session 13	Fri., Jan. 28	Junior pairs free skate
Session 14	Fri., Jan. 28	Championship short dance
Session 15	Fri., Jan. 28	Championship men's short program
Session 16	Sat., Jan. 29	Championship pairs free skate (groups 1-3), Championship free dance (groups 1-2)
Session 17	Sat., Jan. 29	Championship pairs free skate (groups 4-5), Championship free dance (groups 3-4)
Session 18	Sat., Jan. 29	Championship ladies free skate
Session 19	Sun., Jan. 30	Championship men's free skate
Session 20	Sun., Jan. 30	2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships Skating Spectacular

This year, the ice dancing competition will feature the "short dance," which takes the place of the compulsory and original dances.

All-Event, Weekend, Matinee and Evening Ticket Packages are on sale. Skating Spectacular tickets can also be purchased in conjunction with All-Event Packages. To purchase tickets, visit [www.northcarolina2011.com](http://www.northcarolina2011.com).

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held annually since 1914, is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event and one of the most televised and most-watched annual sporting events in the country. The 2011 edition marks the first time the U.S. Figure Skating Championships have been hosted in the Carolinas. The event will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, where all three major components of the event – competition, practice and FanFest – will be featured.

**- About U.S. Figure Skating -**

*U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 700 member clubs, collegiate clubs, and school-affiliated clubs and more than 900 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing approximately 170,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed. For more information on U.S. Figure Skating, visit [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org).*

**- About North Carolina 2011 -**

*North Carolina 2011(NC 2011) is the local organizing committee for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Greensboro, N.C. NC 2011 encompasses a collaborative team consisting of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, North Carolina Amateur Sports, Sports & Properties, Inc., and North Carolina Figure Skating. The 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are sponsored locally by Lowes Foods and VF, Local Presenting Sponsors; and by Local Official Sponsors: Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Moses Cone Health System, Joshua Jewel, Graphic Visual Solutions, BEM Interactive, MediaFit, Annese Public Relations, Ice Rink Events, Hagan Davis, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Exact Target, LSK Enterprises/Olympia, and Skyline Exhibits & Events. Local Media & Marketing Partners for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships include Diamond Partners The News & Record, Capitol Broadcasting Company, WGHP-TV Fox 8, and Fairway Outdoor Advertising; and Local Official Partners Clear Channel Radio, Our State Magazine, and Guilford Woman Magazine. For more information on North Carolina 2011 and the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, visit [www.northcarolina2011.com](http://www.northcarolina2011.com).*