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ICE SWEEPERS SELECTED FOR 2011 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREENSBORO, N.C.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (April 16, 2010) – North Carolina 2011, the local organizing committee for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, has announced the ice sweepers selected for the 2011 U.S. Championships.

Ice sweeper auditions took place Sunday, April 11 at the Triangle SportsPlex in Hillsborough, N.C. More than 130 skaters from figure skating clubs or Basic Skills programs, ages 8 to 13, participated in the auditions.

Forty-two ice sweepers – including two sets of sisters, Olivia and Sophia Colbert of Charlotte and Anderson and Mackenzie Wade of Simpsonville, S.C. – from eight figure skating clubs were selected,

"Figure skating clubs across our state and South Carolina were well represented in the final selections," said Bonnie Boaz, figure skating volunteer coordinator for the 2011 U.S. Championships. "It is a testimony to the continued growth of the sport of figure skating in the Carolinas."

Ice sweepers for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are:

Carolinas Figure Skating Club (Indian Trail, N.C.)

Rachel Anderson, 10, Lynchburg, Va.

Olivia Colbert, 10, Charlotte, N.C.

Sophia Colbert, 11, Charlotte, NC

Abigail Coursey, 12, Charlotte, N.C.

Mackenzie Garlick, 10, Mint Hill, N.C.

Tristyn Hudson, 8, Matthews, N.C.

Caitlyn Kent, 10, Indian Trail, N.C.

Alexis Parker, 12, Charlotte, N.C.

Katie Ross, 10, Columbia, S.C.

Triangle Figure Skating Club (Wake Forest, N.C.)

Lillie Ammons, 9, Raleigh, N.C.

Alexis Bulaynen, 9, Garner, N.C.

Joi Cooper, 8, Cary, N.C.

Angela Eilert, 11, Cary, N.C.

Emma Hoke, 9, Raleigh, N.C.

Gianna Kolesnik, 10, Wake Forest, N.C.

Kaley Taylor, 11, Raleigh, N.C.

Skylar Toms, 11, Raleigh, N.C.

Central Carolina Skating Club (Chapel Hill, N.C.)

Hana Chabinskyy, 11, Raleigh, N.C.

Kate Dubis, 13, Hillsborough, N.C.

Jenna Marks, 8, Raleigh, N.C.

Ewan McKinley, 12, Hillsborough, N.C.

Maurie Moore, 9, Raleigh, N.C.

Zoe Peller, 9, Raleigh, N.C.

Anna Poe, 8, Durham, N.C.

Summit Figure Skating Club of North Carolina (Greensboro, N.C.)

Rachel Byrd, 12, Summerfield, N.C.
Justine Chong, 12, Oak Ridge, N.C.
Madison Mallard, 13, Greensboro, N.C.
Riley McNamara, 13, Greensboro, N.C.

Skating Club of North Carolina (Raleigh, N.C.)

Krystal Edwards, 8, Raleigh, N.C.
Naomi Ghebremichael, 12, Wake Forest, N.C.
Jill Holste, 12, Garner, N.C.
Nora Zubizaretta, 13, Garner, N.C.

Greenville Figure Skating Club (Greenville, S.C.)

Katelyn Mamrick, 8, Greer, S.C.
Melanie Tompkins, 9, Greenville, S.C.
Andersen Wade, 9, Simpsonville, S.C.
Mackenzie Wade, 11, Simpsonville, S.C.

Port City Skating Club (Wilmington, N.C.)

Nikki Cool, 11, Wilmington, N.C.
Eileen Rui, 11, Wilmington, N.C.
Lucy Watson-Cook, 9, Wilmington, N.C.

Silver Star Figure Skating Club (Charlotte, N.C.)

Ellie Nedrich, 8, Charlotte, N.C.
Haley Renkiewicz, 12, Charlotte, N.C.

Basic Skills Participant

Aaron Guo, 11, Jamestown, N.C.

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- About North Carolina 2011 -

North Carolina 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, Presenting Sponsor; and by Official Sponsors: Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Moses Cone Health System, Graphic Visual Solutions, BEM Interactive, MediaFit, Annese Public Relations, Ice Rink Events, Hagan Davis, and Skyline Exhibits & Events. Media & Marketing Partners for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships include Diamond Partners the News & Record and Capitol Broadcasting Company; and 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.