

## Thanksgiving Week News

Happy Thanksgiving Week to everyone. We have much to be thankful for in our organizational efforts thus far on the 2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, but given that today marks **only 56 days to go to the big event**, we have much still to do and, therefore, much to say grace over! Enjoy reading the latest while you recover from your Turkey Day repast!



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### U.S. Championship Tickets Make Great Holiday Gifts!

Thanksgiving is famous for sales. Take 10% off any 2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships Single Session Ticket purchase by using the promo code SPON10. To purchase tickets now click [here](#).

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### U.S. Figure Skating Site Visits – Greensboro & Charlotte

U.S. Figure Skating executives **Bob Dunlop, Senior Director Events**, and **Kevin Leonardo, Director of Event & Video Production**, made a Site Visit to Greensboro, Tuesday, November 6 through Thursday, November 8, 2019. Bob and Kevin spent extensive time walking through venue details, operations needs, event schedules, and production items. Athlete accommodations, registration and credentials setup, transportation arrangements, and volunteer workforce and uniforms were all topics for discussion. The USFS team also took time for local media interviews, including LOC Diamond Media Partner WGHP-TV Fox8, which resulted in attractive publicity for the upcoming U.S. Championships. In the end, the Site Visit was most productive and resulted in a specific game plan for successful production of the Championships – primarily captured in a 61-page Host Contract Rider generated by Kevin for the LOC!

A week later, **Justin Dillon, U.S. Figure Skating's Director of High Performance Development**, was in Indian Trail, NC (near Charlotte) to meet with Melissa Vriner, Danielle Logano, and Jenny Gwynn, who are heading up the local host committee under North Carolina 2020 for the first-ever U.S. Figure Skating High Performance Camp to be held at the Extreme Ice Center. The camp will take place just after the conclusion of the 2020 U.S. Championships, on January 27-29, 2020. Extreme Ice has twin-ice sheets, an essential set-up for hosting the 250 athletes expected to take part in the camp. Justin was making sure the venue, accommodations, meals, transport and hospitality plans are progressing on schedule for the 2020 camp. Thus far the Extreme Ice Team is getting strong reviews, so the skaters can look forward to a great camp experience come January.



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### Athletes Selected for the 2020 Championships and Schedule Changes

Last week marked the culmination of the Road to Greensboro qualifications with Sectional Championships in Hyannis, MA; Allen, TX; and Wenatchee, WA. U.S. Figure Skating has now confirmed that there will be **170 athletes competing in Greensboro** at the 2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Once the number of athletes was confirmed and the disciplines they will be competing in, U.S. Figure Skating then set about to finalize the 2020 U.S. Championships Competition Schedule. Changes to the schedule have just been announced today and **the start times of 7 of the 17 events, or more than 40%, are affected by time changes**. While most are not drastic, typically averaging from 15 minutes to an hour difference, once event, **Session 3 Junior Rhythm Dance was changed by 3.5 hours!** – moving from a 4:45pm afternoon start time to an 8:15pm evening event.

**USFSC 2020 Schedule Changes (11.26.19)**

Session	Events
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b>	
1 12pm	Junior Pairs Short Program
2 2pm	Junior Men Short Program
3 8:15pm	Junior Rhythm Dance (was 4:45pm)
<b>Wednesday, January 22</b>	
4 9am	Junior Ladies Short Program
5 11:45am	Junior Men Free Skate
6 2:45pm	Junior Pairs Free Skate (was 2:30pm)
7 8:45pm	Junior Free Dance (was 8:30pm)
<b>Thursday, January 23</b>	
8 11am	Junior Ladies Free Skate (was 10:00am)
9 4:30pm	Senior Pairs Short Program
10 7:30pm	Senior Ladies Short Program
<b>Friday, January 24</b>	
11 4:30pm	Senior Rhythm Dance
12 6:30pm	Opening Ceremonies & Senior Ladies Free Skate
<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	
13 1:30pm	Senior Men's Short Program (was 1:15pm)
14 6pm	Senior Pairs Free Skate
15 9:30pm	Senior Free Dance (was 9:15pm)
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	
16 2:30pm	Senior Men's Free Skate (was 2:00pm)
17 7:30p	Skating Spectacular

**Triad Business Journal Sports Panel Features Figure Skating**

On Thursday, November 14, in the newest event space at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Piedmont Hall, the Triad Business Journal hosted a sports business panel that featured three of the four panelists connected directly to the 2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships: Matt Brown, Managing Director of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, host venue for the Championships; Mo Milani, General Manager of the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel, Headquarters Hotel for USFSC 2020; and Hill Carrow, Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2020 U.S. Championships.



While the panel was focused on sports tourism and the business and economic impacts of sports events and activities on the local market, it was clear from a substantial part of the discussion that the 2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships should hold their own very nicely with a projected contribution of over 7,000 hotel roomnights and more than \$20 million in economic and media impacts.

**Volunteers – Quick Update**

Now that U.S. Figure Skating has released the final competition schedule adjustments, volunteer positions and shifts can now be added to the volunteer opportunities information included in the U.S. Figure Skating EMS system. As soon as this is completed (currently projected to be by the end of next week), we will send an eblast to all interested volunteer prospects to encourage you to review and pick your shifts. Be on the lookout for that information to follow after Thanksgiving

**Happy Turkey Day!**

In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## 2020 USFSC Social Media



The 2020 Championships are promoted daily on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. We encourage you to follow us on one, two, or all three social media channels for the latest from both the 2020 Toyota U.S. Championships and the world of figure skating.

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