

JACKSON ULTIMA SKATES FUTURE CHAMPIONS SERIES SUMMARY SHEET

This competition is part of the 2003 Future Champions Series (FCS), a new and exciting program sponsored by the USFSA and the Association's Program Development Committee (PDC). The following is a brief summary of the FCS.

- **What events are in the FCS?** At all FCS designated competitions (such as this one) juvenile (not open), intermediate and novice freeskating, dance (not solo), and pairs (not similar) events are part of this series and will count towards the earning of FCS points. Short program events are not included in the FCS, and if there is a final round, it is not included. That doesn't mean you shouldn't enter such events – it just means that your placement in SP, final rounds, solo dance or similar pairs will not earn you FCS points.
- **How do I enter the FCS?** By skating in this competition in eligible events you are automatically enrolled in the FCS. You don't need to do anything else. To have your points calculated at the end of the year, however, you must enter at least 2 FCS competitions (in the same event). These competitions can be in any part of the country, although when we tally your points you will be compared to other skaters from the section where your home club resides. Again, a full explanation on this can be found in the FCS program summary noted above.
- **How do I know if I'm eligible to be part of the series?** First, FCS participation and your ability to skate in this (or any other competition) are two separate things. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements for this competition, and for the events you want to enter, you are eligible to skate in this competition. In most cases, if you skate in an FCS eligible event, you will receive FCS points. There are only a three scenarios where skaters are not eligible to receive FCS points: 1) skaters who medalled at Junior Nationals and skate in the same event in a subsequent FCS competition won't get FCS points for that event, 2) any skater who has competed in the novice division at the US Nationals (regardless of placement) and who skates in the same division at an FCS event won't receive FCS points, and 3) any skater who has competed in a North American Challenge Series competition will not be eligible for FCS points in that discipline. Note that for pairs and dance, points are awarded to couples not individuals, so if the couple that otherwise would not be eligible to receive FCS points dissolves and each skater finds a new partner, then the new teams can receive points.
- **What do I have to pay to enter the FCS?** Nothing outside of the registration fee for the FCS designated competition itself.
- **Who will keep track of my points?** A National level accountant selected by the PDC will tally all points for all FCS competitions.
- **How are my FCS points determined?** Points are awarded based on your placement. The points are also factored based on the number of entrants in the events. For a full description of the point system see the program summary noted above. At the end of the 2003 season, we will take your best two point totals (based on place and group size) to calculate your final FCS point total.
- **Is there a prize?** Yes! At the end of the season, all skaters who have participated in at least two FCS competitions in the same discipline will receive a certificate of participation in the series. Also, in each section, the skaters with the top four point totals in each discipline will get a special FCS medal and their names will be listed in *Skating*. In the event that more than one skater has the same point total, each skater will receive a medal. In addition, unlike in competitive events where a tie results in the next place being skipped, this will not be done in the FCS. For example, if at the end of the 2003 season, the point tally for juvenile girls in the East shows two skaters tied for first, three for second, only one in third, and four in fourth, then all ten skaters will get medals.
- **If I have questions about the program whom do I ask?** Lynn Goldman is the National Vice Chair for the FCS. She can be reached via e-mail at lgoldman1@austin.rr.com. You can also contact Ron Dei Cas, MD, Chair of the Program Development Committee at skatjudg@aol.com. Please note "Future Champions Series" in the subject line.

- **What other competitions are part of the 2003 FCS?** The following is a list of 2003 FCS competitions by section:

Easterns:

North Atlantic Region

Lake Placid Summer Freestyle Championships (SC of Lake Placid)
 Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships (SC of Lake Placid)
 Skate Chautauqua (Jamestown SC)
 Moran Memorial Championships (American Academy FSC)
 Middle Atlantics (SC of New York)

New England Region

Colonial Open (Colonial FSC)
 Summer Challenge (New England FSC)
 Cranberry Open (Yarmouth Ice Club)

South Atlantic Region

Cherry Blossom Invitational (Capital Regional Council –MD, VA, DC)
 Atlanta Open (Atlanta FSC)
 Orange Blossom Open Competition (Tampa Bay SC)
 Challenge Cup (Philadelphia SC and HS)

Midwesterns:

Eastern Great Lakes Region

Skate Nashville (Nashville FSC)
 Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational (Ann Arbor FSC)
 Shores Summer Skate (St. Clair Shores FSC)
 Skate Cleveland (Winterhurst FSC)

Southwestern Region

Skate Kansas City (Kansas City FSC)
 Skate Dallas (Dallas FSC)
 Colorado Championships (Mile High Figure Skating Association)
 Houston Fall Invitational (Houston FSC)

Upper Great Lakes Region

McCandless Skating Competition (Braemar-City of Lakes FSC)
 Rockford Open (FSC of Rockford)
 Skate St. Paul (Skate Paul FSC)
 DuPage Open (DuPage FSC)

Pacific Coast:

Southwest Pacific Region

Phoenix Fiesta Skate (SC of Phoenix)
 Glacier Falls FSC Summer Championships (Glacier Falls FSC)
 Hidden Valley (Escondido FSC)
 Silver State Open Championships (Las Vegas FSC)
 Rim of the World Championships (Rim of the World FSC)

Central Pacific Region

CCIA Senior Competition (Central California Inter Club Association)
 Copper Cup (Utah FSC)
 Silicon Valley Open (Peninsula FSC)
 Skate St. Mortiz (St. Mortiz ISC)

Northwest Pacific Region

Jackson Hole Invitational (Jackson Hole FSC)
 Spring Festival (Portland ISC)
 Skate Alaska (Alaska Association of Figure Skaters and Anchorage FSC)