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A Worlds Traveler

by Brittany Chatfield



Brittany Chatfield (center) with Worlds friends Mackenzie Key (left) and Katie Stang (right)

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For the last seven years I have spent one week every summer skating my heart out at ISI Worlds. Between 2005 and 2011, I competed in Anaheim, Calif., Boston (twice), Chicago, Denver, San Jose, Calif. and Blaine, Minn.

Not only does competing at Worlds give me a chance to showcase my skating ability, but I have also made lifelong friends, and we look forward to seeing each other every year. I met Katie Stang in Denver during ISI Worlds 2008. Katie skates for Rink Side Sports & Family Entertainment Center in Gurnee, Ill. Every year since 2008 we have competed against each other in many Spotlight events. Last year we both moved up to Freestyle 5 and were able to compete against each other in six events throughout the week.

The best part about the friendships made at ISI Worlds is that the competition becomes less stressful because more time is spent enjoying the memories made with new friends. Last year I met a new friend at Worlds in Minnesota, Mackenzie Key, who skates for Capitol Ice Academy in Des Moines, Iowa. Katie, Mackenzie and I had a great time skating against each other and cheering each other on throughout the week. We even began calling ourselves the "Jackson 3." To me, the friendship is what makes ISI competitions worth traveling to. My mom and I travel to ISI Worlds together and have traveled all the way to Boston, which was my farthest competition away from home.

I began skating at 8 years old at Skatetown Ice Arena in Roseville, Calif. I have skated with the same coach, Ali Kaye Zimmer, since I was 11. Ali is the person who inspires me to keep skating and attend ISI Worlds every year. I love creating new programs with her and working to make sure I am performing everything to the best of my ability. Typically, I start preparing programs for the upcoming ISI Worlds after I return home from the current year's competition. Last year, however, was different, because after my first year away at college in Oregon I only had six weeks to prepare all six of my programs and practice my three Ice Dance 6-level dances. Even in that short time, I was able to prepare programs that I loved!

One of my favorite moments of competing at ISI Worlds was getting first place in my Freestyle 4 Artistic group of eight skaters at 2006 ISI Worlds in Boston. From the moment I got off the ice, my brother was adamant that I was going to place first, and when the results were posted, he was right, and I was ecstatic! Artistic

is normally not my strongest category, which is why it was so memorable for me.

For anyone who has never competed at ISI Worlds or another ISI national skating competition, you are missing the best time of your life. In addition to Worlds, I have competed at ISI Synchronized Championships. No other events give you the opportunity to meet skaters from around the world and have the chance to build friendships that will last forever. Not only do these competitions give me the chance to do my favorite thing — ice skate — I also get the chance to visit many tourist attractions, such as the Mall of America, New York City and Disneyland.

Every year during Worlds I go to the ISIA Education Foundation Benefit Show, where I've had the chance to see many wonderful skaters perform, including Sasha Cohen, Evan Lysacek, Mirai Nagasu and Ryan Bradley.

I'm planning to travel to Dallas this year for my eighth ISI Worlds in a row and another exciting Benefit Show, this one starring Ashley Wagner!

Brittany Chatfield, 21, is a Freestyle 5 and Ice Dance 6 skater studying American Sign Language interpreting at Western Oregon University.

Skating with My Daughter

by Diana Thakur

When Christina was 10 years old, she was a very shy girl with little self-confidence. We tried gymnastics, piano and other activities, but nothing helped. Then one day her class took a field trip to RDV Sportsplex Ice Den, which I chaperoned. Christina enjoyed ice skating and the rink tour. RDV gave us a learn-so-skate pamphlet.

From the moment Christina laced her skates, there was no stopping her. I signed her up for lessons, and she quickly began mastering her learn-to-skate skills. One day she mentioned that she wanted me to skate with her. She begged and begged, so I finally gave in and joined the »

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Diana and
Christina Thakur

■ learn-to-skate program. I had wanted to skate since I was 12, but never had the opportunity. Here was my opportunity — and I've been skating ever since.

Skating has molded Christina into a confident and wonderful young lady. All the younger skaters love her dearly. She is a loving and caring 17-year-old, always willing to help.

Skating together has made our relationship stronger and created a special mother-daughter bond. She is my motivator and my inspiration. We practice two or three times week, and we take private lessons, too. We both volunteer and compete at local and national ISI competitions. We are always keeping track of the ISI competition schedules so we can plan our programs, select our outfits and decide which hotel we'll be staying in. We participate in the yearly ice shows and everyone looks forward to seeing us skate our duet performance. Skating with Christina is a wonderful experience that I wouldn't trade for anything.

When I first started skating, there were just a few adult skaters; now we have about 20. RDV has formed an adult synchro team and a production team. My mission is to inspire and recruit more adult skaters. I encourage all adults to go out there and skate, live your dreams and don't look back. At times it might be hard, but don't ever give up — live and share your dreams with your children.

Our greatest appreciation is to the ISI for its test levels and competitions that anyone of any age can participate in. With ISI, everyone is a winner. **ISI**

Diana Thakur, 49, is a Freestyle 5 skater, and her daughter, Christina, 17, is FS 5/6. They live in Oviedo, Fla. and skate at RDV Sportsplex Ice Den in Orlando.

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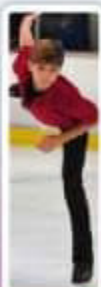
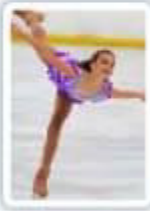
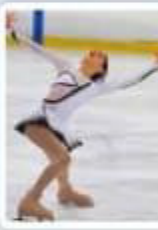
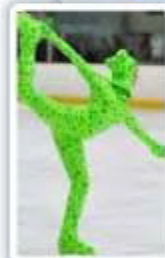
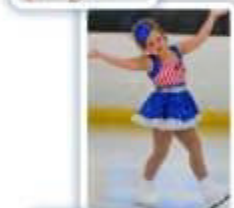


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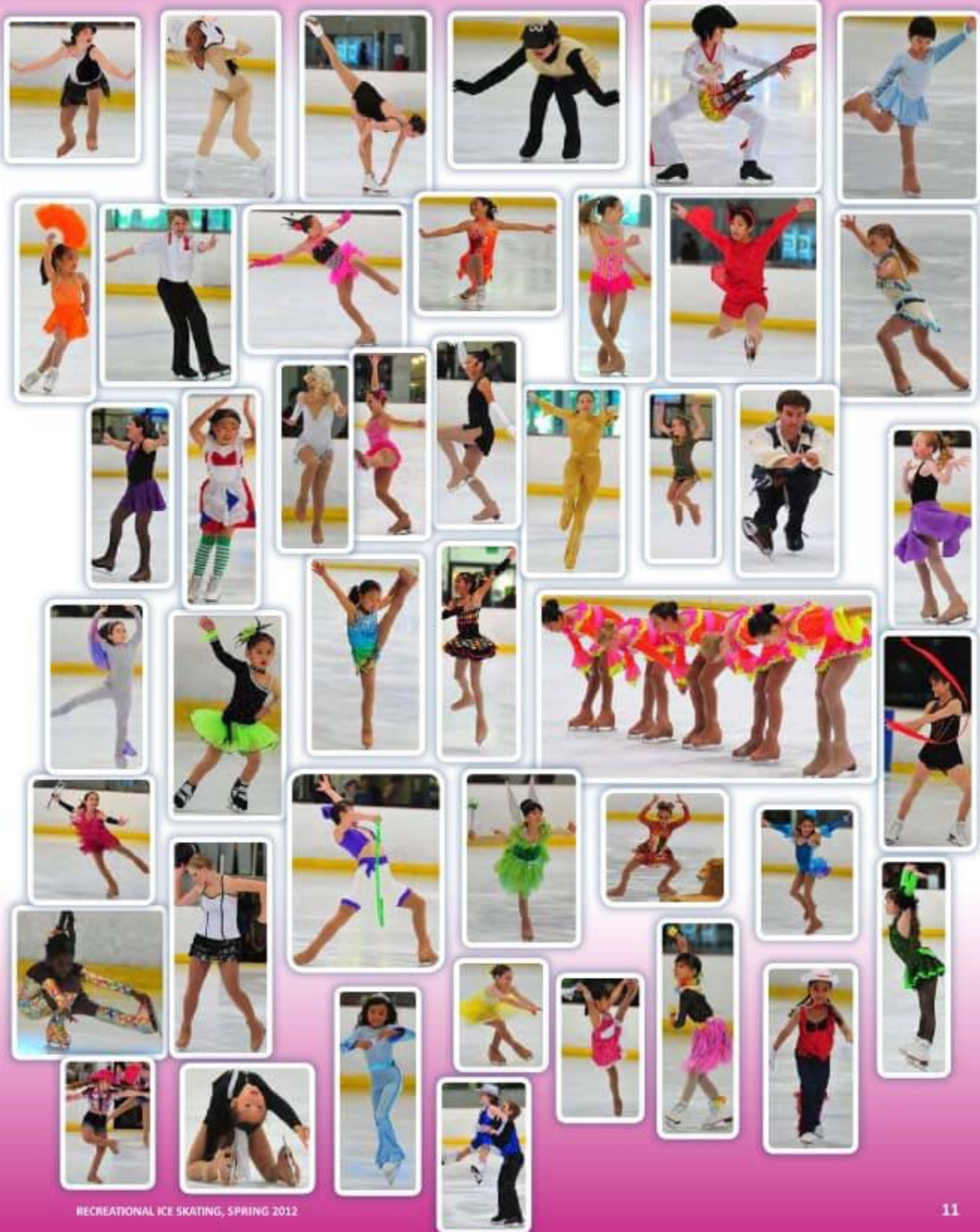
PLACE	RINK	TOTAL POINTS
1	Pickwick Ice Center Burbank, CA	300.5
2	Ice Station Valencia Valencia, CA	257.5
3	Iceoplex Simi Valley Simi Valley, CA	197.0
4	Alliso Viejo Ice Palace Alliso Viejo, CA	175.5
5	Toyota Sports Center El Segundo, CA	172.0
6	Ontario Ice Skating Center Ontario, CA	140.5
7	Bakersfield Ice Sports Center Bakersfield, CA	131.0
8	RDV Sportsplex Ice Den Orlando, FL	122.5
9	Skatetown Roseville, CA	119.0
10	Stephen C. West Ice Arena Breckenridge, CO	85.5

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more than 1,000 competitors representing nine states and Mexico. Host facility Northbrook Sports Center, which has been home to numerous ISI national competitions, once again reminded us that superb organizational skills, highly competent staff and accommodating volunteers can make a huge event look easy.

The Robert Unger team trophy returned to St. Louis with last year's host and champion, St. Peters Rec-Plex. Additional results are listed below and at skateisi.org/winterclassic.

Turn the page for a collective snapshot of the winter's biggest and best recreational ice skating event. **ISI**

This year's Winter Classic, Feb. 17-19 in Chicago, was one of the most successful in ISI history, with



Host facility Northbrook Sports Center provided outstanding hospitality and service, and ranked third out of 53 participating teams.

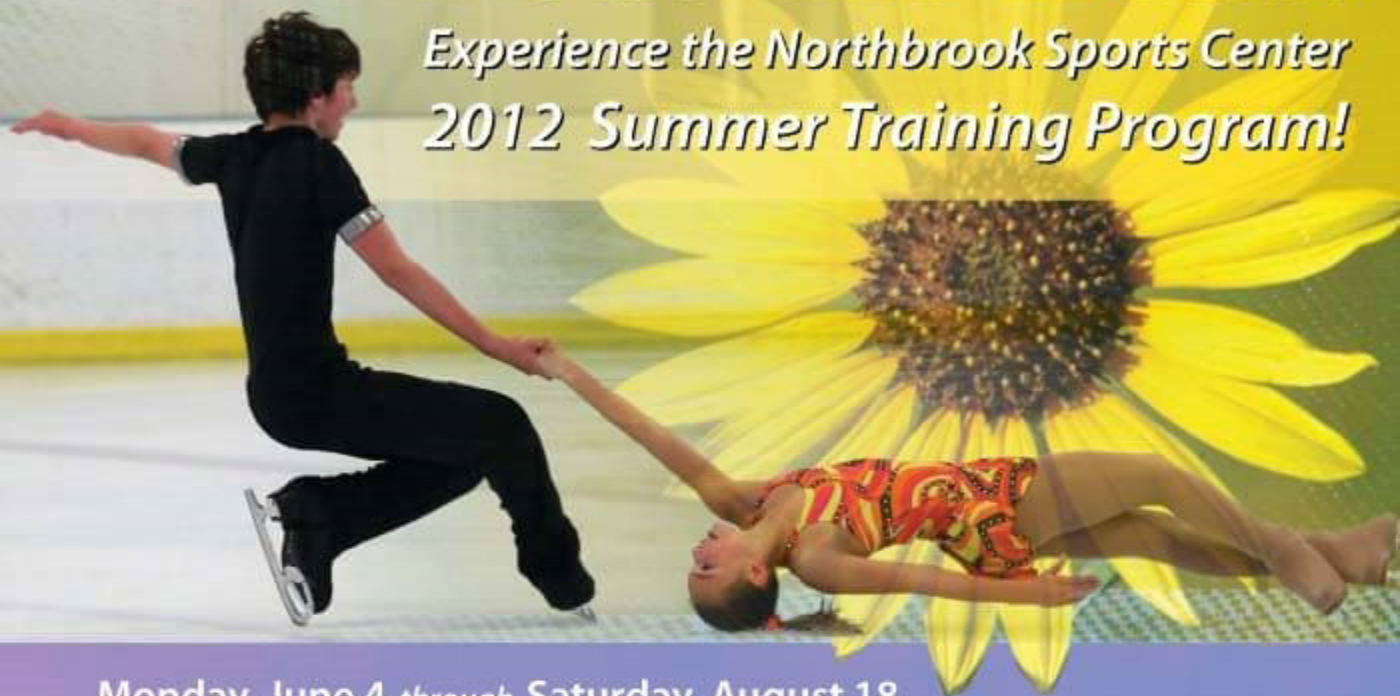
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PLACE	RINK	TOTAL POINTS
1	City of St Peters Rec Plex St. Peters, MO	1000.0
2	Niles Park District Iceland Arena Niles, IL	638.5
3	Northbrook Sports Center Northbrook, IL	619.0
4	Apple Valley Sports Arena Apple Valley, MN	469.0
5	Downers Grove Ice Arena Downers Grove, IL	451.5
6	McFetridge Sports Center Chicago, IL	407.5
7	Franklin Park Ice Arena Franklin Park, IL	281.5
8	University of Illinois Ice Arena Champaign, IL	263.0
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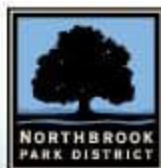
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Worlds Excitement Is in the Air!

by Lori Fairchild

ISI World Recreational Team Championships returns to the Dallas area this year — for the seventh time! That's right, Dallas has served as the Worlds destination more than any other city has, but younger ISI skaters will not remember those earlier Worlds years: 1983, '84, '86, '88, '90 and '92.

Like many of this year's Worlds competitors, the 2012 Worlds host facilities did not yet exist the last time Worlds was held in Dallas. This year's competition will take place July 23-28 at the Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco and Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney at Craig Ranch. Both host facilities offer two ice surfaces, and the Frisco arena is the official practice facility for the NHL's Dallas Stars.

"This is the first time we have used an arena of this size — with seating for more than 6,000 — for one of our Worlds competition surfaces," notes Randy Winship, ISI director of skating programs and events. "The 2012 national event theme for Themed Spotlight, Themed Couples Spotlight and Themed Production events is 'Wild, Wild West,' so grab your hat and boots and c'mon down for a Western round-up in Big D, where the motto is 'Live Large. Think Big.'"

Big, indeed! The Dallas area is the shopping capital of the U.S. and offers more than 6,000 restaurants, not to mention arts and historic districts, parks and museums.

The Worlds host facilities and hotels (listed at skateisi.org/worlds) are situated about 25 minutes north of downtown Dallas and approximately the same distance from both Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Love Field. But other than traveling to and from the airport, you won't have to travel far to find plenty of fun. And don't miss the Roundup at the Ranch competitors' party on Wednesday, July 25 (details on page 23).

One of the fastest growing communities in the entire country, Frisco offers enough attractions to keep you busy all week long. It's a shopper's paradise, with 8 million square feet of retail and dining, surrounded by art, sports venues and great hotels.

The immediate area surrounding the Dr Pepper Arena is anchored by Stonebriar Centre, an awesome mall featuring

hundreds of stores and eateries, plus an IMAX Theater, Dave & Buster's, an ice rink and a vintage carousel. Nearby Sam Moon Trading Co. is sure to be a hot spot for Worlds travelers, with its thousands upon thousands of budget-priced accessories ranging from jewelry to bags to hair bling.

Frisco sets itself apart from other growing communities with its incredible public art program, including more than 150 pieces on display in the Stonebriar area and in Hall Office Park's Texas Sculpture Garden. You'll find contemporary and traditional sculptures by famous artists from Texas and beyond. Don't miss the Texas-themed photo opportunities in Central Park on Parkwood Boulevard (which served as the setting for our cover photo shoot) and throughout The Centre at Preston Ridge near the mall, where the longest continuous-themed bronze sculpture collection in the United States brings the Shawnee Trail to life with realistic depictions of longhorns, cowboys and a chuck wagon.

Just a few miles from Frisco, and closer to the Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney at Craig Ranch, additional unique shopping and travel destinations can be found in both McKinney and nearby Allen and Fairview. Just minutes from the McKinney rink are Allen Premium Outlets and the Villages at Allen and Fairview.

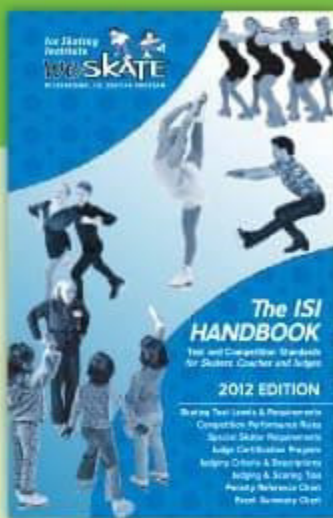
For a dramatic departure from the new, contemporary centers, take a quick drive north to McKinney's Historic District, where tree-lined streets are home to turn-of-the-century homes, one-of-a-kind cafes, antique shops, boutiques and gourmet markets.

Whatever you decide to do during your time in Big D, you'll be taking home great memories from both on and off the Worlds ice. Entry and test deadline is May 1. **RIS**

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ISIA Education FOUNDATION

U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner to Star in Benefit Show

Leah Adams Photography

The announcement of U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner as the star of the 2012 ISIA Education Foundation Benefit on Ice Show is sure to delight ISIA Worlds participants who have been eagerly awaiting news of this year's featured guest skater. The Benefit Show has traditionally been the highlight of Worlds week, having featured such skating superstars as Sasha Cohen, Emily Hughes, Evan Lysacek, Mirai Nagasu and Ryan Bradley — and this year in Dallas will be no exception.

The show will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at the Dr Pepper Frisco Arena.

Ashley Wagner, 21, is the hottest name in U.S. competitive figure skating this year, holding the top ladies' title in both the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and the 2012 Four Continents Championships. (At press time, Ashley was preparing for the World Championships in Nice, France.) Like many U.S. national figure skating medalists over the years, Ashley spent her early years on ice in the ISI skating program.

In addition to her appearance in the Benefit on Ice Show, Ashley will be the featured skater in this year's Worlds Skater Clinics with her legendary coach, John Nicks (see clinic details and registration form, right).

As always, the show will feature not only a guest skater but also many ISI skaters of all ages and skill levels who will be selected throughout the week by a committee of "talent scouts." Every Worlds competitor in every event category is a potential Benefit Show participant, so be sure to bring your best effort and performance to each of your Worlds events!

A fundraising raffle will offer two additional spots in the Benefit Show program. "Skate with the Stars" raffle tickets will be sold at the Education Foundation booth in the Skaters' Marketplace during Worlds week, with the lucky winners announced at Roundup at the Ranch competitors' party on Wednesday night.

Proceeds from the show and the raffle help fund the Education Foundation's annual scholarship program.

Ashley will be available for a meet-and-greet session immediately following the show, offering photo opportunities and autographs.

Advance general admission tickets are available through July 13 for \$22, using the order form on page 16 of this issue or at skateisi.org/foundation. Seating is limited and sold-out Benefit on Ice shows are not unusual, please place your order early. The advance group rate for 25 or more is \$20 each, making it ideal for your rink or synchro team. Prepaid tickets will be available for pick-up at the Worlds registration desk. Tickets will also be available at registration or at the door for \$25 each. **RIS**

Learn from the Coach of Champions!



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a clinic conducted by legendary World and Olympic coach John Nicks, featuring his current student, U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner.

John Nicks, a World Pair Skating Champion, is among the top figure skating coaches in the world. His students have included such champions as Peggy Fleming, Tiffany Chin, Sasha Cohen, Naomi Nari Nam and Ashley Wagner, as well as pair skaters Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley, and Jenny Meno and Todd Sand.

Mr. Nicks will conduct clinics on the morning of Friday, July 27 during the ISI World Team Championships, exclusively for Worlds competitors. The clinics, which will feature 2012 U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner, will focus on technical tips to improve your jumps and spins, with sessions divided by ISI test level. Each skater may participate in only one session, based on your highest test passed.

You must be entered in at least one event of the ISI World Team Championships to participate in the clinic. Participants will receive an autographed photo from Ashley Wagner at the conclusion of their session.

Worlds Clinic with
Ashley Wagner &
Coach John Nicks

Friday, July 27

Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco



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No, you're not the next contestant on *The Price is Right* ... but you can be a competitor in this year's ISI World Team Championships competition in "Big D"!

You've always heard that everything is bigger in Texas, so why not come and see for yourself?

We've got lots of exciting things planned for this year's event: two convenient rink locations; a huge arena for the annual ISIA Education Foundation Show on Friday night, starring the current U.S. national champion, Ashley Wagner; and tons of shopping and restaurants near the host rinks.



The Dallas Metroplex hasn't hosted the World Team Champs event since 1992, but it's no stranger to hosting a big event. In fact, this is the seventh time Worlds has been held here. Come and join us for some Texas fun and sun!

Speaking of fun, it's time for adult skaters to start making their plans to join us for the Adult Championships in October. We're back in Las Vegas this year — always a favorite place to meet up with skating friends and make some new ones, too!

Our first-ever Holiday Challenge competition will be held in Danbury, Conn. at the end of November. This premiere holiday event replaces Artistic Challenge, featuring expanded event categories for all skating levels.

Sure, a skating competition trip can be more expensive than staying home, but with proper planning (and having your friends join, too), the memories can be **PRICELESS!** *RIE*



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Flow & Music: Important Ingredients for a Great Artistic Program

Who can do Artistic events: Artistic events are open to all skaters in Freestyle 1 level and higher. Adults especially enjoy this event since there are no required maneuvers.

Tips for a winning program: The main emphasis for all Artistic programs is on the creativity and innovative design of a skating program. Strong edges, interesting body positions, flow, music interpretation, rhythm, choreography and artistry should be the main focus of a well-balanced Artistic program.

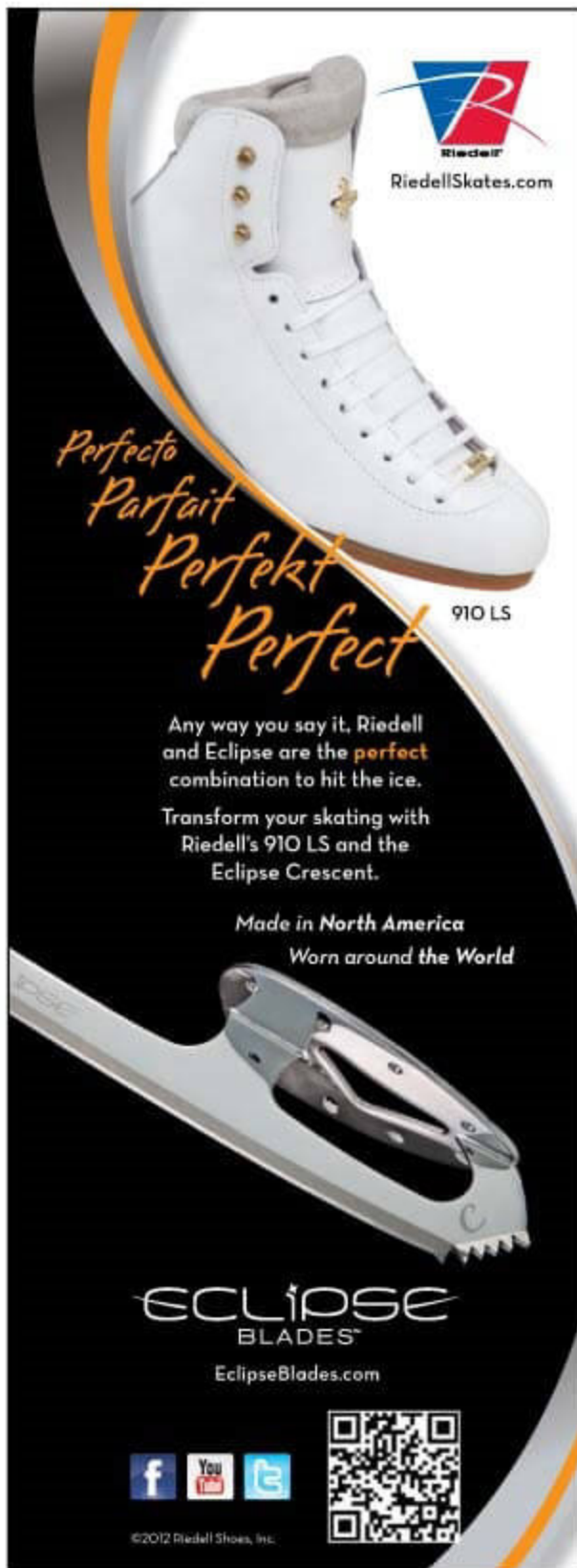
Do the skating maneuvers you enjoy — and do them very well! If you can do something extra special or different from anyone else — and it also fits the music — it will raise your scores into the higher range for the judges.

The best thing: The best thing about an Artistic program is the fact that you can create any kind of skating program you like without worrying about having to include any required maneuvers that you might not be able to do very well.

Like Spotlight programs, you can keep the same Artistic program for more than one Freestyle test level. You don't need to get a new program every time your test level changes, so it's great for Mom and Dad, too, if you can reuse the same music and costume for several competitions throughout the year. Of course, with your coach's help and advice, you can always change the choreography in your routine between competitions.

Maneuver limitations and duration times:

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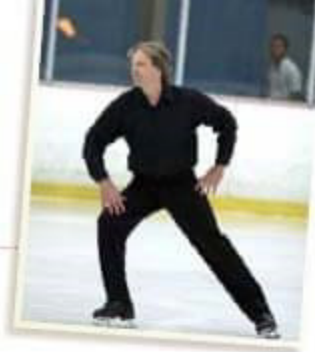
Levels	Maneuver Limitations	Duration
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Freestyle 1-3/Bronze	Maneuvers from Freestyle 4 & below	1:30
Freestyle 4-5/Silver	Maneuvers from Freestyle 6 & below	1:30
Freestyle 6-10/Gold/Platinum	Any maneuvers	2:00

Keep in mind that there is also no score for technical merit, so the difficulty of maneuvers is not judged. Props are not permitted in Artistic events.

Competition event groups: Since there is no score for technical elements, the competition director may group skaters together by combining levels and genders.

Judging criteria: Artistic impression, choreography and pattern, innovative moves, music interpretation and rhythm, edges and flow, posture and carriage, duration, and all three judges give a score for general overall. **RIS**



2012 ISI Handbook Corrections

We have identified some necessary edits to the new 2012 *ISI Handbook*. If you have already purchased your copy, please mark these changes in it to avoid any confusion. Books purchased following the revisions will include an insert containing the corrections. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Page 182 (duration chart):

- In the Freestyle column - Bronze / FS4 / FS5 / Silver - should all be 2:00 (not 2:30)
- In the Artistic column - Gold / FS6-10 / Platinum - should all be 2:00 (not 2:30)
- In the Spotlight column - Gold / FS6-10 / Platinum - should all be 2:00 (not 2:30)

Page 312 (Solo Compulsories):

- Please add the new judging criterion of General Overall.

Note: There are other places in the book where this information is correct. Only in these two places is the information incorrect.



High-Level Tests

Congratulations to the following ISI skaters who have recently passed high-level tests:

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Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club (SD)

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Cailey Weaver
Ice Sports Forum (FL)

Michael Wohldmann
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex (MO)



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Roundup at the Ranch
Austin Ranch
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6:30-10:30 p.m.

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This is one shindig you won't want to miss! Be sure to order your tickets from the ISI office by July 15 for advance reservations and pricing. (Tickets will be available at Worlds registration desk for an additional \$5 per ticket.)

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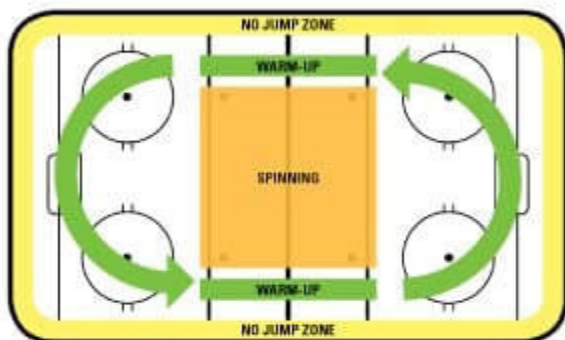
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The Forgotten Art of Skating *Etiquette*

by Jimmie Santee, CAM, CAO, CAP, MG, MPD

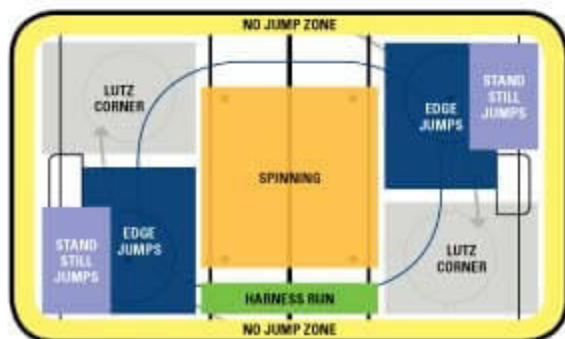


Last September I was in San Francisco for both the PSA Nationwide and ISI seminars. I was excited to be there as I was unveiling a new presentation/soapbox: “The Forgotten Art of Skating Etiquette.” But before I was scheduled to deliver my new PowerPoint presentation, I had an on-ice presentation to do. Standing in the middle of the rink finishing up my session, you can imagine my surprise as I was interrupted by this gentle voice from behind.

“Excuse me, Mr. Santee, I am sorry to interrupt ... I’m warming up for my test and I need to use the middle of the ice ... is that OK?”

I turned and stared at him in stunned silence. Did he just call me “Mr. Santee”? Is he asking my permission to use ice he already had a right to? WOW was all I could think, and “Sure” was all I managed to say.

Turning toward the coaches standing there, I said, “I’ll even get out of his way!” I was so impressed with his demeanor that I thought to myself, if I taught there, I would probably always make it a habit to look out for him.



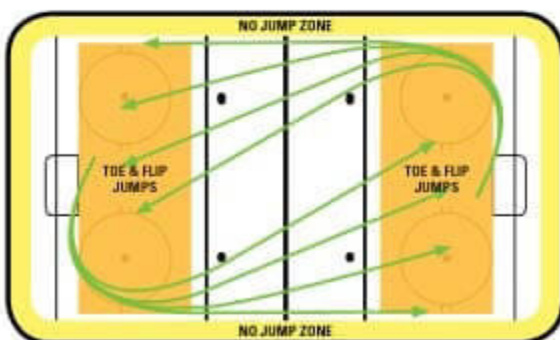
What really excited me was that my reaction was a great example of what I believe is a major problem today — the lack of “skating etiquette.” It seems that hardly a day goes by where my own skaters don’t complain about someone getting in their way during their program. Or maybe it’s a kid working on an Axel in the Lutz corner or someone practicing moves in the field in the opposite direction on a crowded session. It’s the beginner who never moves for anyone or, worse, the coaches who follow their skaters throughout the lesson, oblivious to anyone else on the ice.

There are probably a hundred examples of poor etiquette. And almost everybody has an excuse. I wish I had a dime for every time I hear, “So-and-so never moves for me; why should I move for them?”

Why should you? First, respect — as a society in general, there is a lack of respect for anything or anyone. Do we let in a merging driver or speed up?

Second is safety — two skaters playing chicken on who is going to get their jump in first. Someone has to take the high road or there will be a collision.

And finally, there is an economic component to this issue. Mayhem on a session creates an unsafe atmosphere and a total lack of productivity. Frustrated skaters are just going to search out a freestyle with fewer people. Fewer people on a session are not profitable for a rink. How long will it take for a manager to take away an hour of freestyle and sell it to hockey?



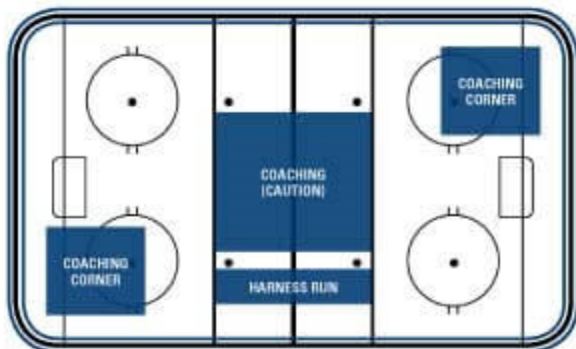
We can’t change the entire world, but we can begin to change the skating world — one skater, one coach, one parent, one club and one rink at a time. We can do this by making it a focus to learn the history, traditions and etiquette of our sport.

Here are some thoughts on what will make your session safer and more productive and rewarding:

- **Programs should have the first priority to the right of way.** The program skater should be easily identifiable. Be sure to wear a fluorescent-colored vest or sash that can be tied around the waist. Do not restart programs because of a fall or frustration with someone in your way. This not only limits the number of skaters who can do a program on a session, but it also cheats you of the opportunity to learn to “pick up” after a mistake. As your training progresses and you begin doing double run-throughs of your program, be considerate of other skaters on the session who need to practice theirs. You can always do the second run-through without the music on during a very busy session.

- **Lessons have the second priority to the right of way.** Remember that your fellow skaters, while in a lesson, have limited time with their coach to work on skills. Be considerate of them by not doing repetitive patterns into their lesson area and by working to space your practice around them. You will appreciate it when they do the same in return.

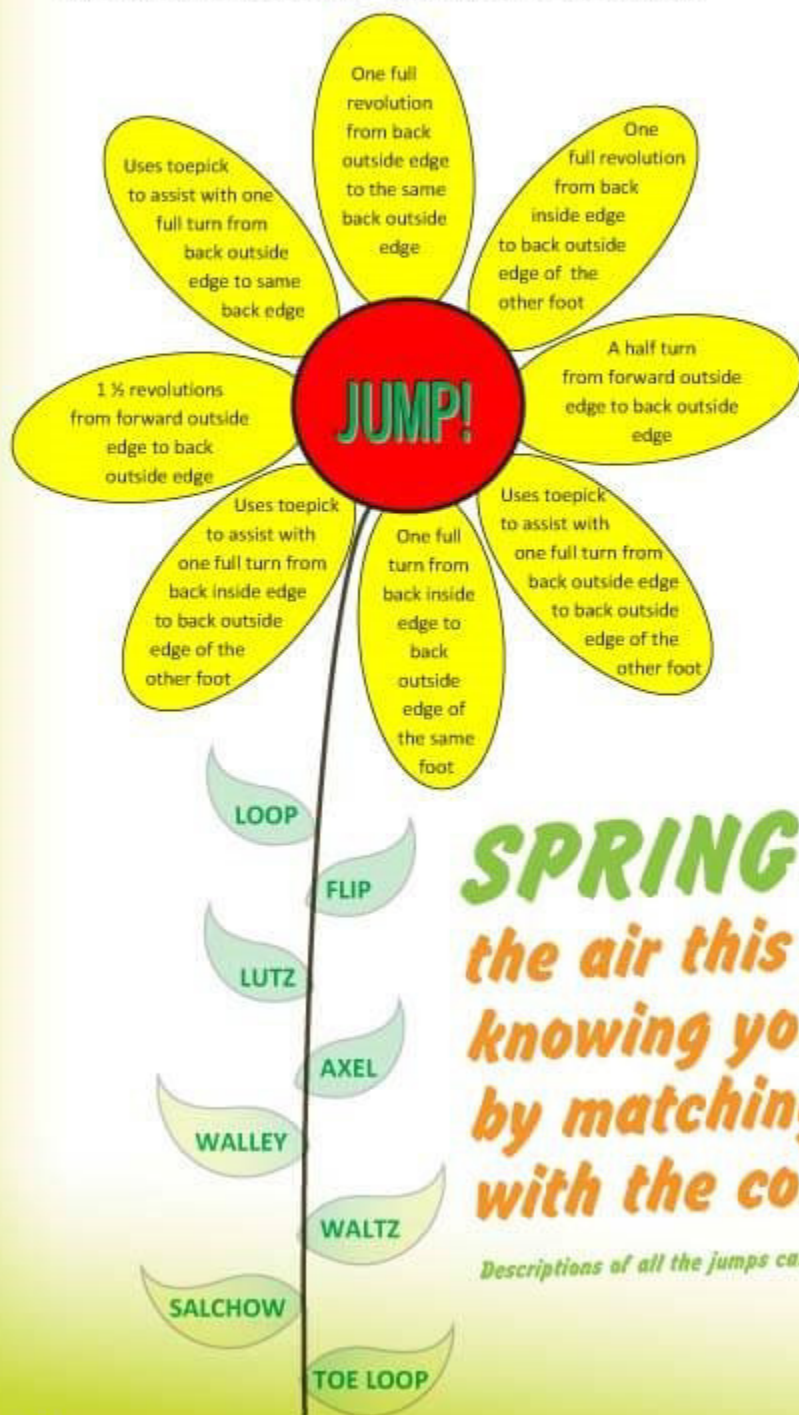
- **Seniority has the third right-of-way and the responsibility to avoid collisions.** By seniority, I mean older, stronger and more skilled skaters. This doesn’t mean that a FS 6 skater should highjack the session over FS 2 and 3 skaters just because she is the highest-level skater on the ice at that time. Instead, she should take the responsibility to model a “heads-up awareness” and ability to get a good practice in safely around the others. This means avoiding demonstrations of frustration when a younger skater accidentally skates into her path. By quickly avoiding the collision, smiling and setting up another attempt with good humor, she is modeling a courteous and considerate behavior to the younger skater. A genuine “Excuse me, thanks” with a smile will go a long way. **RIS**



General Safety Rules

- When passing slower skaters, always pass to the outside of the skater.
- When skating toward another skater, when in doubt skate to the right.
- Look both ways before skating away from the barrier.
- On busy sessions, try to practice your spins in the center area between the blue lines. The exception to this would be doing your spins during your program.
- Do not “park yourself” in the Lutz corner to work on a spin or particular skill. Vary your locations depending on the flow of the session. If you are struggling with a jump and practicing it in the same pattern as your program repetitively, try to flip the pattern to vary the ends of the arena that you are using. This will help with the flow of the session and also help you compete the program in different arenas without getting confused.
- Avoid standing jumps using the blue lines or the center red line. This can be very disruptive to the flow of traffic and dangerous for you. If required, use the area in the second half of the session, since there is less skating activity as the session progresses.

Jimmie Santee is the executive director of the Professional Skating Association.



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competitions

april

- 1 Geneva IL
Fox Valley Ice Arena
The Skate School @ Fox Valley LLC
Spring Invitational-April Fools
- 13-15 Lake North FL
Palm Beach Skatezone
District 18 Championships
- 14-15 Delmont PA
Center Ice Arena
The Golden Blades Championship
of Pittsburgh
- 14-15 McKinney TX
Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney
ISI District 11 Championships 2012
- 14-15 Monsey NY
Sport-O-Rama
Spring Classic
- 14-15 Van Nuys CA
Van Nuys Iceland
9th Annual ISI Open Competition
- 20-21 Boxborough MA
Nashoba Valley Olympia
Nashoba ISI 32nd Annual Team
Competition
- 20-22 Pasadena CA
Pasadena Ice Skating Center
28th Annual ISI Open Competition
- 20-22 Tacoma WA
Sprinker Recreation Center
25th Annual ISI Spring Fever Team
Competition
- 21-22 Newark DE
University of Delaware
2012 District 4 Championships
- 21-22 Soldatna AK
Soldatna Sports Center
Riverskate District 16 2012 ISI Team
Competitions
- 21-22 Franklin Park IL
Franklin Park Ice Arena
Spring Fever Competition
- 21-22 Owensboro KY
Edge Ice Center
Living on the Edge
- 21-22 Johnstown PA
Planet Ice
Spring Challenge Championship
- 28-29 San Mateo CA
Ice Center San Mateo
April Ambush
- 28-29 Lynchburg VA
LaHaye Ice Center
Lynchburg Figure Skating Club
The 4th Annual iSkate Competition
- 28-29 El Segundo CA
Toyota Sports Center
2012 Spring Fling

- 29 Boardman OH
The Ice Zone
Spring Invitational

may

- 4-6 Dedham MA
Boch Ice Center
Electric Edges Skating Club
Spring Fling
- 4-6 Sherwood OR
Sherwood Ice Arena
9th Annual Spring Classic
- 5-6 Fairfax VA
Fairfax Ice Arena
2012 ISI Spring Competition
- 5-6 San Francisco CA
Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center
ISI Dist. 14 Championships-
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Skate
- 12 Yorba Linda CA
Orange County Ice Palace
Orange County Figure Skating Academy
9th Annual ISI Open Competition
- 18-20 West Concord MA
Valley Sports Ice Arena
Sharper Edge Skating School
12th Annual Skaters Cup Competition
- 19 Richmond VA
Richmond Ice Zone
2012 Spring Splash



- 26-28 Orlando FL
RDV Sportsplex Ice Den
ISI Conference
Championships

june

- 1-3 New York NY
Sky Rink @ Chelsea Piers
26th Annual ISI Team Competition
- 15-17 Clearwater FL
Clearwater Ice Arena
26th Annual ISI Competition
- 28 Natick MA
William Chase Arena
FMC Ice Sports
22nd Annual District 1 Championships
- 30 Paramout CA
Paramout Iceland
ISI Open Competition

july

- 14 Wilmette IL
Centennial Ice Rinks-Wilmette
Mid-Summer Classic



- 23-28 Dallas TX
Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco
Dr Pepper StarCenter
McKinney at Craig Ranch
ISI World Recreational Team
Championships

august

- 11-12 Oxnard CA
Channel Island Ice Center
Summer Skatefest

september

- 14-16 Arlington TX
ICE at The Parks
9th Annual Open Competition

october



- 5-7 Las Vegas NV
Las Vegas Ice Center
ISI Adult Championships

november



- 30-Dec. 2 Danbury CT
Danbury Ice Arena
ISI Holiday Challenge

shows & exhibitions

april

- 5 Greensburg PA
Kirk S. Nevin Arena
South of the Border
- 13-14 Joliet IL
Joliet Park District-Inwood Arena
Celebrate the Seasons
- 13-14 Champaign IL
University of Illinois Ice Arena
LTS Showcase: Skating in Technicolor
- 20-22 Carol Stream IL
Carol Stream Ice Rink
Route 66

20-22 Chicago IL
McFetridge Sports Center
Toe Picks & Kicks on Route 66

20-22 Park Ridge IL
Oakton Ice Arena
Double-Loop Diner

27-28 Newark OH
Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
7th Annual Jane McConnell Spring Ice Show

27-28 Minneapolis MN
Parade Ice Garden
SportQuest Skating Academy-Parade Iconic Ice

27-29 Roseville MN
Roseville Skating Center
43rd Annual Roseville Ice Show:
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may

4-5 Stillwater MN
St. Croix Valley Recreation Center
The Great Skating Adventure

4-5 Lakewood CA
Glacial Garden Skating Arena
Once Upon a Time 3rd Annual Spring Production

5 Wasilla AK
Brett Memorial Ice Arena
Springtime in Paris

5-6 Cottage Grove MN
Cottage Grove Ice Arena
Musical Revivals on Ice

11-13 Wilmette IL
Centennial Ice Rinks-Wilmette
Around the World in 80 Minutes

18-20 Franklin Park IL
Franklin Park Ice Arena
Skate Upon a Star

18-20 Niles IL
Niles Park District Iceland Arena
Shrek the Icicle

18-20 Evanston IL
Robert Crown Center
Musicals in Motion

20 Nashville TN
Centennial Sportsplex
Annual Spring Show

20 F lushing NY
World Ice Arena
3rd Annual Spring Recital

20 Glen Ellyn IL
Center Ice of Dupage
Annual Ice Show: Where the Wild Things Are

20 San Diego CA
Ice Town San Diego
Broadway on Ice

june

16 Arlington TX
ICE at The Parks
Summertime

16-17 Boxborough MA
Nashoba Valley Olympia
ICE Magic

august

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Everybody's a Winner at Adult Champs in Vegas

by Lori Fairchild



Regardless of what other adventures you pursue in Las Vegas, there's one place in Sin City where you can count on not running out of luck: the ISI Adult Championships, Oct. 5-7 at the Las Vegas Ice Center.

That's because, like all ISI national competitions, Adult Champs is a recreational event where every participant has a great time, reunites with old friends and makes new ones, and puts their diet on hold for a few days. You'll go home with medals and memories regardless of your placement, and if the ribbons holding your medals happen to be blue, it's just a bonus.

It's all about opportunity, and ISI offers it in abundance.

"Because there are very few adult-only competitions, more skaters are becoming interested in the ISI Adult Champs as another chance to compete," notes Platinum Freestyle skater and Iowa coach Burton Powley. "ISI always does a great job of hosting a friendly and welcoming event. (With the addition of the new Open Freestyle events), ISI offers more categories to compete in, making it even more fun for everyone."

Las Vegas is a perennial favorite Adult Champs destination, and why not? There's no better place to socialize, laugh and live it up — and if the Strip isn't your scene, the area is packed with fantastic side trips like Hoover Dam, Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire State Park.

Everybody who's ever hit the ice knows that skating is a great way to stay young. If you haven't been a regular competitor at ISI Adult Championships, make this the year you discover what everybody's been talking about. The entry and test deadline is Aug. 10, and more information will be posted at skateisi.org/adultchamps. **RIS**

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Orlando

Entry & Test
Deadline:
March 1, 2012



July 23-28

Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco
Dr Pepper StarCenter
McKinney at Craig Ranch

Entry & Test
Deadline:
May 1, 2012



Oct. 5-7

Las Vegas Ice Center
Las Vegas

Entry & Test
Deadline:
Aug. 10, 2012



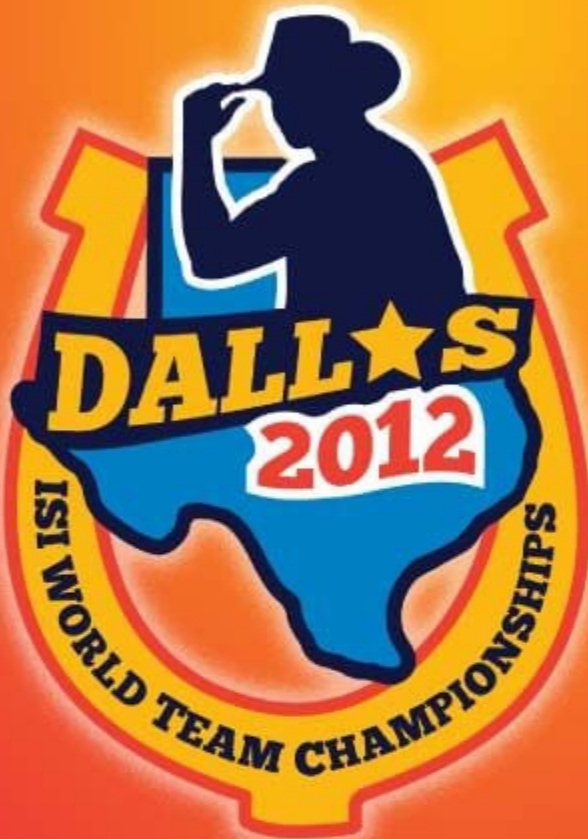
Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Danbury Ice Arena
Danbury, CT

Entry & Test
Deadline:
Oct. 1, 2012

*Replaces Artistic Challenge

Scoot Your Boots to Worlds in Texas!



ISI World Recreational
Team Championships
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"I love going to ISI national competitions, especially Worlds, because it gives everyone a chance to skate against great competitors. I love skating and I love meeting new people. I recommend going to Worlds because it is so much fun. I love the Competitors' Party and the Benefit on Ice Show, and the best part is trading pins with people from all over the world. Last year I became friends with a team from the Philippines, and we still stay in touch. Skating at Worlds is an unforgettable experience of a lifetime."

Kyle James
Clearwater, Florida

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