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Subject: URGENT - Final Communication for SGA Figure Skating - Please email to all SKATERS and COACHES and post on web

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Important information about State Games of America Figure Skating

All skaters and coaches should read this!

As the State Games event is now just a week away, here are some important pieces of information to know:

- 1) **Re-check your schedule online – times may have changed!**
- 2) Your first stop in town should be the registration desk just inside Gate A of the World Arena which opens at 6:00 am on Wednesday, August 1. You will receive the following items here:
 - a. Your Athlete Credentials (so you can get in and out of the facility without having to pay admission – any other family members will need to pay admission fees and we are not sure yet whether admission fees will be charged for practice ice sessions at the World Arena or Ice Hall – there will be no admission fees charged at the CC Honnen ice rink practice sessions)
 - b. Figure Skating specific program
 - c. Facility maps that show the rinks in the World Arena complex and directions to our secondary ice surface at Honnen Ice Rink at Colorado College – these will also be online
 - d. Hand outs showing medical locations and general State Games Information
 - e. Skating/Coaching specific hand outs
 - f. Coaches credentials will also be handed out at the registration desk so that you may enter without having to pay admission
 - g. You will turn in your music here – all music must be on CDs with no more than a 3 second lead in time and the CDs must be CD-R (NO CD-R/W discs as these will not play in the music systems). Make sure you have a 2nd copy of your music to use on practice ice sessions
 - h. We will have the ability to make copies of music for a \$5.00 fee if you forget your second copy or bring a tape!
- 3) Practice ice sessions will be available for purchase on Wednesday, August 1 starting at 6:00 am and throughout the competition at the World Arena and at Honnen Ice Rink. If you want to purchase sessions at Honnen Ice rink and it is scheduled on the same day that you are trying to purchase it, then you must purchase it at Honnen Ice Rink. If you are looking to purchase a future session at Honnen, not scheduled on the same day that you are attempting to make the purchase, you may do so at the World Arena. The practice ice table will be just inside Gate A of the Arena.
- 4) We will be selling wait list tickets for sessions that are full – you must pay in advance (\$20.00) for the session – you must show the ticket to the monitor – if you do not get on the session, bring the ticket back and we will refund the money.
- 5) You will NOT be able to walk on to practice ice sessions and pay the monitor
- 6) Music order for each practice session will be done by draw before each session. We do not guarantee that your music will be played.
- 7) Placement of Compulsory Programs –
 - a. In the NHL rink, if your event is designated at the “C” or “Clock” end of the rink, then you will enter through the zamboni door

- b. In the NHL rink, if your event is designated "Z" or "Zamboni", you will enter through the door closest to the entrance to the NHL rink (by the figure skating office)
- c. In the OLY rink, if your event is designated at the "Z" or Zamboni end of the rink, then you will enter through the door closest to the zamboni door.
- d. In the OLY rink, if your event is designated at the "T" or Tunnel end of the rink, then you will enter through the door closest to the the tunnel that connects the ice hall to the world arena
- e. In the WA rink, if your event is designated at the "Z" (Zamboni) or "F" (Flag) end of the rink, then you will enter through the Colorado College Locker Room and hockey box at center ice and will be directed to the correct side of the ice that you will skate on.

8) Problems or issues during the competition

- a. Should you have a problem or issue during the competition and need to speak to one of the Competition staff, please go to the Registration Desk and ask to speak to the Referee.
- b. Medical staff will be available on site both on the concourse level – between gates A and C - and on the rink level in Locker Room A

9) Opening Ceremonies

- a. Opening ceremonies will be at the World Arena on Thursday evening.
- b. Line ups for the Parade of Athletes takes place by the Ice Hall at 6:00 pm – Colorado residents on the west side (towards the mountains) and all other states on the east side (towards the freeway)
- c. Due to the ceremonies, the Registration desk and the Practice Ice desk will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday.

10) Awards

- a. Results will be posted in the World Arena concourse on the windows next to Gate B
- b. Medals will be awarded after each event is posted in the World Arena on the concourse between Gates A and C
- c. Please try to be prompt in getting to your award ceremony and remember to wear your costume and skates
- d. The Awards people are very familiar with skating and will do everything possible to make sure you can be in the medal ceremony and pictures – just let them know of any special circumstances you might have as I know we have some tight scheduling of events

11) Dressing Rooms

- a. Locker rooms will be available in the World Arena and in the Ice Hall for changing – there will be designated men/women locker rooms – please read the sign next to the locker room to know what it's designation is
- b. These will also be designated on the maps

12) Services Available during the competition

- a. Hair Braiding
- b. Videotaping of events for purchase
- c. Action photography shots during performance (this is not confirmed yet)
- d. Medal Engraving next to the awards area

13) Ways and Means

- a. Results for each event will be sold for \$.25 a copy

b. Additional Figure Skating Programs will be sold for \$5.00 a copy

14) If you are arriving in Colorado Springs prior to Wednesday and would like to purchase walk-on freestyle sessions you may call, or go online, for the following rinks to get their schedules:

a. World Arena Ice Hall – <http://www.worldarena.com> – 719-477-2153

b. Sertich Ice Center - <http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=5572> - (719) 385-5983

c. Honnen Ice Rink – email: lalexander@coloradocollege.edu - (719) 389-6495

15) Remember, Colorado Springs altitude is over 6000 ft. above sea level. Some people can be affected by altitude sickness. To avoid this, remember to drink at least twice the amount of water that you usually do and don't over-exert yourself all at once (don't skate back to back sessions if you aren't used to this altitude)!

