

# SAN JOSE, SAP CENTER AT SAN JOSE TO HOST 2023 TOYOTA U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL EVENT RETURNS TO SAN JOSE FOR THE FOURTH TIME SINCE 1996

## ALL-EVENT TICKETS TO THE 2023 TOYOTA U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO GO ON SALE FRIDAY, MARCH 18

**SAN JOSE, California (March 14, 2022)** – As previously announced by <u>U.S. Figure Skating,</u> San Jose, California will serve as the host city for the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The competition will take place January 23-29, 2023 and will be held at <u>SAP Center at San Jose</u> with <u>Sharks</u> <u>Ice at San Jose</u> serving as host of U.S. Figure Skating's National High Performance Development Camp which takes place January 30 through February 1.

All-event tickets for the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships will go on sale at 10 a.m. PT on Friday, March 18, 2022. All-event tickets start at \$350 and are available for purchase by clicking <u>HERE</u> or by phone at (408) 977-4715. All-event tickets include admission to all practice and competitive sessions with the option to add a ticket to the Prevagen Skating Spectacular for an additional cost. Platinum all-session tickets include the Skating Spectacular.

The 2023 U.S. Championships return to San Jose for the fourth time (1996, 2012 and 2018), and the first since 2018. The event was scheduled to take place in San Jose in 2021 but was relocated to Las Vegas due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The U.S. Championships return to California for the 13<sup>th</sup> time. Northern California is/was home to several figure skating greats including Olympic champions <u>Brian Boitano</u>, <u>Kristi Yamaguchi</u>, and <u>Peggy</u> <u>Fleming</u>, 1986 World champion **Debi Thomas**, and 1996 U.S. champ <u>Rudy Galindo</u>, who won the U.S. title in his hometown the first time San Jose hosted this event. 2014 Olympian and three-time U.S. medalist <u>Polina Edmunds</u> was raised in San Jose, and the Bay Area is also home to two-time U.S. champion <u>Alysa Liu</u> (2019, 2020), 2017 U.S. champion and Olympic silver medalist <u>Vincent Zhou</u>.

"San José is proud to welcome back the U.S. Figure Skating Championships," said San José Mayor **Sam Liccardo**. "Our region has a proud history of producing legendary skaters, and we look forward to continuing the tradition and sharing our local businesses as we host this prestigious event."

"We at Sharks Sports & Entertainment are proud to welcome the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships back to SAP Center at San Jose, our world-class sports and entertainment venue located in downtown San Jose," said **Jonathan Becher** (@JBecher), President, Sharks Sports & Entertainment. "Additionally, we are excited to showcase what will be San Jose's newest sports facility, a state-of-art, 4,200-seat arena at Sharks Ice at San Jose as part of a 200,00 square foot expansion of the facility. We look forward to safely welcoming athletes and fans from across the nation for a week of thrilling competition at both venues."

"We are thrilled for the return of the U.S Figure Skating Championships, one of the country's most highprofile sporting events, to San Jose," said **John Poch**, Executive Director of the San Jose Sports Authority. "With our partnership with the SAP Center and the continued support of our key community partners, including the City of San Jose, Office of Economic Development, and Team San Jose of the San Jose Convention & Visitors Bureau, we are eager to showcase why San Jose was chosen to host the championship for a fourth time. The Northern California figure skating community will help us celebrate the return of the championship!"

In the lead up to the 2023 U.S. Championships, U.S. Figure Skating will work closely with the San Jose Sports Authority, SAP Center at San Jose, and Sharks Ice at San Jose to plan the event.

The 2023 U.S. Championships will be broadcast live on NBC Universal and streamed live on NBC's Peacock.

Championship Weekend and Individual Session Tickets to the 2023 U.S. Championships will go on sale later this year. For more information about the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships click HERE.

### **MEDIA ASSETS:**

For event photos, click <u>HERE</u>. (Password: skating15)

For event video, click <u>HERE</u>. (Media outlets should credit U.S. Figure Skating and use no more than 90 seconds of competition footage in newscast.)

#### - U.S. Figure Skating -

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 765 member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated clubs and more than 1,000 registered Learn to Skate USA programs representing more than 203,023 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

#### - SAP Center at San Jose -

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, SAP Center at San Jose is the premier sports and entertainment venue in Northern California. Each year, SAP Center hosts approximately 175 events featuring professional and amateur athletes, Olympic athletes, Grammy award-winners, international recording artists, and a variety of performers who appeal to children and families alike. SAP Center at San Jose is home to the San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey League and San Jose Barracuda of the American Hockey League. For more information about SAP Center at San Jose and for a list of upcoming events, visit the SAP Center home page at www.sapcenter.com.

#### - San Jose Sports Authority -

The San Jose Sports Authority is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the City of San Jose's economic development, visibility and civic pride through sports. Serving as the City's sports commission since in 1991, the Sports Authority has provided leadership and support to attract and host hundreds of sporting events in San Jose and the South Bay. The Sports Authority also supports and operates community, youth and amateur sports programs, including the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame and the REACH Youth Scholarship.