

Dear School Administrator,

This letter is on behalf of a student at your school.

<u>U.S. Figure Skating</u> is the National Governing Body (NGB) for figure skating in the United States, as recognized by the <u>U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee</u> and <u>International Skating Union</u>. As an NGB, we oversee the qualifying competitive pipeline and eventual selection of athletes to represent the United States at international competitions, including the World Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

A student is registered to compete in the 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championship series in **Blaine, Minnesota, Oct. 4-8, 2021**. Participation in this event will result in his or her absence from class during all or part of that time. Skaters typically travel 1-2 days prior to the start of the event.

Athletes participating in any official series event, across the country, will have their score entered into our database to determine a rank among all other athletes at their level. At the conclusion of the series event, athletes who qualify based on specific qualification criteria, will earn a spot on the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating National High Performance Development Team.

You can follow your student's progress on U.S. Figure Skating's Fanzone.

We understand schoolwork is important and encourage students to set aside time to work on assignments during the event. We appreciate your willingness to work with his or her family to provide this opportunity for them. The life skills that athletes learn from participating in competitive figure skating, are often the same skills that help them to excel at school and later in life.

If you have any questions regarding their participation in this series, contact U.S. Figure Skating's Events Department at: <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>. The athlete's parent can also provide you with their travel details and schedule.

Sincerely,

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Our vision: Together, we foster fun and inspire a lifelong passion for skating while developing champions on and off the ice.

Our values: Excellence \* Integrity \* Respect \* Resilience \* Community

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