

# ***2003 North American International Synchronized Skating Competition***



***January 9 – 10, 2003  
Fraser, Michigan, USA***

**Sanctioned by  
The United States Figure Skating Association**



**Hosted by  
The Detroit Metro Skating Council**



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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The 2003 North American International Synchronized Skating Competition (2003 NAISSC) is an International Invitational Synchronized Skating Competition for Junior and Senior teams. The United States Figure Skating Association and the Detroit Metro Skating Council will host this competition at the Great Lakes Sports City Arena in Fraser, Michigan, USA, from January 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

### **LIST OF INVITED MEMBERS**

The following Members of the International Skating Union have been invited to enter the 2003 North American International Synchronized Skating Competition:

<b>National Ice Skating Association of Australia Incorporated</b>	<b>AUS</b>
<b>Osterreichischer Eislaufverband</b>	<b>AUT</b>
<b>Federation Royale Belge de Patinage Artistique</b>	<b>BEL</b>
<b>Skate Canada</b>	<b>CAN</b>
<b>Croatian Skating Federation</b>	<b>CRO</b>
<b>Czech Figure Skating Association</b>	<b>CZE</b>
<b>Dansk Skøjte Union</b>	<b>DEN</b>
<b>The Estonian Skating Union</b>	<b>EST</b>
<b>Sumomen Taitoluisteluiliitto</b>	<b>FIN</b>
<b>Federation Francaise des Sports de Glace</b>	<b>FRA</b>
<b>Deutsche Eislauf-Union e.V</b>	<b>GER</b>
<b>National Ice Skating Association of UK Limited</b>	<b>GRB</b>
<b>Hungarian National Skating Federation</b>	<b>HUN</b>
<b>Federazione Italiana Sport del Ghiaccio</b>	<b>ITA</b>
<b>Japan Skating Federation</b>	<b>JPN</b>
<b>Koninklijke Nederlandsche Schaatsenrijders Bond</b>	<b>NED</b>
<b>Norges Skøyteforbund</b>	<b>NOR</b>
<b>Romanian Skating Federation</b>	<b>ROM</b>
<b>Figure Skating Federation of Russia</b>	<b>RUS</b>
<b>South African Ice Skating Association</b>	<b>SAF</b>
<b>Svenska Konstakningsforbundet</b>	<b>SWE</b>
<b>Schweizer Eislauf-Verband</b>	<b>SWI</b>
<b>Ukrainian Figure Skating Federation</b>	<b>UKR</b>
<b>United States Figure Skating Association</b>	<b>USA</b>

The Organizing Committee (DMSC / NAISSC 2003) reserves the right to accept late entries and to limit the number of participating teams.

The registration desk for all referees, judges, and officials will be at:

Somerset Inn  
2601 West Big Beaver Road  
Troy, Michigan 48084 USA  
(800) 228-8700  
(248) 643-7800  
Fax: (248) 643-2220

Participating teams should register at:

Great Lakes Sports City Arena  
34400 Utica Road  
Fraser, MI 48026 USA

From Monday, January 6th, 2003, through Friday, January 10th, 2003, from 0900 hours to 1800 hours.

## **FEES**

The entry fee of \$400.00 must be payable in U.S. Dollars. Non-official practice ice fees are to be remitted in U.S. dollars -- preferred methods of payment -- International Money Order, drawn on a United States Bank, American Express or Thomas Cook Travelers Checks denominated in United States Dollars payable to Detroit Metro Skating Council/NAISSC-2003. The Organizing Committee must receive all monies by November 15, 2002 (See FORM E).

## **NOMINATION OF JUDGES/REFEREES/EXPENSES**

Each participating country may nominate at least one (1) judge, listed on the ISU List of Referees and Judges for Synchronized Skating (2002-2003) (See FORM B). Referees will be nominated by the Organizing Committee and chosen from the ISU list.

The Organizing Member will pay the traveling expenses at APEX airfare economy rate for all invited referees. All officials will be provided ground transportation from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), Wayne County, Michigan, USA, to the SOMERSET INN. Accommodations and meals starting with dinner on Tuesday, January 7th, 2003, through lunch on Saturday, January 11th, 2003, will be provided to all invited judges and referees. Wives, husbands, relatives and medical staff are not included. All other expenses shall be the responsibility of each official.

## **JUDGES MEETING**

The judges' meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003, at 1300 hours at the Somerset Inn.

## **JUDGES REVIEW MEETING**

The judges' review meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11th, 2003, at 0900 hours at the Somerset Inn. As this is a mandatory meeting for all judges and referees, it is kindly requested travel plans be made accordingly.

## **COACHES & TEAM LEADER MEETING**

Team leaders meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003, at 1415 hours at the GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA.

## **TECHNICAL RULES**

All appropriate ISU Rules shall be in effect (see ISU regulations 2002) for Junior and Senior events.

The following should be noted. Teams may enter more than one category using different music and a different routine, with a 50% change in skaters. Only those skaters whose names are listed on the registration form will be allowed to skate. The OBO accounting system will be used for this competition.

### **Junior Division**

12-20 skaters, at least 12 years and less than 19 years old on July 1, 2002. A maximum of four (4) alternates per team.

Short program maximum 2 minutes 40 seconds (max.)	Factor 0.5 (33.3%)
Free skating program 4 minutes (± 10 seconds)	<u>1.0 (66.7%)</u>
	1.5 (100%)

### **Senior Division**

16-20 skaters, at least 14 years or older on July 1, 2002. A maximum of four (4) alternates per team.

Short program maximum 2 minutes 40 seconds (max.)	Factor 0.5 (33.3%)
Free skating program 4 minutes 30 seconds (± 10 seconds)	<u>1.0 (66.7%)</u>
	1.5 (100%)

The layout of the arena with the entrance to and exit from the ice, judges' stand, etc. will be forwarded to each participant upon receipt of the team entry form.

## **CITIZENSHIP / RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURE**

In accordance with ISU Rule 109 and ISU Communication No. 1117, all skaters who do not have the nationality of the Member by which they have been entered or who, although having such nationality, have in the past represented another Member, must produce an ISU Clearance Certificate.

## **MUSIC & PUBLICITY**

The music of each team must be furnished in excellent quality on CD, mini-disk, cassette tape or DAT (Digital Audio Tape) format. The team must submit (2) tapes for each program at the time of registration. The tapes must be properly inserted in protective containers and be clearly identified with the name of the team and the category (Junior/Senior). The type of program (Short Program/Free Skating) and must show the exact running time of the music (not skating time). The music forms (FORM D) must be included with the entry form of the team.

**IMPORTANT: Please include one team photograph with FORM D for proper inclusion in the Official 2003 NAISSC Program. Note: Coaches are not to be included in the photograph.**

## **LIABILITY**

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, the United States Figure Skating Association and the Organizing Committee (OC) for the competition accepts no liability for injury or damage sustained by competitors or officials. The OC will not be providing participant insurance coverage for the event. Members are expected to provide their own insurance protection. The OC will provide emergency medical services for all participants at the competition and official practice sites. (See FORMS C1 & C2)

## **PUBLICITY WAIVER**

Each individual and/or team, waive any and all rights to financial remuneration or other compensation for the use or reproduction of their image or likeness, or that of their synchronized skating team. They grant permission to use same, as or in publicity prior to, during or following the 2003 North American International Synchronized Skating Competition in Fraser, Michigan.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

It is recommended that each team manager carry copies of medical information for each skater for use in case of emergency/accident. Such information should include but is not limited to the following, and will greatly aid local medical and emergency personnel: (SEE FORM C1)

- Allergies
- Existing medical conditions (i.e. asthma)
- Current medications
- Immunizations
- Blood type
- Use of glasses, contact lenses, dental appliances

## **DOPING CONTROLS**

Anti-Doping tests will not be conducted.

## **ARENA**

All competition events will be conducted at the GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA, which is located within five miles (8 km) of each of the hotels. The ice surface is 200 feet (60.96 m) in length and 85 feet (25.90 meters) in width.

## **PRACTICE ICE**

All practice ice is available at \$75.00 (USD) per 15 minute block per team. Non official practice ice on competitive ice surface will be available in 15 minute blocks on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003, between 0700 hours – 1645 hours. (See FORM I)

Non official practice ice on a non competitive ice surface will be available on Thursday, January 8th, 2003 in 15 minute blocks per team.

Official practice ice on competitive ice surface will be available to each participating team for a minimum of 10 minutes for the short program and 12 minutes for the free skating program. Junior and senior practice will be Thursday, January 9th from 0900 – 1600 hours and Friday, January 10th from 0800 – 1400 hours, at the GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

**The 2003 NAISSC Hotel to be used for judges, referees, and other officials is:**

The Somerset Inn  
2601 W.Big Beaver Road  
Troy, Michigan USA  
(800) 228-8700  
(248) 643-7800  
Fax: (248) 643-2220

**All rooms must be paid in U.S. Dollars (USD) payable to above hotel (see FORM HI & HR)**

**The 2003 NAISSC Hotel to be used for the participating team members is:**

Best Western Sterling Inn  
34911 Van Dyke Avenue  
Sterling Heights, Michigan, 48312 USA  
(586) 979-1400  
Fax: (586) 979-7962

**All rooms must be paid in U.S. Dollars (USD) payable to above hotel (see FORM HI & HR)**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

All teams are responsible for their own transportation. Listed below are available bus companies. Teams should contact these companies directly to arrange transportation. All teams are requested to fill out the TEAM TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE (FORM T1).

### **COMMUTER EXPRESS**

26500 Van Born Road  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 48125-1340 USA  
(313) 292-2000  
Fax: (313) 299-2099

### **ECLIPSE LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC**

15871 French Creek Drive  
Fraser, Michigan, 48026 USA  
(586) 293-6684  
E-mail: [eclipselimosine@aol.com](mailto:eclipselimosine@aol.com)

## **DRAWS**

Draw ceremony will be conducted on Wednesday, January 8th, 2003, at 1530 hours at the GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA.

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 9th, 2003, at 1800 hours at the GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA

## **MEDALS**

Medals will be presented to the top three finishing teams in junior and senior categories on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, following the completion of the competition.

## **COMPETITORS PARTY**

The Competitors Party will be held on Friday, January 10th, 2003, at 2200 hours at the Best Western Sterling Inn – see COMPETITOR'S PARTY RESERVATION FORM (FORM CP).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **United States Figure Skating Association**

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Attention: Kelly Hodge, Director of Synchronized Skating  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
USA  
Telephone: (719) 635-5200  
Telefax: (719) 635-9548  
E-mail: [khodge@usfsa.org](mailto:khodge@usfsa.org)

**2003 North American International Synchronized Skating Competition Website:**

**[www.sk8stuff.com](http://www.sk8stuff.com)**

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE – TENTATIVE

**Wednesday, January 8th, 2003**

**GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA, FRASER, MICHIGAN**

0700- 1645 hours                      Unofficial Practice

**SOMERSET INN**

1300 hours                              Judges Meeting

**GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA, FRASER, MICHIGAN**

1415 hours                              Coaches & Team Leaders Meeting

1530 hours                              Draw Ceremony

**LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**

1900-2230 hours                      Officials Dinner

**Thursday, January 9th, 2003**

**GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA, FRASER, MICHIGAN**

Morning                                  Junior Short Program - Official Practice

Afternoon                                Senior Short Program - Official Practice

1800 hours                                Opening Ceremony

1900 hours                                Junior Short Program - Competition

Immediately After Juniors            Senior Short Program - Competition

**Friday, January 10th, 2003**

**GREAT LAKES SPORTS CITY ARENA, FRASER, MICHIGAN**

Morning                                  Junior Free Skating - Official Practice

Afternoon                                Senior Free Skating - Official Practice

1630 hours                                Junior Free Skating - Competition

Immediately After Juniors            Senior Free Skating – Competition

Immediately After Last Event        Awards

**BEST WESTERN STERLING INN**

2200 – 0100 hours                      Competitor's Party

**Saturday, January 11th, 2003**

**SOMERSET INN**

0900 hours                                Judges Review Meeting