



Adult Special Achievement Awards

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INTRODUCTION/RATIONALE

The purpose of U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards is to recognize and reward adult figure skaters who demonstrate high-quality technical elements and performance regardless of difficulty.

The goal of the Adult Special Achievement Awards Program is to help create a shift within our culture, encouraging competitive adult figure skaters to focus on improving presentation and executing elements with high quality instead of attempting riskier, lower-quality elements that may increase their chance of injury and prevent future participation in the sport. Therefore, this program offers an incentive to competitive adult figure skaters who manage their competitive programs and strategy in a way that sets them up for success and longevity.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards are pins given to adult athletes to reward high quality skating in their programs at the Adult Sectional Championships and the U.S. Adult Championships. Pins are awarded in championship singles events at the adult sectional championships, and championship pairs, partnered dance, and solo dance events at the U.S. Adult Championships. **Only one pin will be awarded per skater regardless of the number of achievements.**

ELIGIBLE EVENTS AND AWARDS

Events where Adult Special Achievement Awards will be awarded are:

- U.S. Adult Sectional Championships: championship adult silver, championship adult gold, championship masters intermediate-novice, and championship masters junior-senior singles events
- U.S. Adult Championships: championship masters pairs, championship adult dance, and championship adult solo dance

Each skater will receive an Adult Special Achievement Award at the conclusion of the medal ceremony for each eligible free skate/free dance event for the following:

- Championship Singles events
 - The skater with the highest Presentation mark
 - The skater in each singles group with the highest point total for their ChSt element
 - Each skater in championship masters junior-senior who earns at least one +3 GOE or higher for an element
 - Each skater in championship adult silver, championship adult gold, and championship masters intermediate-novice events who earns at least two +2 or higher GOE, or at least one +3 or higher GOE for an element
 - Each skater who receives a "clean sheet," defined as a total GOE of 0.00 or higher for each element on their protocol (the total GOE score column is directly to the right of the Base Value column) and no dashed elements
- Championship Masters Pairs
 - The team with the highest Presentation mark
 - The teams who earns the most points for their side-by-side solo spin
 - Each team who earns at least two +2 or higher GOE, or at least one +3 or higher GOE for an element
 - Each team who receives a "clean sheet," defined as a total GOE of 0.00 or higher for each

element on their protocol (the total GOE score column is directly to the right of the Base Value column) and no dashed elements

- Championship Partnered Dance
 - The team with the highest Presentation mark in the free dance segment
 - The team who earns the most points for their twizzles in the free dance segment
 - Each team who receives a "clean sheet," defined as a total GOE of 0.00 or higher for each element on their protocol (the total GOE score column is directly to the right of the Base Value column) and no dashed elements in the free dance or either pattern dance segment
 - Each team who earns at least two +2 or higher GOEs or at least one +3 or higher GOE for an element in the free dance or either pattern dance segment
- Championship Solo Dance
 - The skater with the highest Skating Skills mark in the free dance segment
 - The skaters with the highest point total for the step sequence in the free dance segment
 - Each skater who earns at least two +2 or higher GOE, or at least one +3 or higher GOE for an element in the free dance or pattern dance segment
 - Each skater who receives a "clean sheet," defined as a total GOE of 0.00 or higher for each element on their protocol (the total GOE score column is directly to the right of the Base Value column) and no dashed elements in the free dance or pattern dance segment

If the event is uncontested, the only pin that can be achieved is the "clean sheet" pin.

In events with qualifying rounds, pins will be awarded in both the qualifying round and the final round.