

## 2004 FUTURE CHAMPIONS SERIES SUMMARY SHEET

**What events are in the FCS?** At all FCS designated competitions **juvenile (not open), intermediate and novice freeskating, dance (not solo), and pairs (not similar) events are part of this series and will count towards the earning of FCS points.** Short program events are not included in the FCS, and if there is a final round, it is not included. That doesn't mean you shouldn't enter such events – it just means that your placement in SP, final rounds, solo dance or similar pairs will not earn you FCS points.

**How do I enter the FCS?** By skating in this competition in eligible events you are automatically enrolled in the FCS. You don't need to do anything else. **To have your points calculated at the end of the year, however, you must enter at least 3 FCS competitions** (in the same event). These competitions can be in any part of the country, although when we tally your points you will be compared to other skaters from the section where your home club resides. Again, a full explanation on this can be found in the FCS program summary noted above.

**How do I know if I'm eligible to be part of the series?** First, FCS participation and your ability to skate in this (or any other competition) are two separate things. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements for this competition, and for the events you want to enter, you are eligible to skate in this competition. In most cases, if you skate in an FCS eligible event, you will receive FCS points. **There are only a three scenarios where skaters are not eligible to receive FCS points:** 1) skaters who medalled at Junior Nationals and skate in the same event in a subsequent FCS competition won't get FCS points for that event, 2) any skater who has competed in the novice division at the US Nationals (regardless of placement) and who skates in the same division at an FCS event won't receive FCS points, and 3) any skater who has competed in a North American Challenge Series competition will not be eligible for FCS points in that discipline. Note that for pairs and dance, points are awarded to couples not individuals, so if the couple that otherwise would not be eligible to receive FCS points dissolves and each skater finds a new partner, then the new teams can receive points.

**What do I have to pay to enter the FCS?** Nothing outside of the registration fee for the FCS designated competition itself.

**Who will keep track of my points?** A National level accountant selected by the PDC will tally all points for all FCS competitions.

**How are my FCS points determined?** Points are awarded based on your placement. The points are also factored based on the number of entrants in the events. At the end of the 2004 season, we will take your best three point totals (based on place and group size) to calculate your final FCS point total.

- In FCS-eligible events, the following points will be awarded based on placement:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Points</b>
First	24 points
Second	20 points
Third	16 points
Fourth	12 points
Fifth	8 points
Sixth	4 points
Seventh and lower	1 point

- Points will also be adjusted for the number of entrants in the flight.

<b>Number entrants</b>	<b>Factor</b>
0-11	0.5
12 or more	1.0

For example, a skater places first (receives 24 points) in an event with 4 skaters. The 24 points for first place are then multiplied by 0.5 to get the final points (i.e., 12). Conversely, a skater places third in an event with 18 skaters (16 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> x 1.0 factor = 16) and receives 16 points.

**Is there a prize?** Yes! At the end of the season, all skaters who have participated in at least three FCS competitions in the same discipline will receive a certificate of participation in the series. Also, in each section, the skaters with the top four point totals in each discipline will get a special FCS medal and their names will be listed in *Skating*. In the event that more than one skater has the same point total, each skater will receive a medal. In addition, unlike in competitive events where a tie results in the next place being skipped, this will not be done in the FCS. For example, if at the end of the 2004 season, the point tally for juvenile girls in the East shows two skaters tied for first, three for second, only one in third, and four in fourth, then all ten skaters will get medals.

**If I have questions about the program whom do I ask?** Lynn Goldman is the National Vice Chair for the FCS. She can be reached via e-mail at [lgoldman1@austin.rr.com](mailto:lgoldman1@austin.rr.com). You can also contact Ron Dei Cas, MD, Chair of the Program Development Committee at [skatjudg@aol.com](mailto:skatjudg@aol.com). Please note “Future Champions Series” in the subject line.