



MEDIA ADVISORY

2015 Eastern Sectional Figure Skating Championships Take Place in Wake Forest November 18-22

- WHO** Hosted by the Triangle Figure Skating Club of NC, Inc., six skaters from North and South Carolina to compete in Eastern Sectional competition this week.
NOTE: Bios of the six skaters are at the bottom of this Media Advisory.
- WHAT** Athletes in the U.S. Figure Skating competitive pipeline compete to qualify for a berth in the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, set for January 17 -25, 2015, in Greensboro. The top four skaters in the ladies and men's events at each of the nine regional championships qualified for one of three sectional championships. The sectional championships are the only qualifying phase for pairs and ice dancing. The top four finishers at each level in each discipline at the sectional championships will earn a berth in the U.S. Championships.
- WHEN** November 18-22 (see attached schedule for times)
- WHERE** Polar Ice House @ The Factory
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Eastern Sectionals Skater Bios

Miles Addison & Kay Bergdolt

Miles Addison and Kay Bergdolt are Wake County natives now competing for the Skating Club of Boston. Addison and Bergdolt, who are 20 and 18 years old, respectively, are not strangers to the Eastern Sectionals competition. They earned a first place finish in the Juvenile Pairs competition in 2008, followed by a second place finish in Intermediate Pairs in 2009, a first place finish in Intermediate Pairs in 2010, and most recently a third place finish in the Novice pairs competition in 2011. The pair made a run at a national title in 2011 in Greensboro, however fell short with a seventh place finish in the Novice Pairs Dance competition. After the disappointing seventh place finish in 2011, Addison stepped away from skating in order to pursue a long time

dream of playing football at Enloe High School in Raleigh. Addison and Bergdolt are now back on the ice in 2014 hoping to reach Greensboro again.

Jessica Hu

Jessica Hu not only competes on the ice but in the classroom as well. She balances a rigorous academic and skating schedule as she attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill while training for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Hu graduated from Enloe High School in Raleigh in 2013 and took a year off to focus on skating before enrolling in UNC this year. Training paid off as she placed first in the 2014 Collegiate Figure Skating Championships in August. Hu also previously competed in the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Francisco, placing 11th in the Ladies Junior Division. Hu and her Washington, D.C. based coach, Shirley Hughes, are hoping for an even stronger performance in 2014 in Greensboro.

Ewan McKinley & Alyson Robinson

Ewan McKinley and Alyson Robinson of Central Carolina Skating Club will be competing in the Juvenile Dance division of the Eastern Sectionals. Natives of Hillsborough, North Carolina, this is the pair's first run at a national title. McKinley and Robinson have placed in various local juvenile dance competitions, but are looking to improve their resumé in Wake Forest and, hopefully, Greensboro.

Carly Berrios

Carly Berrios, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, began skating at the age of 7 years old when she could barely make it across the ice. Several years of lessons later, Carly had grown into a talented figure skater. In 2011, Carly and her mother moved to Virginia in order to be closer to her coach, Rashid Kadyrkaev, at the Ashburn Ice House. Berrios most recently placed first at the Eastern Sectionals and fourth at the Prudential U.S. Championships in 2014 in the Ladies Novice division. She strives to finish even higher in 2015 in hopes of fulfilling her dream of representing Team USA in the Olympics.

About the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships

The 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships will take place January 17 to 25, 2015 with practice day for the skaters on Friday, January 16, and competition beginning Saturday, January 17 through Sunday, January 25. The Championships conclude with the Skating Spectacular on Sunday evening, January 25. At the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, national champions will be selected in Ladies, Men, Pairs, and Ice Dance at the Senior, Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Juvenile levels. For only the third time in the 100-year history of the event, the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships will feature the three major components of the Championships—competition, practice and FanFest—all in one building, under one roof.

About North Carolina 2015

North Carolina 2015 is the local organizing committee for the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Greensboro, NC, January 17-25, 2015. NC 2015 encompasses a collaborative team consisting of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Sports & Properties, Inc., North Carolina Amateur Sports, and North Carolina Figure Skating Clubs. The 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships are sponsored locally by BB&T and VF Corporation, Presenting Sponsors; and by Official Sponsors the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Graphic Visual Solutions, the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, BEM, The City of Greensboro, Vela, The Cemala Foundation, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Lowes Foods, Ice Rink Events, TIMCO, Edea, Cone Health, Hagan Davis Law Firm, Exact Target, HKS, Rice Toyota, Apple Rock, Krispy Kreme, North State Communications, Olympia, the Korea Tourism Organization, The Greensboro Partnership, Systel Business Systems, and Lenovo; by The News & Record and WFMY News2, Diamond Media & Marketing Partners; and by Official Media & Marketing Partners I Heart Media, Guilford Woman Magazine; Capitol Broadcasting Company, Forsyth Family Magazine, Forsyth Woman Magazine, and O. Henry Magazine.

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