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## ICE SWEEPERS SELECTED FOR 2015 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREENSBORO, N.C.

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** (May 21, 2014) – North Carolina 2015, the local organizing committee for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, has announced the ice sweepers selected for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Ice sweepers are volunteers who clear the ice of mementos tossed onto the ice by spectators in recognition of competitor's performance. Sweepers collect the items for the athletes in a time-honored figure skating tradition.

Sweeper auditions took place Saturday, May 17, at the Triangle SportsPlex in Hillsborough, N.C. More than 120 skaters from figure skating clubs or Basic Skills programs in North Carolina and South Carolina, ages 8 to 13, participated in the auditions.

Forty-two sweepers – including three that were also ice sweepers in 2011, Lillie Ammons, Katelyn Mamrick and Ellie Nedrich – from 10 area figure skating clubs were selected,

Ice sweepers for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are:

**Carolinas Figure Skating Club (Indian Trail, N.C.)**

Madeline Grace Ashton, 9, Matthews, N.C.

Christian Hill Bennett, 11, Charlotte, N.C.

Kaylee Dobson, 7, Matthews, N.C.

Anais Gentles, 12, Waxhaw, N.C.

Luci Hinson, 12, Indian Trail, N.C.

Madelyn Jordan, 10, Charlotte, N.C.

Ellie Nedrich, 12, Charlotte, N.C.

Courtney Phillippi, 9, Charlotte, N.C.

Emma Potts, 11, Waxhaw, N.C.

**Skating Club of North Carolina (Raleigh, N.C.)**

Isabelle Downs, 11, Raleigh, N.C.

Emily Hammill, 11, Raleigh, N.C.

Bella Grace Lineberger, 9, Raleigh, N.C.

Nicole Madden, 10, Raleigh, N.C.

Ashley Merrills, 11, Cary, N.C.

Maurie Moore, 13, Raleigh, N.C.

Maddie Tharrington, 13, Raleigh, N.C.

Isabella Welby, 12, Raleigh, N.C.

**Triangle Figure Skating Club (Wake Forest, N.C.)**

Lillie Ammons, 13, Raleigh, N.C.

Kendall Briggs, 9, Cary, N.C.

Megan Brown, 12, Cary, N.C.

Chloe Dybwad, 10, Raleigh, N.C.

Hannah Hortman, 10, Wake Forest, N.C.

Alicia Lin, 9, Cary, N.C.

**Greenville Figure Skating Club (Greenville, S.C.)**

Ava Clare Ball, 9, Simpsonville, S.C.

Anna Gates, 13, Greer, S.C.

Kelli Hopkins, 13, Simpsonville, S.C.

Amanda Mamrick, 10, Greer, S.C.  
Katelyn Mamrick, 12, Greer, S.C.  
Alli Tevis, 10, Greenville, S.C.

**Central Carolina Skating Club (Hillsborough, N.C.)**

Brianna Rose Cellini, 12, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Jenna Marks, 12, Raleigh, N.C.  
Madison Miner, 13, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Alyson Robinson, 11, Bahama, N.C.

**Summit Figure Skating Club of North Carolina (Greensboro, N.C.)**

Gabrielle Boyd, 13, Greensboro, N.C.  
Jonah Chiu, 11, Burlington, N.C.  
Stefan Stalker, 11, Greensboro, N.C.  
Rachael Stephany, 10, Greensboro, N.C.

**Silver Star Figure Skating Club (Charlotte, N.C.)**

Josephine Clark, 11, Fort Mill, S.C.  
Erryn O'Donnell, 10, Charlotte, N.C.

**Port City Skating Club (Wilmington, N.C.)**

Katherine Eskander, 13, Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

**Skating Club of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.)**

Sophie Flatt, 12, Summerville, S.C.

**Palmetto Skate Club (Columbia, S.C.)**

Sarah Witko, 9, Chapin, S.C.

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**– About North Carolina 2015 –**

*North Carolina 2015 is the local organizing committee for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Greensboro, N.C. NC 2015 encompasses a collaborative team consisting of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, North Carolina Amateur Sports, Sports & Properties, Inc., and North Carolina Figure Skating. The 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are sponsored locally by BB&T and VF Corporation, Presenting Sponsors; and by Official Sponsors: Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, Graphic Visual Solutions, BEM Interactive, Vela Strategic Marketing and Public Relations, The Cemala Foundation, City of Greensboro, Ice Rink Events, HKS, Exact Target, Hagan Davis, Rice Toyota, Greensboro Partnership, and Cone Health. Media & Marketing Partners for the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships include Diamond Partners the News & Record and WFMY News 2; and Official Partners Clear Channel Radio, Guilford Woman Magazine, Forsyth Woman Magazine, and Forsyth Family Magazine. For more information on North Carolina 2015 and the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, visit [www.northcarolina2015.com](http://www.northcarolina2015.com).*