



## 2008 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS COACHING POLICY

In a continuing effort to minimize congestion, insure each skater's safety and promote a situation in which our skaters are able to focus on a peak performance, U.S. Figure Skating is implementing the following credential and rink side access policy for the 2008 U.S. Championships. It is hoped by reducing the distractions and congestion, the skaters, coaches and event will all benefit.

1. Only legitimate coaches will be awarded coaching credentials at the 2008 State Farm U.S. Championships.
  - a. U.S. Figure Skating Rule 3032 - Any coach being credentialed for a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition is required to be a member of both U.S. Figure Skating and the Professional Skating Association.
  - b. Must be an active coach that works with the skater who has qualified for the U.S. Championships.
2. Each singles entry may designate a maximum of two (2) coaches for rink side (entry/exit/staging) credentials. Each pair and dance team entry may designate a maximum of three (3) coaches for rink side credentials. One credential is free. The second and third must be purchased (\$160). No additional coaches are entitled to credentials.
3. Only two coaches for each singles entry and three coaches for each pair/dance team will be allowed in the rink side area. Due to space limitations no exceptions will be made to this rule.
4. Practice sessions will have no limitations as to the number of credentialed coaches rink side.
5. The skater(s) or the skater's parent is solely responsible for the designation or for any change of the official coaches or record. Changes may only be made one time and only at the registration room at the official hotel once on site.
6. The coaches' and skaters' credentials to the lower levels of the main arena will expire after the skater's event ends. However, all skaters' and coaches' credentials will allow access into the open seating area of the arena to watch the events throughout the week along with the transportation system between all venues and hotels.
7. Credentials will be extended to Coaches who require access to the lower levels of the arena if the situation warrants. (Awards, exhibitions, etc.)