



EVENT FACT SHEET

EVENT NAME: 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships – www.saintpaul2008.com

DATES: January 20-27, 2008

MAIN ARENA: Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.

HOST HOTELS: Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel - 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, Minn., (651) 292-1900
The Saint Paul Hotel - 350 Market Street, Saint Paul, Minn., (651) 292-9292

EVENT HISTORY & DETAILS: Held annually since 1914, the U.S. Figure Skating Championships is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event each year. Over the course of a week the event will crown 12 national champions in ladies, men's, pairs and ice dancing on the senior, junior and novice levels.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: Recent host cities have reported economic impact in excess of \$30 million, and hotel room nights have numbered around 7,000.

ATTENDING: More than 1,500 figure skating athletes, coaches and officials.

ATTENDANCE: Typically more than 125,000 over the course of the event.

TWIN CITIES FORMER FIGURE SKATING EVENTS:

- Last U.S. Championships: 1991 in Minneapolis
- Last Major Event: 1998 World Championships in Minneapolis
- Other Recent Events: 2004 & 2005 Campbell's Classic in St. Paul

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Led by the Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA), encompassing 20 member clubs from both the metro and out-state areas, and officials from the Saint Paul RiverCentre Convention & Visitors Authority (RCVA) and Xcel Energy Center.

TICKETS: All-event ticket packages and single-session tickets are available at the Xcel Energy Box Office or online at www.saintpaul2008.com.

PAST CHAMPIONS:

- Two-time Olympic medalist **Michelle Kwan**
- 2006 World Champion and Olympian **Kimmie Meissner**
- 2006 Olympic silver medalist **Sasha Cohen**
- 2006 Olympic silver medalists **Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto**
- 2006 Olympian **Evan Lysacek**
- 2002 Olympic medalist **Timothy Goebel**
- 1990 World champion, three-time U.S. champion (1987, 1989, 1990) and Minnetonka, Minn., native **Jill Trenary**
- Olympic champion **Scott Hamilton**
- Olympic champion **Peggy Fleming**
- Olympic champion **Dorothy Hamill**