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Atlanta Open Registration Ends on May 8



Please welcome our outstanding panel of officials, including Chief Referee Richard Perez (Mountain View, CA), Chief Accountant Kimberley Moore (Charlotte, NC), Technical Controller Dana Graham (Smyrna, GA), Technical Accountants Calvin Carson

(Detroit, MI) and Cathy Brinkman (Cincinnati, OH), and Assistant Accountants Michael Elmaleh (Jenkinstown, PA) and Michael Rowland (Raleigh, NC).

Exhibitions

Member exhibitions will be held on May 24 and 31 and June 7. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Jennifer Latham at mikejenlatham@comcast.net.

Volunteer Needed!

As always, we will need many volunteers WE LVEVE so please be generous with your time and talent. Even if you have already met



	JUDGES	
Carrie Bacasa	Debbie Hagenauer	Julia Rey
Lisa Boyer	Nancy Hoblack	Elliot Schwartz
Aristeo Brito	Sharon Hyre	Betty Stark
Greg Cannon	Tea Junnila	Breelie Taylor
Marcia Chaffee	Rick Kern	Soucci Taylor
Debbie Currie	Linda Leaver	Tony Torres
Jeannette Doney	Lori Malthaner	Christina Vandermissen
Lori Dunn	John Millier	Ginger Whatley
Helena Fisher	Vicki Merten	Christy Williams
Dana Graham	Rick Perez	Carol Wooley
Beth Graham	Julie Pierce	Brook Ziegler
Catherine Hackney		

your service hours minimum, please consider assisting with this event as well. Links to Signup Genius will be available soon. This will be your last opportunity to fulfill your service hours requirement.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Announcing, Music Awards Cooler Liaison **Competitions Chair** Officials Hospitality **Coaches Hospitality**

Ice Monitors IJS Set-Up LOC/Operations Officials Liaison Program Registrar

Herbert Wiesinger Sharon Hyre Janet Payne, Kathy Shehee Jennifer Latham, Pam Palmer, Andrea Rafanelli Heidi and Dave Calabrese Sharon Hyre Tea Junnila Lori Malthaner Dana Forehand

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Paul Detwiler, Todd Pettigrew

Registration Runners Set Up/Break Down Vendors Volunteers

Kate Gorczyca Candace Goodwin Tea Junnila Catherine Hackney Sarah Bolocan, Heather Stables



Awards Banquet, May 19 Atlanta Open Exhibitions, May 24, 31, June 7 Ice Dance Weekend, May 31 - June 2 Excel National Festival, June 7 - 9 Test Session (Dance only), June 12 Atlanta Open, June 12 - 15

Membership Renewals To Open in Late June

Registration for the 2019-2020 season will open in late June through EntryEeze at <u>https://comp.entryeeze.com/Membership/Welcome.aspx?cid=6</u>. EntryEeze includes links to our waivers, releases, consent for medical treatment, SafeSport pledges, and volunteer areas. Please read through these documents carefully as your processed application is your legal acceptance of these wavers and rules. Please make sure to update your coach and tests passed and provide separate/unique email addresses for all parents.

If you are competing or testing at a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event that begins on or after July 1, you must renew your membership prior to the application deadline. Please allow ample time for your membership to be processed. <u>Coaches must complete renewals before July 1</u> to avoid a late fee penalty and complete a background check and CER requirements.

Beginning July 1st, members can access their digital membership cards on the USFS website by clicking "Account," then "Member Profile" or the member card icon on the home screen of Members Only. You can download a digital copy and save it to your phone or print a copy. Coaches, officials, and volunteers can also print a copy of their compliance card via the compliance tab for use at test sessions, competitions, and club activities.

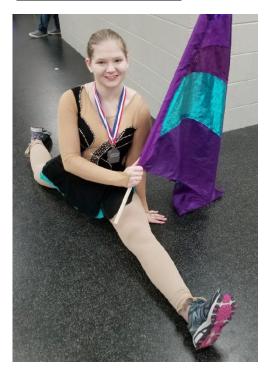
If you have not fulfilled your service hours requirement for 2018-2019, you will be unable to register with U.S Figure Skating until you satisfy this obligation. Please contact membership chair Francesca Sichenze-Bryant with any questions through our website at Atlantafsc.com.



SALUTING OUR 2019 GRADUATES



JESSICA MAASKANT



High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I am a member of the Dunwoody High School marching band, which won first place in the Silver division colorguard championships and first place in the Regional winterguard championships. I am in the top 10% of my class, on the Principal's List, and a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Beta Club. I am also in the district honor chorus and won first place in the county science fair.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

I will attend Emory University in pre-med and continue skating.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

I have passed Pre-Preliminary moves and won silver at two Winterfest competitions.

Extracurricular Activities

I participate in colorguard and winterguard and volunteer at Northside.

How has skating shaped your life and outlook?

Skating has made me more confident in my abilities to overcome any challenge that comes my way. I started this sport later than most (at 16 years old), and I came to accept the fact that everyone takes life at their own pace and it doesn't matter what your pace is as long as you are doing what makes you happy.

High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I'm part of the National Art Honor Society and International Thespian Society at Milton High School. I'm also one of the teachers in our school's cirque fundamentals program.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

I'll be double majoring in graphic design and English with a focus in creative writing at Columbus State University. I'll continue skating and will hopefully start a little bit of coaching. My goals are to pass all of my MIF and ice dance tests and become a double gold medalist before I graduate college.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

I qualified for the 2018 National Showcase and was invited to skate at the Avalon/Atlantic Station holiday shows, which were some of my favorite moments. I took a break from testing and competing for a few years, so even if picking things back up and pushing forward weren't an achievement in writing, they were one of my biggest accomplishments.

Extracurricular Activities

I have been in theatre since sophomore year and in art since freshman year. I also published my first book in September, 2018.

How has skating shaped your life and outlook?

Skating has been a part of my life ever since I was five, and I can't imagine living without it. Some of my greatest life lessons have come from the rink and the people there, and the person I am today has 100% come from my life on the ice. It's given me a more positive outlook on negative situations

because I've learned that even when you fall and mess up and have bad days, you can move forward and become better. I've also learned that everyone is on a different path, and you don't need to do triple Axels to feel happy and successful, and that lesson translates into real life. The rink has been a home for me where I can always feel safe and happy, and I've enjoyed my journey more than anything. Some of my happiest memories are at the rink with my friends and coaches, and I'm so grateful that I've been able to be a part of this incredible sport for as long as I have.

NASTASIA ROZENBERG





High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I am a member of Beta Club, Latin Club, National Latin Honors Society, Flood Club, and Interact Club at Milton High School. I earned a gold award on the National Latin 1 exam and a silver award on the National Latin 2 exam.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

I will attend Mercer University, majoring in economics.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

I have passed Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile moves in the field tests and Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, and Pre-Juvenile free skate tests.

Extracurricular Activities

I am a Freshii team member and a skate rental clerk and ice monitor at The Cooler.

How has skating shaped your life and outlook?

I have been skating for about seven years, and The Cooler has really become like a second home for me. Competing, volunteering, performing, working, and practicing at the rink have allowed me to make many friendships and experience teamwork, leadership, and responsibility. I've been taught how to win and how to lose, and how to accept defeat or enjoy success. My coach, Tami, has also been like a second family to me and has helped me through some of the toughest times of my life. I met my best friend at this rink and now, in a way, I am graduating at

this rink. Whether it was new floors, new coaches, or new employees, The Cooler has always stayed the same to me, and I hope to continue skating in college and perhaps afterwards as well.

High School Activities, Clubs, Honors

I am a member of the Johns Creek High School National Honor Society. the National Spanish Honor Society secretary, a Georgia Certificate of Merit recipient (top 5% GPA of graduating class), a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and Color Guard captain.

Future Plans (college, including major, skating, other)

I am undecided about my college choice, but I will major in International Relations with a Spanish minor. I plan to continue skating and teach wherever I go.

Skating Career Highlights (competitions, testing, etc.)

I am a double gold medalist in free skate and moves and have passed the Pre-Bronze test in ice dance.

Extracurricular Activities

I participate in Color Guard, Winter Guard, orchestra (violin), and volunteer at Learn to Skate group lessons.

How has skating shaped your life and outlook?

Skating has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Through skating, I have met countless friends and coaches that have become family to me, and these relationships have helped me to become a better person with all the support I have received throughout my skating career. Most of all, skating has given me the invaluable skill of determination. When you're out there competing, if you make a mistake or fall, you can't mope about it for the rest of your program and let it affect you. You grit your teeth, get up, and put out your best effort for the rest of your program- then after, you go back to practice and

<u>LILY XIE</u>



work harder to correct your mistakes. There's beauty in the determination that figure skaters have, regardless of whether it brings medals or titles for the skater. And so, figure skating has taught me to appreciate the process of hard work.



Wow - what an incredible and inspirational experience for our skaters, guests, and appreciative audience! Special thanks to our extraordinary guest **Alysa Liu**, the 2019 U.S. Ladies Champion, and to our own ice angel **Kathy Shehee** who personally sponsored her appearance! The show was a collaborative effort of so many members; kudos to our producers/directors, **Tami Mickle** and **Graham Payne**, show chair **Kim Detwiler**, the entire crew, the coaches who donated their time, all of our tireless volunteers, and our generous sponsors! Additional photos are posted on our Facebook page.

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Alysa Liu

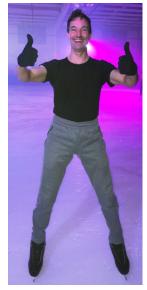


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Breelie Taylor & Tyler Vollmer



Davin Grindstaff





Madeline Freeman



Audrey Latham

OUR SOLOISTS





Soucci Taylor



Elvira Junnila



Hasita Yalamanchili



Nile Ziegler



Lily Xie





FEATURED PERFORMERS



Violet Ee





Amelia Marsh



Nastasia Rozenberg



Jamie Traylor





Graduates: Isabel, Nastasia, Lily, Tiffany, Nile, and Jessica



A potential Olympian (Alysa) and an Olympic Gold medalist (Barbara Wagner)!

Kathy Shehee, our ice angel donor who brought Alysa to the show and Kate Gorczyca!



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS (AND SON)



Gaia and Lily



Atlee and Claire



Athena and Coach Barbara



Elvira and Tea



Lindsay and Emily



Ava and Ingie



Nathan, Kim, and Anna



Kate and Lilly



Audrey and Jennifer































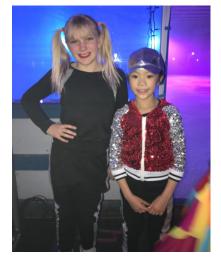


























Thank you to our photographers - Kim Detwiler, Denise Freeman, and Jennifer Latham!

















BRUNCH WITH ALYSA! Thanks to Tea Junnila, Tami Mickle and Kathy Shehee



























What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

Favorite element - Axels because the forward take-off seems most natural to me. Least favorite element - forward outside rockers because the exits are hard to hold.

Competitive highlights, favorite program?

One of my competitive accomplishments was qualifying for the 2017 National Solo Dance Final. My favorite program was last year's Intermediate free skate program to "Lovely Night" from **La La Land** because it was fun, yet mature, too.

Who is your favorite skater?

My favorite competitive skaters are Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron. *My* alltime favorite skaters are Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

During the 2018 Atlanta Open, I fell on every jump in my Juvenile free skate program, except for my singles (which there were only two).

If I weren't a skater, I would have been

a soccer player or a ballet dancer

My family is most like the television show

Say Yes to the Dress because my sister and I love shopping together and trying on formal dresses. It's so much fun!

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I am in 6th grade and attend a home school program one day a week. My favorite subject is literature. My extracurricular activities include ballet, ballroom dance, and piano.

Best advice I ever received

From my dad: "Skate because you love it !"

What famous person would you most like to meet?

I would love to meet Gabriella Papadakis and skate with Guillaume Cizeron.

Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

I could spend hours and hours reading books each and every day.

Tell us about your family, other hobbies, pets.

I have a 27-year-old brother and 17-year-old sister. My brother, Gregory, is a budget analyst for the DeKalb County School System and is married. I also have a five-year-old niece named Ella Rae. My sister, Megan, is a swim coach and graduating from Dunwoody High School this year. She will attend Georgia Tech this fall.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

My skating goal for this year is to qualify for the US Ice Dance Final with my ice dance partner, Lucas. Long term, I would love to compete at nationals in ice dancing.

In my future, I will definitely go to college, but skating will always be somewhere in the mix.

My favorite things are

Animals, food, skating, and books.

Whom do you most admire?

Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir because they could have stopped competing after winning their first Olympic Gold Medal, but continued because they had more to prove.

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

My Kindle, a portable charger, and food.

Who would you choose to play you in the movie of your life?

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I should play myself.



Least favorite word: Chalk

What turns me off: Being interrupted during a good book

Favorite food: Desserts in general

Least favorite food: Couscous

Favorite book: *I enjoy books so much that it would be hard to pick a favorite book.*

Favorite movie: The Parent Trap

Favorite TV show: *Kids Baking Championship*

Favorite color: Blue

Pet peeve: When my dog, Eva, ignores me

Favorite vacation: 2019 Spring Break cruise to the Bahamas, Honduras, Cozumel and Porta Costa Maya

I would never want to be: A doctor because I am squeamish around medical situations

Three words that best describe or characterize me: *Happy, talkative, and friendly*



A Tribute To Our Own Super Star Tim Dolensky: Pure Gold

Tim Dolensky has decided to end his competitive skating career and is now preparing for cruise ship performances! Tim writes:

Hey y'all. So I am writing to say that I have decided to step away from competitive skating at this point in my life. I am so grateful for everything that skating has brought me and all the amazing opportunities that I have experienced through it. I am so thankful for all of the help that I have gotten along the way by all of the coaches, friends, and recovery people that I have worked with. I have met and made some incredible friends that I will keep for life. However, as much as I love it I know that there is way more to life than skating and I am excited to explore life beyond the ice.

As Bilbo Baggins says, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

Tim's illustrious skating journey began at age six when he enrolled in LTS classes. He joined the Atlanta FSC



in 2000 and competed in his first national event at the Juvenile level at the 2005 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championshipsl He subsequently earned the 2010 U.S. Novice Men's bronze medal, the 2012 U.S. Junior Men's silver medal, and competed at the Senior level every year from 2014 - 2019. After three consecutive 7th place scores, Tim achieved 6th place honors this year!

Over the course of his career, Tim was tapped for 16 international competitions -

Skate America, Skate Canada, Nebelhorn Trophy (twice), Lombardia Trophy, the U.S. International Classic (three times), the Philadelphia Summer International Competition, Golden Spin of Zagreb, Finlandia Trophy, Autumn International Classic, the World Junior Championships, and the Junior Grand Prix in Austria, Latvia, and Great Britain.



He has been recognized for his creativity, music, and fitness passions as well as his skating skills. He won the inaugural Peggy Fleming Trophy for artistry at the 2018 Broadmoor Open, composed his own 2011/12 short program music, and achieved the highest male score in the S.T.A.R.S. testing program last year! A fitness enthusiast, he was also featured on the cover of **Skating** magazine in October 2016

Skating magazine in October, 2016.



The list of his his contributions to U.S. Figure headlining our and even coaching attending college classes. Not surprisingly, he is

a four-time recipient of the club's Outstanding Senior skater award.

Instead of saying goodbye, we wish our super star good luck in the next chapter of his life! He'll be cruising along the high seas, doing what he loves.

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competitive accomplishments is matched by the club and the sport, including serving on the Skating Athletes Advisory Committee, spring shows, leading Club Ice special events, skaters between training, competing, and





INTERMEDIATE LADIES Free Skate - Final Rd.

Kaity McGarigle	1st/12
<u>Free Skate, Grp. A</u>	
Kaity McGarigle	3rd/10
<u>Short Program, Grp. A</u>	
Katia Kochengina	2nd/14
Kaity McGarigle	3rd/14



Kaity, Mia, Coach Anya, Katia

Florida Open Central Florida FSC, Maitland, FL April 11 - 14



Kaity

Madeline

JUVENILE GIRLS	
Free Skate	
Katia Kochengina	3rd/17
Mia Rafanelli	13th/17
JUVENILE/OPEN JUVENILE	
Short Program, Grp. B	
Mia Rafanelli	4th/9
NATIONAL SOLO DANCE	
NSDS Silver Pattern Dance	
Madeline Freeman	1st/2
NSDS Junior Combined	
Madeline Freeman	2nd/7





U.S. Intercollegiate Team Skating Championships University of Delaware, Newark, DE April 12 - 14



GOLD PATTERN DANCE

Helena Fisher	6th/13
SENIOR SOLO FREE DANCE Helena Fisher	9th/15
Miami University	8th/12

Helena and teammates



GrizzFest 2019	

Grizzfest Oakland University Rochester, MN March 9 - 10

GOLD PATTERN DAM	ICE
Helena Fisher	3rd/12



U.S. Adult Championships Salt Lake City, UT April 3 - 6

HEATHER STABLES

SILVER LADIES Championship Free Skate SILVER LADIES 1 Free Skate

8th/12 <u>Pa</u> <u>Fr</u> 7th/16

ADULT SILVER SOLO DANCEPattern Dance1st/4Free Dance12th/12



Silver Ladies Qualifying group

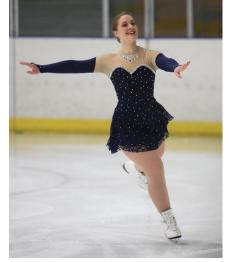


With 2019 U.S. and World Champion Nathan Chen



PRELIMINARY	
Compulsory Moves	
April Zhang	1st/1
PRE-PRELIMINARY	
Free Skate	
Neha Thattikota	1st/4
April Zhang	2nd/4
NO TEST	
<u>Free Skate, Grp. A</u>	
Chloe Malenfant	1st/3
Brynn Cartagena	2nd/3
<u>Free Skate, Grp. B</u>	
Paula Ibelings	3rd/3
Compulsory Moves	
Brynn Cartagena	1st/1
NO TEST - PRE-PRELIN	IINARY
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Abigail Dale	2nd/2



Skating with joy!

North Georgia Skate Classic

The Ice, Cumming, Ga, March 24

ADULT	
Beginner Free Skate	
May Chen	1st/1
BEGINNER	
<u>Showcase</u>	
Marika Mathers	1st/3
Abigail Dale	2nd/3
PRE-FREE SKATE	
Program with Music, Grp.	B
Laken Andrzejewski	2nd/4
PRE-FREE SKATE -	
FREE SKATE 6	
Showcase Duets, Grp. B	
Isabella Stanescu/	1st/4
llona Gavryliv	
EXCEL	

PRELIMINARY

Free SkateYaroslava Carroll1st/2



Silver Solo Dance

EXCEL	
PRE-PRELIMINARY	
Free Skate	
Sona Durairaj	3rd/4
HIGH BEGINNER	
<u>Free Skate, Grp. A</u>	
llona Gavryliv	1st/4
Isabella Stanescu	2nd/4
Abigail Dale	3rd/4
Medha Thattikota	4th/4
<u>Free Skate, Grp. B</u>	
Marika Mathers	1st/3
<u>Free Skate, Grp. C</u>	
Lucia Baumgartner	1st/2
<u>Compulsory Moves</u>	
Lucia Baumgartner	3rd/3
BEGINNER	
Free Skate, Grp. B	

Uliana Yakimovich

3rd/4



MARCH

Yaroslava Carroll Lily Shamis Kendra Wang Marika Mathers Katherine Warren Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Moves Pre-Preliminary Moves

APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Avery Wilkinson April Zhang Anna Windley Ava Landon Veronica Sand Serena Shang Lilly Gorczyca Maddy Rhoades *With honors Junior Moves* Intermediate Moves Juvenile Moves Preliminary Free Skate* Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Moves Pre-Preliminary Moves







Grace Xie	1
Wendy Dutch	3
Ina Yakimovich	6
Amy Trizzino	7
Emily Moosbrugger	8
Todd Pettigrew	
Lucia Baumgartner	10
David Bolocan	
Lori Douglas	12
Ella Gavryliv	15
Ruhee Patkar	
Danette Ahlin	17
Brittney Bottoms	
Rebeca Ibelings	
A.J. McPeak	18

Elvire Junnila	20
Lisa Middlekauff	
Brandon Kozlowski	21
Michael Latham	
Alexa Phillips	
Leanna Jones	22
Val Kochengina	
Sidney Parker	
PJ Whalen	
Chuck Miller	23
Sherry Hewitt	27
Mindy Sellers	28
Kostas Hatzikoutelis	29
Laken Andrzejewski	30



To Sue Harmon - celebrating her 25th anniversary as a U.S. Figure Skating judge!

To **Josie Castracane** and **Cathy Sabella** for completing the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Skate Forever Strong Challenge



Skate Forever Strong, created this year, is a month-long activity challenge that promotes fitness initiatives for adult skaters. The program includes step goals, balance exercises, and strength training.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eva Schaum	1	L
Sinyee de Cleir	3	A
Aren Nielsen	5	D
Lilly Wood		В
Anne Malacrea	6	Т
Margaret Butlin	7	N
Campbell		S
Eleanor Herbert		J
Raina Redburn		C
Candace Goodwin	8	N
Mary Bode	9	J
Daniel Cairo	10	Т
Natalia Pylypenko		A
Isabella Stanescu		N
Xuhong Su	11	S
Neha Thattikota		S
Nancy Hoblack	13	E
Leslie Everett	14	E
Suzanne Strang		Y
Amber Homan	15	C
Erin Speigal		R
Allen Fong	16	ĸ
Stephanie Lampert		6

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3	Anna Windley	
5	Dana Graham	17
	Barbara Landon	
6	Tim Dolensky	18
7	Matt McIntyre	
	Soucci Taylor	
	Jenny Montobbio	19
	Catherine Hackney	20
8	Marlowe McIntyre	
9	Janet Payne	22
10	Tiffany Hatzikoutelis	23
	Ashley Weller	
	Mia Calabrese	25
11	Sharon Hyre	
	Susan Silvia	26
13	Elizabeth Giordano	27
14	Emily Stark	28
	Yaroslava Carroll	29
15	Cheryl Faust	29
	Rachel Hanson	
16	Kelly Belin	30
	Gia Gulati	

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Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATES	SPONSOR/LOCATION
Awards Banquet	May 19	Atlanta FSC
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Ice Dance Weekend	May 31 - June 2	Atlanta FSC
EXCEL National Festival	June 7 - 9	USFS, Coral Springs, FL
Test Session (Dance Only)	June 12	Atlanta FSC
Atlanta Open	June 12 - 15	Atlanta FSC
Orange Blossom Open	July 5 - 7	Tampa Bay SC, Oldsmar, FL
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