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## BOISE SKATING CLUB TO HOST 2011 NORTHWEST PACIFIC REGIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SKATERS COMPETING FOR CHANCE AT 2011 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JANUARY

**BOISE, Idaho (February 8, 2010)** – The 2011 Northwest Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships, sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating, and hosted by the Boise Figure Skating Club (BFSC), will take place Oct. 1-5, 2010, at Idaho Ice World. The event will feature approximately 300 competitors from Idaho, Alaska, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. The event is expected to generate more than \$250,000 for the Boise-area economy.

The road to the U.S. Championships each year, and to the Olympic Winter Games every four years, begins with the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying structure of regional and sectional events. The structure is comprised of nine regional events and three sectional events (see chart below for clarification). Skaters who place in the top four at a regional competition qualify for either a sectional (novice, junior and senior levels) or the U.S. Junior Championships (juvenile and intermediate levels). Skaters who place in the top four at a sectional competition qualify for the U.S. Championships.

“The Boise Figure Skating Club is very excited to have been chosen as the host club for the 2011 Northwest Pacific Regionals,” said Mike Kirkmire, BFSC president. “We look forward to working with the City of Boise Parks and Recreation and U.S. Figure Skating for this competition.”

Idaho Ice World is a municipal facility operated by Boise Parks & Recreation. It features two indoor ice rinks, a game arcade, a 5,000 square foot meeting room and two restaurants (Blimpie's and Idaho Pizza Company). For more information, visit [www.idahoiceworld.com](http://www.idahoiceworld.com), or call 208.331.0044.

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. figure skating is comprised of more than 763 member clubs and Basic Skills Programs representing approximately 179,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

Media wishing to attend the competition may contact Amy Stahl at 208.384.4060, ext. 304.

### U.S. FIGURE SKATING QUALIFYING STRUCTURE OF EVENTS

SECTIONS		
Pacific Coast	Midwestern	Eastern
*REGIONS		
<u>Northwest Pacific</u> AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY	<u>Eastern Great Lakes</u> AL, IN, KY, LP of MI, MS, OH, TN	<u>New England</u> CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT
<u>Central Pacific</u> CA (Visalia & north), HI, NV, UT	<u>Southwestern Region</u> AR, CO, KS, LA, NE, NM, OK, TX	<u>North Atlantic</u> NJ, NY
<u>Southwest Pacific</u> AZ, CA (south of Visalia)	<u>Upper Great Lakes</u> IL, IA, UP of MI, MN, MO, ND, SD, WI	<u>South Atlantic</u> DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SD, VA, WV

\*Exceptions: Las Vegas, NV, in Southwest Pacific; Chattanooga, TN, in South Atlantic; Greater Kansas City Area & St. Joseph, MO, in Southwestern; Erie, PA, in North Atlantic