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Attendance Announced for 2014 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships *-Championship Ladies Free Skate Crowd Largest Since 2002-*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Jan. 14 , 2014) – U.S. Figure Skating announced today the attendance total of 108,946 for the 2014 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held Jan. 5-12, in Boston, at TD Garden and Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).

The 13,980-person crowd for the championship ladies free skate Saturday night was the largest single-session crowd at a U.S. Championships since the ladies free skate at the 2002 U.S. Championships in Los Angeles (18,035).

"The experience our athletes, coaches, officials, staff, and most importantly, our fans had in Boston was overwhelmingly positive," U.S. Figure Skating Executive Director David Raith said. "Great crowds, especially during Saturday's championship ladies, ice dance and pairs free skates, created a backdrop for great skating."

"The city of Boston was featured throughout the weekend on television coverage on NBC and around the world and coverage of the event saturated the local media. We are confident the local figure skating clubs will benefit from the experience of the U.S. Championships coming to Boston. Thank you to the city, fans and local media for their support of the event."

The 2014 U.S. Championships concluded Sunday night with the Smucker's Skating Spectacular, featuring performances by the 2014 U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Team. The Skating Spectacular will be broadcast on NBC from 4-6 p.m. ET on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Boston is set to host the 2016 ISU World Figure Skating Championships March 28-April 3, 2016, at TD Garden.

– U.S. Figure Skating –

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 690 member clubs, collegiate clubs, and school-affiliated clubs and more than 900 registered Basic Skills skating schools representing approximately 165,000 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.