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## U.S. FIGURE SKATING ANNOUNCES 2006-07 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

**Colorado Springs, Colo. (Oct. 19, 2007)** – U.S. Figure Skating released today its 2006-07 season membership numbers, which topped out at 185,000 members, making this the second-largest membership season in history.

“We are very pleased to see the membership numbers for 2006-07,” said Ron Hershberger, president of U.S. Figure Skating. “Membership has significantly increased since 1998 and turning in our second-highest membership numbers ever truly proves that interest and excitement for the sport of figure skating continues at a very high level. Our Basic Skills program is the best learn-to-skate program in the country, and our goal is to top these numbers in the coming season.”

The U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program was created in 1968 to serve the needs of both the recreational and the competitive skater. Since its inception, the program has taught more than 1.5 million people how to skate. Basic Skills has numerous programs, including basic, hockey, adult, synchronized, pairs, ice dancing, Special Olympics and more.

U.S. Figure Skating will present membership recognition awards to 77 Basic Skills programs for enrolling more than 400 skaters in their local programs during the 2006-07 season. The top three programs – those with the highest membership – represent the states of New York, Arizona and New Jersey. This is the fourth year that Wollman Rink has earned the honor of largest Basic Skills membership in U.S. Figure Skating.

- Wollman Rink Skating School, New York, N.Y.
- Alltel Ice Den, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Ice House Skating School, Hackensack, N.J.

U.S. Figure Skating has enjoyed consistent growth through programs that provide opportunities for all ages. U.S. Figure Skating’s Basic Skills program enrolled more than 120,000 members this season from Sept. 1, 2006-Aug. 31, 2007. With 748 member, collegiate and high school clubs, 821 Basic Skills programs, 485 synchronized skating teams and 37 Theatre on Ice teams, U.S. Figure Skating and the sport of figure skating in the U.S. continues to grow in popularity.

YEAR	REGULAR MEMBERS	BASIC SKILLS MEMBERS	TOTAL
1991-92	45,512	57,135	102,647
1992-93	49,100	60,621	109,721
1993-94	51,078	74,023	125,731
1994-95	53,150	70,223	123,373
1995-96	57,431	70,107	127,538
1996-97	59,420	69,778	129,198
1997-98	61,576	83,169	144,745
1998-99	64,179	74,530	138,709
1999-00	65,299	80,119	145,418
2000-01	65,477	90,822	156,299
2001-02	66,023	101,164	167,187
2002-03	66,869	106,234	173,103
2003-04	66,323	105,507	171,739
2004-05	64,443	93,725	158,168
2005-06	64,213	132,125	196,338
2006-07	64,730	120,273	185,003

**- 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 1,000 member clubs representing approximately 185,000 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.*