

A photograph of three female figure skaters performing a pyramid move on an ice rink. They are wearing black dresses with gold sequins and white ice skates. The skater at the top is in a high, vertical position with her arms raised. The skater in the middle is supporting her, and the skater at the bottom is in a crouched position, supporting the others. The background is a light blue and white ice rink with some faint markings.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Skaters and Families,

2019 has been quite a year and it's hard to believe that 2020 is almost here! The 2019 season has been filled to the brim with exciting competitions, camps, and shows. Additional events included 12 competitions, 7 local camps, 2 U.S. Figure Skating National Camps, and the first-ever "ISU Synchronized Skating Challenger Competition" in the World! Additionally, the launch of Great Park Ice to our network of facilities has been a true highlight in the Southern California ice sports community. Thank you all for your support in making 2019 a successful year.

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PROGRAMS & SHOWS

SKATING PROGRAMS

The Rinks and Great Park Ice launched four Skating Academy Programs this year (Anaheim, Great Park, Lakewood, and Yorba Linda) and will continue with a fifth Academy starting up in Westminster in the first quarter of 2020! The Skating Academy is an innovative training program offering on-ice and off-ice group classes for skaters of all levels to improve their jumping, spinning and skating skills.

SKATING SHOWS

With the holidays just around the corner, make sure you join the fun at one of our many 2019 Holiday Shows. The special events are a great way to gain experience performing to an audience and are a wonderful stepping-stone to developing your skater!

Show Calendar:

- Anaheim ICE: Sunday, December 15
- Great Park Ice: Monday, December 23
- Lakewood ICE: Saturday, Dec 14
- Poway ICE: Sunday, December 15
- Westminster ICE: Saturday, December 7
- Yorba Linda ICE: Saturday, Dec 14



COMPETITIONS

2020 COMPETITION CALENDAR

2020 brings our 20/20 vision to skaters of all levels with fun and exciting events. The Rinks and Great Park Academy are proud to announce our first SoCal Mini Grand Prix (SMGP) in 2020. The SMGP is a company-wide circuit of six summer and fall competitions (one in each of our six ice facilities) focusing primarily on the Compete USA event levels. Participation in our circuit of competitions will bring a special surprise at the close of the season. Be on the lookout for an official announcement soon! See the full 2020 Competition Schedule below.

Date	Event	Location	LTS Events	ISI	SMGP*
2/8/20 - 2/9/20	Sweetheart Classic – Glacier Falls FSC	Anaheim, CA	YES	YES	NO
3/28/20 - 3/29/20	March Mayhem – Glacier Falls FSC	Anaheim, CA	YES	NO	NO
April 2020 - Date TBD	Spring "In-House"	Lakewood, CA	YES	TBD	NO
5/2/20 - 5/3/20	Compete USA Competition	Yorba Linda, CA	YES	TBD	YES
5/29/20 - 5/31/20	All Year Open – All Year FSC	Irvine, CA	YES	TBD	NO
7/11/20 - 7/12/20	Sunshine Skate	Westminster, CA	YES	YES	YES
7/30/20 - 8/2/20	2020 Glacier Falls Summer Classic – Glacier Falls FSC	Anaheim, CA	YES	NO	YES
8/6/20 - 8/9/20	Orange County Open – Orange County FSC	Yorba Linda, CA	YES	TBD	NO
8/15/20 - 8/16/20	Summer <u>On</u> Ice Showcase & Competition	Poway, CA	YES	YES	YES
9/4/20 - 9/6/20	Golden West Championships – All Year FSC	Irvine, CA	YES	NO	YES
11/21/20 - 11/22/20	5th Annual Compete USA Competition	Lakewood, CA	YES	TBD	YES

* 2020 SoCal Mini Grand Prix presented by The Rinks and Great Park Academy. Announcement and details to follow.

HIGHLIGHTS

SKATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Rinks and Great Park Ice congratulate our International medalists on the ISU International stage:

Nathan Chen - 2019 ISU Grand Prix Men's Champion. Skate America Gold and Internationaux de France Gold

Mariah Bell - Nebelhorn Trophy Ladies' Gold, Internationaux de France Ladies Bronze, and Rostelecom Cup Ladies' Bronze

Alexa & Chris Knierem - Nebelhorn Trophy Pairs' Silver

Jessica Calalang & Brian Johnson - Warsaw Cup Pairs' Gold

Stephen Gogolev - ISU Junior Grand Prix (Lake Placid, NY) – JR Men's Silver

Additional honorable mentions to ISU Senior Grand Prix competitors Starr Andrews, Michal Brezina, Marin Honda, Beverly Zhu, and to our ISU Junior Grand Prix competitors Matyas Belohradsky, Mandy Chiang, Rachelle Kwong, Andrea Montesinos Cantu, and Pantaree (Belle) Sucharit. Best of luck to our skaters as they finish their International Season!

We'd also like to recognize our home-grown skaters for this season. First, an honorable mention to all The Rinks and Great Park Ice skaters that competed at the Southwest Pacific Regional Singles Challenge at Great Park Ice in October, and a big congratulations to the many skaters who medaled and/or qualified to the next stage, the Pacific Coast, Midwestern and Eastern Sectional Finals in November. Additionally, we congratulate our skaters who medaled at the various Singles Sectional Finals, US Pairs Finals and US Dance Finals, and/or qualified for the US National Championships and US National Team Camp (NTDC). Bravo!

Our Pacific Coast Singles, US Pairs Finals, and US Dance Finals Medalists are:

Caitlin Ha - Senior Ladies - Champion

Alex Evans - Senior Ladies - Pewter

JoonSoo Kim - Senior Men - Champion

Yaroslav Paniot - Senior Men - Silver

Sean Rabbit - Senior Men - Pewter

Ellen Slavicek - Junior Ladies - Champion

Eric Sjoberg - Junior Men - Champion

Goku Endo - Junior Men - Bronze

Michelle Lee - Novice Ladies - Champion

Lindsay Mattenson - Novice Ladies - Pewter

Sonja Wang - Intermediate Ladies - Silver

Sergei Evseev - Intermediate Men - Silver

Nicole Park - Juvenile Girls - Champion

Elyce Lin-Gracey - Juvenile Girls - Pewter

Tao McRae - Juvenile Boys - Champion

Juliette & Lucas Shadid - Novice Dance Final - Bronze

Sonja Barram & Blake Edwards - Novice Pairs Final - Bronze

Ashley Fletcher & Scott Duddley - Novice Pairs Final - NTDC qualifier

Ellie Korytek & Allan Fishcher - Juvenile Pairs Final - Champion