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News Release

CARY, NC: Sports & Properties, Inc. (SPI) of Cary has once again been selected as the host organization for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The Championships, hosted for the first time ever in North Carolina by SPI in Greensboro last year, will return to the Greensboro Coliseum Complex January 18-25, 2015.

The Championships are U.S. Figure Skating's premier event and feature 350 of the nation's top skaters competing in women's, men's, pairs, and ice dancing. The Championships receive 10 hours of national network television coverage and are projected to have an economic impact of approximately \$30 million in the state of North Carolina.

"We are honored to have once again been selected by U.S. Figure Skating to conduct their National Championships," said Hill Carrow, CEO of SPI. "This is the sport's largest and most prestigious event, and we will be working diligently to make the Championships shine in North Carolina."

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which have been held annually since 1914, crown 12 national champions each year in Novice, Junior, and Senior divisions. Prior national champions include Michelle Kwan, Kristi Yamaguchi, Johnny Weir, and Brian Boitano. Recent host cities have included Spokane (2010), Greensboro (2011), and San Jose (2012). Greensboro is the first city in the eastern U.S., since New York City in 1945, to host the U.S. Championships twice in four years.

"For U.S. Figure Skating to return to Greensboro so expeditiously is a real testament to the fantastic hosting job done the first time around," said Kim Strable, President of the Greensboro Sports

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Commission. “We are thrilled that Sports & Properties has been awarded the 2015 Championships, and we look forward to upping the ante in 2015.”

Hill Carrow, CEO of SPI, will serve as Chairman for the Championships. Faryn Roy, SPI’s Director of Events & Operations, will serve as Director of Operations. SPI will lead a team management effort that includes the Greensboro Sports Commission, Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. The Championships are also expected to involve over 500 volunteers.

For more information on the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, see www.2015USChampionships.com.

ABOUT Sports & Properties, Inc.: Sports & Properties, Inc. is a sports & entertainment marketing, development, and management firm. SPI’s projects focus on sports & entertainment economic development. SPI specializes in corporate sponsorships, naming rights, and sports tourism. Recent clients and projects include Capitol Broadcasting Company, the Durham Performing Arts Center, and PIER 39. For more information, visit www.sportsproperties.com.