



# **2020 BAY STATE WINTER GAMES FIGURE SKATING MEDIA INFORMATION KIT**

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Local Press and Media,

Thank you in advance for your coverage of the 2020 Bay State Summer Games. Included in this media information kit is a variety of information on the Winter Games. Bay State Games has assembled an participant list organized alphabetically by town. In order to ensure accuracy of the athlete list, we will customize a list for those who request it. If you wish to get a list of athletes from your coverage area, please email Erika Sheinhait at [erika@baystategames.org](mailto:erika@baystategames.org) or call our office at **(781) 932-6555**. Additional registration lists of competitors in sports other than figure skating will be posted as competition dates near.

Any members of the media who wish to speak with specific competitors are asked to contact the Bay State Games office with your name, email address, phone number, and the names of the athletes you would like to speak to. We will contact each participant you are interested in speaking with and provide them with your contact information and let them know you would like to speak with them.

All competition results will be posted at <https://www.baystategames.org/winter-games-results>. Recaps and competition summaries can be found at <https://baystategames.blogspot.com> . Copies of the Bay State Winter Games logo can be found on our media site at <https://www.baystategames.org/logo-links>.

If you have any other questions or inquiries regarding the Bay State Games, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your coverage of the Winter Games.

Best wishes,



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# **2020 Winter Games Schedule**

## **Curling**

Saturday, May 2 – Sunday, May 3, 2020  
Blackstone Valley IcePlex, Hopedale, MA

## **Figure Skating** (ISI & USFSA)

Friday, January 3 – Sunday, January 5, 2020  
Lansing Chapman Rink at Williams College, Williamstown, MA

## **Masters Ice Hockey**

Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 1, 2020  
Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Ice Skating Rink, North Adams, MA

## WINTER GAMES HISTORY

The Bay State Winter Games began in 1985 when then Executive Director, Doug Arnot, and Dalton native, Carrie Crane, created Massachusetts' own Olympic-style winter sports festival. The Winter Games have been held every year since with the exception of 1993 when the Games were cancelled due to funding issues. The Berkshire region of Massachusetts was chosen as an ideal location for the Winter Games due to the quality of the facilities and the willingness of the region to support the event. From a small beginning of a few hundred athletes exclusively from Massachusetts, the Games have grown to include nearly one thousand participating athletes from all New England states in a wide variety of winter sports.

Figure Skating has been part of all 35 Bay State Winter Games held to date. In 2020, the roster of Sports will include ISI and USFS Figure Skating, and Masters Ice Hockey. Bay State Games Figure Skating has developed a reputation as one of the largest and most prestigious state games figure skating events in the country.

Since their inception, the Bay State Games have been fortunate to receive the support of quality venues from the Berkshire region who have hosted the various sports competitions. Williams College and the Peter W. Foote Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams have hosted Bay State Games events since 1985.

The Bay State Skate Figure Skating has been a highlight of many Winter Games events. Hundreds of top skaters from both the USFS and ISI have showcased their talents at the Bay State Games. This impressive list of featured skaters includes US Figure Skaters Nancy Kerrigan, Paule Wylie, Tiffany Scott, and Phillip Dulebohn, French Olympic Skater Surya Bonaly, Italian Olympic Skater Sylvia Fontana, and Russian Olympic Skater Alexander Abt. Former Bay State Winter Games athletes from other sports have also gone onto the Olympics. This list includes US Ski Team members, Krista and Kim Schmidinger, and US Speed Skating Team member, Karen Cashman. 1980 US Men's Ice Hockey Olympic Team Goalie Jim Craig and NHL Hall of Famer Ray Bourque have competed in the Bay State Games Masters Ice Hockey competition.

In 2008, the Bay State Games created the Berkshire Hero Award to recognize individuals, facilities, and organizations from Northern Berkshire County who have helped contribute to the success of the Winter Games over the last 31 years. We are grateful to all of the past recipients of this award including Carl and Marilyn Faulkner, Bill Bryce, Marcia Sarrouf, Dale Waterman, Heidi Cornwell, Ken and Michelle Geitz, Williams College, Judy Giamborino, the Cece Family, Peter W. Foote Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams, Bruce Hayden, George Jervais, Bill Bird, Stephen Rondeau, Mike Garland, Joe Skutnik, Jill Johnson, Orchards Hotel, Andy & Becky Goyette, Sara Senecal, Ozzie Alvarez, Elinor Goodwin, the Holiday Inn Berkshires, the Williams College Security Department, the late Representative Gailanne Cariddi, Rep. John Barrett, Gary Guerin, and the Williams Inn.

In 1999, the National Congress of State Games, the governing organization for over 35 State Games organizations nationwide, created a National Championship event for athletes who won gold, silver or bronze medals in their local State Games competitions. Held every two years, the State Games of America has been held in St. Louis, MO; Hartford, CT; Colorado Springs, CO; San Diego, CA; Hershey, PA; Lincoln, NE; and Grand Rapids, MI, and Lynchburg, Virginia. In 2021, the State Games of America will be held in Ames & Des Moines, IA. Figure Skating has been one of the largest sports in the State Games of America since its inception. Massachusetts is one of the leaders in State Games of America Figure Skating participation.

## **BAY STATE WINTER GAMES ALUMNI**

### **Paul Wylie**

Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian – Figure Skating

### **Nancy Kerrigan**

Winter Games Athlete and Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian – Figure Skating

### **Surya Bonaly**

Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian – Figure Skating

### **Kitty and Peter Carruthers**

Figure Skating Show Performers, Olympians – Pairs Skating

### **Michael Botticelli & Sheryl Franks**

Figure Skating Show Performers, Olympian – Pairs Skating

### **Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn**

Winter Games Athletes and Figure Skating Show Performers, Olympians - Pairs Skating  
2002 Silver Medal Winners

### **Suzanne Semanick and Scott Gregory**

Winter Games Athletes and Figure Skating Show Performers, Olympian – Ice Dancing

### **Krista and Kim Schmidinger**

Winter Games Athletes, Olympians – Skiing

### **Jim Craig and David Jensen**

Winter Games Athletes, Olympians – Ice Hockey, 1980 “Miracle on Ice” Team

### **Karen Cashmen**

Winter Games Athlete, Olympian – Speed Skating

### **Linda Fratianne**

Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian - Figure Skating

### **Silvia Fontana**

Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian - Figure Skating

### **Alexander Abt**

Figure Skating Show Performer, Olympian - Figure Skating

### **Simon Shnapir**

Winter Games Athlete, Skating Show Performer and member of 2014 US Olympic Figure Skating Team

### **Ray Bourque**

Winter Games Athlete, 1998 Canadian Olympic Team, 2001 Stanley Cup Champion, 2004 NHL Hall of Fame

# Programs of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation



## **Bay State Summer Games**

The Summer Games have been held since 1982 and feature thousands of athletes from over 300 Massachusetts and New England communities as well as surrounding New England states in over 30 sports. Tryouts are held statewide in June and finals take place in Boston and Central Massachusetts in July.



## **Bay State Winter Games**

Winter Games were established in 1985 and have provided opportunities in winter sports for over three decades. Athletes competing in Figure Skating, Ice Hockey and Curling represent Massachusetts as well as Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island. Since their inception, Winter Games have been held in the Northern Berkshire Region of Massachusetts in Williamstown, North Adams, and Pittsfield.



## **Future Leaders Scholarship Program**

The Future Leaders Scholarship awards six \$2,000 college scholarships to Bay State Summer and Winter Games participants who demonstrate leadership in community service, academic excellence, and athletic achievement.



## **Bay State Games Sportsmanship Initiative**

This initiative to educate all Bay State Games participants on the elements of good sportsmanship. The sportsmanship of all participants is evaluated and participants are recognized for exhibiting exemplary behavior on the field of play.



## **High School Ambassador Program**

The High School Ambassador Program allows students to gain experience in the very popular Sport Management and Marketing fields prior to entering college. Ambassadors assist with marketing Bay State Games in their school and help out with event operations during the Summer Games.



## **Bay State Games Hall of Fame**

The Bay State Games Hall of Fame recognizes athletes, volunteers, coaches, and officials who have had an extraordinary impact on the people and communities that are a part of the Games. Inductees include former Bay State Games athletes who competed in the Olympics, NBA, NHL or MLB.



## **Adopt An Athlete Program**

Bay State Games created the Adopt an Athlete Program to offer an opportunity for low-income athletes and families to participate in the Games at no cost. Every dollar raised through the Adopt an Athlete Program will help remove financial barriers and afford Massachusetts residents the opportunity to compete.



## **Athletic Training Opportunities**

Each year, a team of nearly 100 Certified Athletic Trainers, Athletic Training Students, and Physicians volunteer to provide medical care for all Bay State Games athletes. Athletic Training Students can use their time at the Games to gain experience hours towards their certification and interact with sports medicine professionals.



## **Internship Program**

The Bay State Games Internship Program annually provides 7-8 college students with summer internships in sports management and communications. These 10-week internships provide students with a high level of responsibility and hands on experience. Former Bay State Games interns have gone onto successful careers in sports at the professional, collegiate, and corporate levels.

For more details on all Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation Programs, go to:  
[www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org)

## 2020 WINTER GAMES - By the Numbers

**Years** .....35

**Sports** .....3

Figure Skating, Masters Ice Hockey, Curling

**Venues** .....3

Williams College, Williamstown; Peter Foote Veterans Rink, North Adams; Blackstone Valley IcePlex, Hopedale

**Athletes** .....450+

**Number of medals awarded** .....300+

**Number of t-shirts distributed to participants and volunteers**.....500+

**BSG Full-Time Staff**.....3

**Volunteers** .....200+

**Judges & Officials** .....50

**Youngest Figure Skater**.....

ISI	Katie Ellis	Age 7	Middleboro	Silver Lining SC
US	Juliana Noone	Age 8	Canton	Boston SC

**Oldest Figure Skater**.....

ISI	Maria Santore	Age 56	Sunderland	Silver Lining SC
USFS	Leslie Matthews	Age 58	Calais, VT	Champlain Valley-VT SC

**Hours of Ice Time for Figure Skating over 3 days** .....28



## 2020 FIGURE SKATING PARTICIPANT NOTABLES

Name	Hometown	Age	Accomplishments
Abbott, Simon	Granby, MA	15	Bay State Games Ambassador
Bell, Veronica	Canton, MA	16	Bay State Games gold medallist, and four-time medallist at State Games of America, most recently winning 1st place in ISI Gold freeskate and bronze in USFS Intermediate Excel freeskate.
Carter, Sophia	Dorchester, MA	14	Attended and participated in State Games of America in Virginia this Summer and found herself on the podium in all seven of her events.
Deyesso, Philip	Centerville, MA	36	1999 Inaugural State Games of America Intermediate Men's Champion; 1998 Bay State Games Intermediate Men's Bronze medallist.
DeZotell, Charlotte	Amherst, NH	9	Placed second in the 2020 NE + NA Fall Classic (Pre-Preliminary Girls Excel)
Ellis, Katie	Middleboro, MA	7	2019 State Games of America Gold Medallist
Garcia, Suzanne	Arlington, MA	56	Has been competing at the USFS Adult Gold level for over 15 years.
Gray, Alyssa	Lynnfield, MA	13	2018 Theatre on Ice National Pewter Medal
Harden, John-Michael	Great Barrington, MA	12	2019 Bronze Medallist Darien Open 2020 New England Regional Competitor; 2020 Eastern Sectional Competitor
Harden, Paul	Great Barrington, MA	13	2019 Silver Medallist Bay State Games, 2019 Gold Medallist Moran Memorial Competition, 2019 Gold Medallist Cranberry Open, 2019 Gold Medallist Boston Open
Kasparian, Sophia	North Falmouth, MA	16	First Place in Vineyard Open - April 2019; Second Place at Bay State Games - February 2019
Kelly, Mackenzie	Plymouth, MA	13	Gold Medallist at the 2018 Bay State Winter Games; 4th Place finish at State Games of America, Lynchburg, VA - Spins competition.
Mathieson, Riley	Merrimac, MA	14	Won 4 gold medals at 2019 State Games of America
Medeiros, Hadley	Mashpee, MA	14	Silver medal at Bay State Games in 2017 and 2018
Seeger, Sarah	Peabody, MA	13	Qualified for State Games of America and participated in 5 events in Virginia
Stanwood, Ella	Ipswich, MA	17	BSG Future Leaders Scholarship winner
Thurston, Anna	Cheshire, MA	11	Bronze Medal: Freestyle 1 at 2019 Bay State Games