

PRESS RELEASE

Everett Express Announces Competition Results

LOCAL SPEED SKATING MEMBERS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL FINALS.

EVERETT, May 15, 2009: Local inline speed skating team, Everett Express, brought home 15 medals at the USA Roller Sports (USARS) Regional Competition held May 9th & 10th in Portland, Oregon at Oaks Park. Compared to 2 medals last year with new coach Chuck Hendrick. The team ranked 5th overall in the seven state region for high points. The event drew 312 skaters, representing 14 teams from Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

Seventeen skaters qualified for the national competition July 19-25 in Peoria, Illinois ranging in age from 3 - 46. The team members going to Peoria will be competing in a total of 20 events. Seven of the qualifying skaters are first year skaters.

Results from USARS Regional Competition:

Elite competition winners and national competition qualifiers:

Anna Kowalchyk	Tiny Tot Girls	2nd
Isaac Redford	Tiny Tot Boys	3rd
Erika Harang	Freshman Girls	2nd
Jammie Shull	Classic Women	3rd
Chuck Hendrick	Grand Classic Men	1st
Benton Redford	Grand Classic Men	2nd
Tim Golden	Masters Men	4th

Novice competition winners and national competition qualifiers:

Ryan Zeller	Nov. Elementary Boys	4th
Ryan Johnson	Nov. Freshman Boys	4th
Nick Dominski	Nov. Sophomore Men	1st
Christiaan Johnson	Nov. Sophomore Men	3rd
McKenna Gorena	Nov. Sophomore Women	2nd
Jammie Shull	Nov. Classic Women	1st
Tim Golden	Nov. Master Men	1st

Two person relay winners and national competition qualifiers:

Chuck Hendrick & Jammie Shull	Classic 2-Mix Relay	2 nd
Chuck Hendrick & Benton Redford	Classic 2-Man Relay	2 nd
Adam Kowalchyk & Luis Robles	Primary 2-Boy Relay	1 st
Erika Harang & Nick Dominski	Sophomore 2-Mic Relay	2 nd

Four person relay winners and national competition qualifiers:

Freshman 4-Mix Relay	4th Place
Erika Harang, Tiffany Hardebeck, Ryan Johnson, Ryan Zeller	
Freshman 4-Girl Relay	4th Place
Erika Harang, Tiffany Hardebeck, KaiLee Johnson, Amanda Redford	
Senior 4-Man Relay	4th Place
Nick Dominski, Chuck Hendrick, Christiaan Johnson, Benton Redford	

Inline speed skating is currently one of the top contenders for a new Olympic Sport to be showcased at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Current short-track ice speed skating stars J.R. Celski and Apolo Ono began their skating careers with inline before moving to the ice. The decision will be made later this year in October by the Olympic Committee according to USARS.

The team is recruiting for new team members. Drop-in practices are held Monday 5:00-6:00 or Wednesday 4:30-6:00 for \$7.00. All ages are welcome. Team members range from 3 years old to over 50+. Everett Skate Deck is located at 9700 19TH Ave SE, Everett. (425) 337-0202.

Everett Express Inline Speed Skating Team is a nonprofit and registered charitable organization with the State of Washington. Charitable donations are being sought to assist in promoting the sport of inline speed skating and assist in funding the team members going to the National Finals in July.