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# Nationals Solo Ice Dance Competition

The results are in...

This year I competed at Pre-Silver against the top 21 girls from the US. They were all beautiful and graceful with great edges. On the first day of competition, we were divided into two groups of 10 and 11. This was the qualifying round. The top 5 in each group would go to the finals.

We each danced twice for the judges. The first was the Fourteen Step and the second was the European Waltz. I skated my best but I still could not believe my eyes when I saw the standings. I came in first place in my qualifying group!! I was going to Finals!!

Two days later, there we were, the final ten girls in the huge World Arena. We all took our turns to show the judges our Foxtrot. I was super-energized...an energizer bunny. It was tough to stay smooth and silky on the ice. I came in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. But two judges gave me 2nd!

## Next Season...

I love ice dance and the way I can float on the ice and dig deep with my edges and feel like I am flying. But I still need a partner to make it to the top. At least now, after Nationals, there are boys asking to try out with me! I need a good one!

I am making steady progress with my jumps. My jump coach, Sondra, and spin coach, Mary, are getting more and more excited. They think I could get to the top in singles freestyle.

So here's my plan. I will work hard to improve my edges, test my Senior Moves, and compete at the next levels of Ice Dance and Freestyle. When I'm not skating, I will keep working on my Ballet, Lyrical Dance, strength training, running, Pilates, and Aerial. Oh yeah...there's also homework!!...and play!!!!!!

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In my next newsletter I will update you on my progress. The competition season starts again this Winter.

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