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## **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2013**

20 teams from 15 ISU Members participated in the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships in Boston (USA). The United States hosted the Championships for the third time, previously in 2000 in Minneapolis and 2010 in Colorado Springs.

In fourth place, after the short program, Team Unique (Finland 1) soared up the standings with a flawless free skate to earn the world title, edging NEXXICE (Canada 1) by less than one point. In third place for the fourth straight year were the Haydenettes (USA 1).

Skating to music from *The Help*, Team Unique was the final team to skate in the free skate. They earned 139.49 points for their performance, more than four points better than the second place team. Despite finishing with the second-best score for their components, Team Unique totaled 65.74 points for their elements which included 8.50 points for their moves in the field elements helping them to 208.77 points overall.

Leading after the short program, last year's silver medalists, NEXXICE again took home the silver medal as they finished with 208.25 points overall. Skating to the classic music of "Die Fledermaus," NEXXICE, dressed in gold and black, finished with the top score for their components in this segment of the competition. They earned a total of 135.41 points for the free skate.

Representing the host country, the Haydenettes collected their fourth straight World bronze medal with 202.53 points for the competition. In second after the short program, the team from nearby Lexington, Mass., earned the fourth-best free skate score of the night. They received positive grades of execution throughout their performance, including five elements which earned seven points or more.

Rounding out the top six teams overall at the event were the Marigold IceUnity (Finland 2) who finished fourth with 201.00 points, Paradise (Russia 1) ended fifth with 197.31 points while Les Suprêmes (Canada 2) got 191.42 points and ranked sixth.

All results are available on the ISU website www.isu.org

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