

NOMINATIONS FOR LEEANN MIELE SPIRIT OF SKATING JUDGING AWARD

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

LeeAnn Miele is rightly remembered for her role as an international and world judge in synchronized skating, and her place as a national judge and referee with the U.S. Figure Skating in all disciplines. Her greatest legacy may, in fact, be the legions of skaters and the host of judges whose participation in the sport she tirelessly nurtured and encouraged. Despite a rigorous judging schedule and her international role in Synchronozed Skating, LeeAnn was a friend to all skaters. She was never too busy to judge a local competition at the smallest club. She always had time to help an individual, a coach, or a team in understanding just “what judges want to see” in a skating program. She devoted countless hours helping prospective judges cope with the formidable learning requirements and on-ice experience needed for them to succeed. Those countless hours of advice and support fostered the enthusiasm and dedication of two generations of skaters and judges. As a result of her love for skating, she left a wonderful legacy.

To honor her memory and give homage to others who exemplify those ideals, her friends have launched an annual judge’s award. The award is being coordinated through the *New England Amateur Skating Foundation*, a non-profit organization created by the late founder and philanthropist, Herb Kaplan of Rhode Island. A committee of LeeAnn’s friends and colleagues will review the nominations and choose the recipient based on the enclosed criteria. This award is presented annually at The Providence Open. Previous winners of the award were Elaine Hickman, Ann Fauver, Bill Appeltofft, Helen Oak, Shirley Holdsworth, Evelyn Minter, Jane Reno, Rena Krane, Nancy D’Wolf, Esterica McGill, Bobbie Parkinson Wendy Enzmann, and Robert LaMontagne, and Anne Gerli.

Nominations may come from judges, club officials, skating officials, coaches or parents. However, there is neither self-nomination nor nomination of family members. No member of the Miele Award selection committee will be considered for the award. To be eligible for this award, a judge must:

- Be an **eligible** and **ACTIVE** United States Figure Skating judge who has had their appointment for a minimum of five **(5) years**
- Draw their club membership from **Eastern Section** of the country
- Meet some or all of **the ideals of LeeAnn Miele** evidenced in her years of judging and competitions (see paragraph above)
- Demonstrate a willingness to **contribute at all levels of the sport** – through judging tests and competitions including non-qualifying competitions at the grassroots level.
- Exemplify willingness to **work with judges, skaters, technical panels, and coaches** in the best interest of the sport of figure skating.

An application fee is not required **but donations are gratefully encouraged** in memory of LeeAnn Miele. These donations are tax- deductible. Please make checks payable to the New England Amateur Skating Foundation and mail both the application and donations to: Marie Truppa, 8 Benjamin Drive, North Providence, RI 02904 Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Please post the attached flyer prominently at your rink, or feel free to make copies for distribution.

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NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out the form completely and submit it to:

The LeeAnn Miele Judges Award
Marie Truppa
8 Benjamin Drive
North Providence, RI 02904

Deadline: May 15, 2015

Name of person(s) doing the nominating:

Phone Number

Address

E-Mail Address:

My nomination for the LeeAnn Miele Spirit of Skating Award is

_____ REGION _____ HOME CLUB _____

And who represents a club within the *EASTERN* Section of the United States.

Judge's Discipline(s)

Number of years the nominee has been a judge (minimum 5) _____.

Please write a paragraph or two explaining how your nominee meets the criteria for this award as was outlined on the previous page. Your comments will be read at the presentation of the award at the Providence Open. If needed, please attach an additional sheet with further or extended comments.