

SKYLINERS JUNIOR WINS GOLD FOR TEAM USA

JUNIOR LINE CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF LEON LURJE TROPHY IN SWEDEN

New York, NY – The Skyliners Junior Synchronized Skating Team earned a historic gold medal at the 2016 Leon Lurje Trophy in Gothenburg, Sweden this past weekend, competing amongst the best synchro teams in the world. Representing TEAM USA for the 8th year in a row, Skyliners achieved a major feat – an American team earning a gold medal on the highly-competitive world synchro stage.

“To see the raising of the flag and know that we had earned gold for America was truly amazing,” said Josh Babb, Skyliners Head Coach and Director of Synchronized Skating. “The girls took command of the ice and their strong, heartfelt performance paid off.”

Skyliners Junior started by skating their Short Program to an exciting Michael Jackson medley. “We were proud of our score, which put us in second place after the short program, but the team remained focused on the goal we wanted to achieve,” said Babb. The next day, Skyliners Junior took their rousing Long Program to the ice – set to “Les Miserables.” Babb said, “We knew it was the performance we were looking for. The team skated with passion and the crowd energized them with every completed element.” The team’s combined score of 167.23 points earned them the first place prize.

Also in Sweden, TEAM USA teammates the Haydenettes of Lexington, Massachusetts earned the Silver Medal in the Senior division at Leon Lurje, adding to U.S. success.

This season, Skyliners Junior received an unprecedented two international assignments as TEAM USA. In February, they will compete at the French Cup among the most decorated synchro teams in the world. Skyliners Senior line, also representing TEAM USA, will travel to Neuchatel, Switzerland this January 30-31 to compete in the Neuchatel Trophy.

Team USA is defined as those synchronized skating teams who are selected by the Synchronized Management Subcommittee to represent the United States at ISU events including International Synchronized Skating Competitions, the World Junior Synchronized Skating Championships, and the World Synchronized Skating Championships.