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Joey Mantia Named Best of November for Team USA Awards presented by Dow *Three medals paved the way to Mantia's first speed skating Team USA Award*

KEARNS, Utah – Announced today by the United States Olympic Committee, **Joey Mantia** (Ocala, Fla.) was named Best of November for the Team USA Awards presented by Dow, for his outstanding performances during the month.

Mantia, 29, started the ISU World Cup season with a two-medal performance in Calgary (Nov. 13-15), winning a bronze in the 1500m and being a member of the silver medal-winning Sprint Team. The following weekend in Salt Lake City (Nov. 20-22), Mantia moved up a spot on the podium in the 1500m when he skated a personal-best 1:42.45 for the silver. In addition, he won the Mass Start B Division to secure a spot in the A Division race this past weekend in Inzell, Germany. Mantia currently sits in second overall in the 1500m, fourth in the 1000m and is in fifth place of the ISU Grand Cup rankings through three ISU World Cups.

In addition to Mantia, gymnast Simone Biles and the ice dancing pair of Maia and Alex Shibutani were awarded Best of November honors for their respective performances.

Each month, National Governing Bodies may nominate one female, one male and one team per discipline. An internal nominating committee selects five nominees from both the male and female categories, and three from the team category to advance to the voting round. Votes received from NGB representatives and select members of the media account for 50 percent of the final tally, with the other half determined by online fan voting via TeamUSA.org/Awards.

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From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at www.usspeedskating.org.