PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY **CHALLENGE CUP 2014**

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENTRY FORM

DATES: September 4-7, 2014

LOCATION: The Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society

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SANCTION: Sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating

CHAIRPERSON: Ann O'Keefe

GENERAL: This non-qualifying competition will be as similar as possible to the 2015 qualifying

competitions. It is hoped that the skaters will view Challenge Cup as a useful "warm-up"

for the competition season.

We are proud to announce that Challenge Cup 2014 has been selected as a participating

competition in the 2014 Icemen Sectional Series!

The no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary and pre-juvenile Well-Balanced free skate event levels are being offered as part of the 2014 U.S. Figure Skating Icemen Sectional Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2014 Icemen Sectional Series information found at:

http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=529

Please refer to the 2014 Icemen Sectional Series webpage for the rules, eligible levels, placement points and Icemen Sectional Series point standings for this competition series.

The 2014 Icemen Sectional Series is a competition series for boys competing in the following well-balanced free skate levels: No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile.

This competition is a designated 2014 Icemen Sectional Series competition. The male skaters enrolled in this series through U.S. Figure Skating will earn points at this competition. For more information regarding the 2014 Icemen Sectional Series, visit:

http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=529

The competition will be conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating

rulebook, 2015 edition, with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site and in this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or

amended is the responsibility of the participants.

Juvenile through Senior events as well as Adult Gold and Adult Masters Free skate events will be judged using the International Judging System (IJS). All other events

(including Open Juvenile) will be judged using the 6.0 system.

Intermediate through Senior Singles and Pairs events are **combined** events therefore short and long free skating programs are considered one event. If a skater or team does not compete in the Short Program, they will be considered withdrawn from the Free Skate.

RULES:

Dance events are considered separate events; competitors may register for Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance as individual events.

ELIGIBILITY:

All entrants must be Eligible skaters who are members of US Figure Skating. Test requirements are as of close of entries. Skaters may skate up one level.

CRITIQUES:

New this year! Time permitting, there will be critiques for all Short Programs, Free Skating, Pattern Dances, Short Dances and Free Dances for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior. Coaches and competitors are invited to attend. Critiques begin approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of each event.

While we will make every effort to hold all scheduled critiques, events take priority over critiques. In the event that an official must be scheduled on successive events and is not available for a critique, the critique may not take place.

ENTRY:

You must enter this competition online **only** through our website (pschs.org) which will take you to the EntryEeze.com website by midnight on August 8, 2014. **No paper entries will be accepted.** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee and will require a \$50 late entry fee. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS except for cancellation of an event (less than two entries) or death in the immediate family. Please note that the online convenience fee is not refundable for any reason.

Entry Fees:

- * \$125 per event per skater or couple for IJS Singles and Pairs events.
- * \$95 per event per skater for all other Singles and Pairs events
- * Dance Events: \$95 for the first event and \$40 for other events AT THE SAME LEVEL.
- * Entering online at www.pschs.org with a secure credit card payment is the *only* way to enter this competition. Simply follow the link 2014 Challenge Cup to register for the competition and pay with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover only please). You will be charged an online non-refundable processing fee by Entryeeze.com.
- * Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee. There will be a late entry fee of \$50.
- * No refunds will be granted except for canceled events (less than two entries) or death in the immediate family.
- * PSC&HS reserves the right to limit entries.
- * Events with groups: Groups will be judged separately (no final rounds) with awards for each group.
- * Please review your application closely with your coach to ensure you have entered the correct events/levels. Once names have been submitted to the Chief Referee, no changes will be made except those due to an error by the LOC. After the tentative schedule is posted online, any change in registration because of an error on your application will result in a \$25 fee per change.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT FORM All Juvenile and above competitors *MUST* complete the Planned Program Content form online by *August 21, 2014*. This can be completed on the entryeeze.com website or the form can be found in your personal profile after you log into the Members Only link on the U.S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org. *HOWEVER*, please note that information entered into the PPC Form on the USFS site will take priority over any information entered into the PPC Form on the Entryeeze site. After 8/21/14, all PPC submissions or revisions to previously submitted PPC's for this competition must be made through the US Figure Skating website."

The Members Only link is located at the top of the US Figure Skating home page. Log in with your U.S. Figure Skating membership number and password*. Please be sure to save your form! Changes to your PPC form can be made until 1 week prior to the event.

*If you do not have a password to log into your profile, follow the instructions on the top of the log-in screen. You must have an e-mail address on file in your profile in order to receive your password from USFS. Contact Member Services at 719-635-5200 if you need assistance on this matter.

COACHES:

Consistent with US Figure Skating rules, all coaches must be listed as Coaches Education requirement (CER) Category B compliant (or higher). A chart of US Figure Skating requirements for coaches can be found on the US Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org

RINK:

All events will be held at the PSC&HS. The ice surface measures 195' x 85' with NO boards. 5" edge. No smoking is permitted in the PSC&HS. No flash pictures permitted during events.

PRACTICE:

A limited number of official practice ice sessions will be offered Wednesday evening, September 3rd, Thursday morning and evening, September 4th, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Registration for practice will be made available after the competition deadline and will be emailed to all registered participants.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the competition will be available only by visiting www.pschs.org and clicking the EntryEeze link. The schedule will NOT be available by phone, mail or email. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.

MUSIC:

Unplayable music media may result in disqualification from your event. The Club will provide music for compulsory dances. For all other events, CD's or mini disks will be accepted. They must be clearly marked with name, event, and music length. Each CD or mini-disk must have only one track recorded on it. <u>Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.</u> Please pick up your music promptly after your event has ended.

All possible care will be taken, however, PSC&HS assumes no responsibility or liability due to loss or damage to any music. All competitors must have duplicate music available at rinkside during their event in case of a problem with the original disk.

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented for First, Second, Third, and Fourth places in each event.

The *ROBERT HOREN DANCE TROPHY* will be presented to the winners of the Junior Free Dance Event

The *CHALLENGE CUP* will be presented to the Club receiving the most points as awarded for medal placements.

REGISTRATION:

Please arrive one hour prior to your scheduled event. Report to the Registration Desk where you will hand in your music and receive a skater's information packet. Competitors who arrive after their warm-up group begins will be allowed to skate only at the discretion of the Referee. If they do not skate, they will forfeit all fees for that event.

VIDEO: Only battery operated video equipment will be permitted.

HOUSING:

Room blocks are available at the following hotel:

Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West, 4010 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Phone - 1-800-2CROWNE. \$104 nightly rate, reservations must be received by August 5th. You must mention Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society when making reservation. You can also book online at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/PhiladelphiaSkatingClub We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early due to limited availability.

COMPOSITION OF EVENTS

GENERAL

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at http://www.usfsa.org/New_Judging.asp As referenced earlier in this announcement, all changes made by the ISU with regard to well-balanced programs will be incorporated. Please refer to this web site often for continuous updates.

SENIOR, JUNIOR and NOVICE SINGLES (2014-2015 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging as noted above. Short and Long programs combined.

INTERMEDIATE SINGLES

Short and Long programs combined. The Short Program for Intermediate Singles will follow the current USFS rules. The Free Skate program will follow the current USFS Rules for Well Balanced Program

JUVENILE, OPEN JUVENILE, PRE-JUVENILE, PRELIMINARY, and PRE-PRELIMINARY SINGLES

Free Skate only. All programs will follow the current USFS Rules for Well Balanced Program.

DURATION OF SINGLES SHORT & FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

LEVEL	Short program	Free Skate duration is
	duration maximum	plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Men	2:50 max	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Senior Ladies	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Men	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Ladies	2:50 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Men	2:30 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Ladies	2:30 max	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Men & Ladies	2:00 max	2:30 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:15 +/- 10 sec
Open Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:15 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:00 +/- 10 sec
Preliminary Boys & Girls		1:30 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Preliminary Boys & Girls		1:40 max

NO TEST, BEGINNER and HIGH BEGINNER SINGLES

All programs will follow the current USFS Rules for Introductory Singles events

DURATION OF SINGLES INTRODUCTORY LEVEL PROGRAMS

LEVEL	Program duration
No Test Boys & Girls	1:40 max
High Beginner Boys & Girls	1:30 +/- 10 sec
Beginner Boys & Girls	1:30 +/- 10 sec

SENIOR, JUNIOR and NOVICE PAIRS (2014-2015 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging. Short and Long programs combined.

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

Short and Long programs combined. The Short Program and Free Skate for Intermediate Singles will follow the current USFS rules.

JUVENILE PAIRS

The Free Skate program for Juvenile Pairs will follow the current USFS rules.

DURATION OF PAIRS SHORT & FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

LEVEL	Short program	Free Skate duration is
	duration maximum	plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Pairs	2:50 max	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Junior Pairs	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Novice Pairs	2:50 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Pairs	2:30 max	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Pairs		2:30 +/- 10 sec

NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, JUVENILE, PRE-JUVENILE AND all ADULT PATTERN DANCES

Events will consist of 2 (two) dances with no final round.

Novice	Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz
Intermediate	EuropeanWaltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Juvenile	Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz
Pre-Juvenile	Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango
Adult Gold	Quickstep, Argentine Tango
Adult Pre-Gold	Blues, Starlight Waltz
Adult Silver	European Waltz, Tango
Adult Pre-Silver	Ten Fox, European Waltz
Adult Bronze	Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango
Adult Pre-Bronze	Canasta Tango, Swing Dance
Adult Centennial	Fourteenstep, American Waltz

SENIOR, JUNIOR, SHORT DANCE (2014-2015 current ISU Requirements)

As noted above, please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging.

SENIOR, JUNIOR, NOVICE FREE DANCE

As noted above, please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging.

INTERMEDIATE, JUVENILE and PRE-JUVENILE FREE DANCE

The Intermediate, Juvenile and Pre-Juvenile Free Dances will follow the current USFS rules.

ADULT GOLD, ADULT PRE-GOLD FREE DANCE

The Adult Gold and Adult Pre-Gold Free Dances will follow the current USFS rules.

DURATION OF SHORT DANCE AND FREE DANCE PROGRAMS

ICE DANCE	Short Dance duration is plus/minus 10 seconds	Free Dance duration is as noted
Senior Dance	2:50+/- 10 sec	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Dance	2:50 +/- 10 sec	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Dance	N/A	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Dance	N/A	2:30 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Dance	N/A	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile Dance	N/A	2:00 +/- 10 sec
Adult Gold Dance	N/A	3:10 max
Adult Pre-Gold Dance	N/A	3:10 max

<u>ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE</u> (free Skate only)

The Adult Masters, Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Bronze Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate events will follow the current USFS rules. Age categories will be combined.

DURATION OF ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

ADULT SINGLES	Free Skate		
	duration is as noted		
Adult Masters Ladies	3:40 max		
Adult Masters Men	3:40 max		
Adult Gold Ladies	2:40 max		
Adult Gold Men	2:40 max		
Adult Silver Ladies	2:10 max		
Adult Silver Men	2:10 max		
Adult Bronze Ladies	1:50 max		
Adult Bronze men	1:50 max		
Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies	1:40 max		
Adult Pre-Bronze men	1:40 max		

Entries must be received no later than August 8, 2014

Planned Program Content Forms are due no later than August 21, 2014

PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY 2014 CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION ENTRY FORM WORKSHEET

Competitor's Name Date of Birth_			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone Number	E-Mail	Address	
Home Club		USFSA #	
2013/2014 Sectional/Regional Competition Record _			
Coach		Phone #	
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Highest Test Passed (as of 8/8/14): Fig Dance		Freeskate	_

Entries must be postmarked no later than August 8, 2014

Each entry (pairs or dance) must submit an individual entry

Senior, Junior, Novice, and Intermediate Singles and Senior, Junior, and Novice Pairs includes short and long programs. This means if the skater (or team) does not skate in the SP, they may not skate in the Free Skate Program.

SINGLES		PATTERN DANCE
Senior Ladies	Senior Men	Senior Short Dance
Junior Ladies	Junior Men	Junior Short Dance
Novice Ladies	Novice Men	
Intermediate Ladies	Intermediate Men	Novice Dance PD
Juvenile Girls	Juvenile Boys	Intermediate Dance PD
Open Juvenile Girls	Open Juvenile Boys	Juvenile Dance PD
Pre-Juvenile Girls	Pre-Juvenile Boys	Pre-Juvenile Dance PD
Preliminary Girls	Preliminary Boys	Adult Gold PD
Pre-Preliminary Girls	Pre-Preliminary Boys	Adult Pre-Gold PD
No Test Girls	No Test Boys	Adult Silver PD
Beginner Girls	Beginner Boys	
High Beginner Girls	High Beginner Boys	
Adult Masters Ladies	Adult Masters Men	Adult Pre-Silver PD
Adult Gold Ladies	Adult Gold Men	Adult Bronze PD
Adult Silver Ladies	Adult Silver Men	Adult Pre-Bronze PD
Adult Bronze Ladies	Adult Bronze Men	Centennial Dance PD
Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies	Adult Pre-Bronze Men	

PAIRS	FREE DANCE		
Senior Pairs			Senior Dance FD
Junior Pairs			Junior Dance FD
Novice Pairs			Novice Dance FD
Intermediate Pairs			Intermediate Dance FD
Juvenile Pairs	Adult Gold FD		Juvenile Dance FD
	Adult Pre-Gold FD		Pre-Juvenile FD

Partner's Name	USFSA #		
Each entry must be signed below by a club officer from the skater's	home club:		
I hereby approve the entry of the above skater and certify that he/she is the rules of US Figure Skating and this competition:	is eligible to compete in accordance with		
SIGNED	TITLE		
SKATER'S SIGNATURE			
PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if skater is under 18)			
Please note: No refunds will be granted except for canceled events (less than two entries) or death in the mmediate family.			
NOTE DEADLINE - AUGUST	,		
RELEASE In consideration of the participant being permitted to register and part Skating Club & Humane Society, we do hereby forever release and di and any person or corporation connected herewith from all manner of demands which we will, shall, or may hereafter have suffer or receive program at The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society release executors and administrators. It is further agreed that The Philadelphia to be considered to guarantee or warrant such equipment as may be a program. In addition, I give my consent for any photographs taken to SKATER'S SIGNATURE PARENT'S SIGNATURE [If skater is under 18]	ticipate in ice skating at The Philadelphia ischarge its Directors, Agents, Employees action, injury, damages, costs, claims or by reason of each participant in any shall be binding on our heirs, assigns, ia Skating Club & Humane Society shall used in the conducting of said ice skating be used for marketing purposes.		

2014 Challenge Cup September 4-7, 2014 PROGRAM ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

Our athletes are helped through the generosity of both corporate and private advertisers at all levels of competition. We would welcome the opportunity to convey your support through this official competition program, which each competitor receives. Listed below is a schedule of the costs for placing an advertisement in the program for the 2014 Challenge Cup:

Company Name		
Address		
Phone #	Contact	
	Outside Back Cover	\$200
	Inside Front or Back Cover	\$150
	Full Page	\$100
	Half Page	\$ 75
	Quarter Page	\$ 50
	Personal Greeting (one line ad)	\$ 10

All advertising will be listed in the 8 ½ x 11" competition program. All advertisements are to be received no later than August 22, 2014. Placement priority will be determined by the date payment is received.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS....SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR SKATER WITH A PERSONAL GREETING (one line ad) FOR \$10.

Please make check payable to "Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society" and enclose with this order form.

RETURN FORM TO: Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society

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