



2016 Synchronized Fall Classic

**Hosted by: The Rinks-Anaheim Ice
and Glacier Falls Figure Skating Club**

Sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Entry Deadline is Saturday, October 1, 2016

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The 16th Annual Synchronized Fall Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted of the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book for non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Pacific Coast Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Synchro Skills Level 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

To Register for the Event, visit www.entryeeze.com Click on the Anaheim Ice logo and complete the registration form.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. This competition is **not** requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met, with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Basic Skills level.

ENTRIES:

All applications must be completed on Entryeeze by Saturday, October 1, 2016

Entry Fees are as follow:

Junior/Senior - \$1000 (Pays for both Short and Free Skate programs)

Juvenile/Nov - \$500 (Free Skate)

Preliminary/Open Juvenile - \$400 (Free Skate)

Basic Skills - \$350 (Free Skate)

ISI - \$350 (Free Skate)

The entry fees do not include practice ice.

Questions? Please contact: Bob Marchese (714) 936-0021 or by email at bmarch47@yahoo.com

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after close of entries on October 1, 2016 unless the competition is canceled. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Anaheim ICE. Anaheim ICE is located at 300 W. Lincoln Avenue in the city of Anaheim, California, 92805. (714) 535-7465 www.anaheimice.com The ice surface is 200' x 85' with rounded corners.

Judges will be seated in the hockey team area on the west side of the rink, on the opposite side of the stands. This is different than in previous years.

MUSIC: Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with team name, event entered and music length.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons, no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but Anaheim ICE and the Glacier Falls F.S.C. cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Glacier Falls F.S.C. and Anaheim ICE accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate
- Collegiate
- Adult

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Learn To Skate Level 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Masters
- Open Adult
- Open Masters
- Open Collegiate

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed in Entryeze at least 7 days before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION DESK: The registration desk will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of Anaheim ICE. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: Credentials for team coaches, team competitors, and 2 team managers will be provided to allow access to the locker rooms during the event.

There will be a \$10.00 admission fee for spectators.

PRACTICE ICE: Once the competition schedule has been completed, teams will be notified by e-mail of any practice ice that is available.

If available, ice will be sold at a rate of \$125 per 15-minute segment.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Videos of the event will be available for purchase from a professional video company.

AWARDS: All skaters will receive an award. Awards will be presented in the upstairs Club 32 area upon the posting of each event. Junior/Senior short and freeskate programs are considered separate events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the Anaheim ICE lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.**

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. If coaches are ONLY coaching a Synchro Skills Level 1-3 team, then a Basic Skills Instructor Membership is sufficient. If the coach is coaching any other level teams at a nonqualifying event, then he/she must have at least CER B for the current season.
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web sites: www.anaheimice.com www.glacierfalls.com www.entryeeze.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Bob Marchese	bmarch47@yahoo.com	(714) 544-8741
Chief Referee:	Karin Sherr	boliviak@aol.com	(619) 961-4240

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Food: There is a full service snack bar located in the Anaheim ICE lobby. There are also several fast food restaurants within walking distance of the arena.

Parking: Please utilize the Anaheim ICE parking structure located at the South East corner of the Arena. Parking tickets from this structure will be validated. Street parking is limited to 2 hours and is heavily monitored by local law enforcement.

Official Hotel: A block of rooms has been reserved for this event at the Ayres Hotel in Anaheim.

Hotel contact information:

Marie A. Xuereb

Director of Sales

Ayres Hotel - Anaheim

2550 E. Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92806

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EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

- Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520

Open Masters:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.

Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7530

Masters:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.

Program duration: 3 minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7510

Adult:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.

Program duration: 3 minutes 15 seconds.

Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

	Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Level 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	



LEARN TO SKATE USA SYNCHRO SKILLS 1 – 3

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating. (See program requirements.)

Eligibility Rules: All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA program. All Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating and have a team number.

In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than a preliminary test (moves in the field, freestyle or dance). The skaters’ test level is as of the competition entry deadline.

No skater may compete on multiple Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams.

Age/Number of Skaters: Varies based on the level. The ages for Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams are as of the preceding July 1. If the majority of team is younger than the listed age, consider skating “up” to the level that best meets the skaters’ skill levels.

Each team may have between 8-16 skaters. Teams may have a total of four athletes on their roster in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

Costume Rules: Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams should follow **Rule 7022 Clothing and Equipment** (U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) when selecting their clothing for competition.

Coach Compliance: Coaches bringing their Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating team to a Learn to Skate USA competition should have, at a minimum, the Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check.

LEARN TO SKATE USA SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3

The synchronized competition program is also part of the U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA program. The Compete USA competition program is for Learn to Skate USA level skaters who are interested in a first competition or “team” experience, taking the Synchro 1-4 badges a step further. Synchro Skills teams compete at Learn to Skate USA competitions and nonqualifying synchronized skating competitions around the country.

Required elements – Each level has specific required elements that must be completed:

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
SYNCHRO SKILLS 1 8-16 skaters, majority under 9 years old 1 ½ - 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide. Stroking from backward to forward is permitted.	One line, which must cover half ice to full ice and must have only forward skating.	One block, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	One wheel, choice of 4-spoke or 3 spoke with backward pumps.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.

SYNCHRO SKILLS 2 8-16 skaters , majority under 12 years old 1 ½ - 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds	One circle, which must include the choreographed step sequence: 2 forward crossovers, FO 3 turn, back pump, BO 1 foot glide (held for at least 2 counts), back pump, 1 backward crossover, FI stroke (1 direction only, don't need to repeat)	One line, which must cover the ice and may include forward and backward skating.	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	One wheel of the team's choice with backward pumps.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
SYNCHRO SKILLS 3 8-16 skaters, majority at least 12 years old 2 – 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds	Circle element, which must include the combination move from Basic 8. (1 direction only, don't need to repeat)	Line element, which must cover the ice and must include forward and backward skating.	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 2 or 3 configurations.	Wheel element of the team's choice with backward pumps, chasses, or crossovers.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide or forward lunge at point of intersection.

The emphasis of the Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating competition is on mastering the Synchro Skills of synchronized skating:

- Control of rotation in wheels and circles.
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections.
- Unison and use of skills such as guiding and shadowing.
- Incorporating skills from the Basic 1-6 levels to strengthen skating skills.
- Learning how to do transitions and skate to music.
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels.

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 1 & 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder and choo-choo holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Synchro Skills 1 teams may not do steps higher than Basic 5, with the exception of forward chasses.
- Synchro Skills 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 1, with the exception of forward chasses.

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 3:

- No traveling within elements (change of configuration and rotational direction are allowed).

Restrictions in all levels: All of the synchronized skating “illegal elements” found in Rule #7160 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Please reference <http://usfsa.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized> for most up-to-date Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating rules



7270 Preliminary Synchronized Skating

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: None
- B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters who are under age 12 with the majority of skaters under age 10

PRELIMINARY SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following five elements in any order	
BLOCK	One block element
CIRCLE	One circle element
INTERSECTION	One intersection element (forward only)
LINE	One line element
WHEEL	One wheel element
STANDARDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.</u> • All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 7150). • Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark. • Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark. • The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements. • Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions. • <u>Turns and linking steps may be used during elements.</u> • Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions. • Syncopated choreography may be used. • For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 7160 and 7170. • Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 7110-7140. 	

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