

**PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY
CHALLENGE CUP 2016**

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENTRY FORM

DATES: September 15 - 18, 2016

LOCATION: The Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society
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SANCTION: Sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating

CHAIRPERSON: Ann O'Keefe

GENERAL: Events offered at this non-qualifying competition will be as similar as possible to the 2017 regional and sectional competitions. It is hoped that the skaters will view Challenge Cup as a useful "warm-up" for the competition season.

All events are separate events – there are no combined events.

RULES: The competition will be conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, 2017 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.

All events are considered separate events; competitors must register for Short Program and Freeskating as individual events. Depending on the number of entries, entries may be divided into groups. Groups will be judged separately with awards for each group. *There will be no final rounds.*

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: 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 18, 2016. **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:

- * \$145 per skater or couple for the first IJS event.
- * \$70 per event for the 2nd and all subsequent IJS events
- * \$110 per event per skater or couple for the first 6.0 event
- * \$60 per event for the 2nd and all subsequent 6.0 events
- ** *Please note – if you are registering for an IJS event and a 6.0 event, the IJS event is considered the first event.*

* Included in the entry fee, all participants will receive an HD digital download of their performance which will be emailed to them after the competition

* Entering online at www.pschs.org with a secure credit card payment is the **only** way to enter this competition. Simply follow the link 2016 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.

* 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 **September 1, 2016**. 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 9/1/16, 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 14th, Thursday morning and evening, September 15th, 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 e-mail. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.
- MUSIC:** **Unplayable music media may result in disqualification from your event.** For all 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. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.** 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:** All participants will receive an HD digital download of their performance which will be emailed after the competition. For personal video equipment: only battery operated video equipment will be permitted.
- HOUSING:** Room blocks are available at the following hotel:
Springhill Suites Philadelphia, 430 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462; \$104 nightly rate; reservations must be received by August 26th. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-287-9400 or 610-940-0400 and identify yourself as part of the Philadelphia Skating Club room block staying at the Springhill Suites Philadelphia Plymouth Meeting location.
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 (2016-2017 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging as noted above. Short and Freeskate programs are individual events – please be sure to register separately for each segment.

INTERMEDIATE SINGLES

Short and Freeskate programs are individual events – please be sure to register separately for each segment. The Short Program and 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 duration maximum	Free Skate duration is plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Men	2:40 +/- 10 sec	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Senior Ladies	2:40 +/- 10 sec	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Men	2:40 +/- 10 sec	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Ladies	2:40 +/- 10 sec	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 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
High Beginner Boys & Girls	1:40 max
Beginner Boys & Girls	1:40 max

SENIOR, JUNIOR and NOVICE PAIRS (2015-2016 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging. Short and Freeskate programs are individual events – please be sure to register separately for each segment.

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

Short and Freeskate programs are individual events – please be sure to register separately for each segment. The Short Program and Free Skate for Intermediate Pairs 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 duration maximum	Free Skate duration is plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Pairs	2:40 +/- 10 sec	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Junior Pairs	2:40 +/- 10 sec	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

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

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

Novice.....	Viennese Waltz, Blues
Intermediate.....	European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Juvenile.....	Fourteenstep, Willow Waltz
Pre-Juvenile.....	Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango
Adult Gold.....	Viennese Waltz, Silver Samba
Adult Pre-Gold.....	Tango, Blues
Adult Silver.....	European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Adult Pre-Silver.....	Ten-Fox, European Waltz
Adult Bronze.....	Hickory Hoedown, Fiesta Tango
Adult Pre-Bronze.....	Canasta Tango, Swing Dance
Adult Centennial.....	Foxtrot, Tango
Masters Open.....	Silver Samba, Viennese Waltz

SENIOR, JUNIOR, SHORT DANCE (2016-2017 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

ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE (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 & Men	3:40 max
Adult Gold Ladies & Men	2:40 max
Adult Silver Ladies & Men	2:10 max
Adult Bronze Ladies & Men	1:50 max
Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies & Men	1:40 max

COMPULSORY MOVES

Introductory Levels Compulsory Event

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice
- No music is allowed
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump 2. ½ jump of choice 3. Forward two-foot or one-foot spin, minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) 4. Forward or backward spiral
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop jump 2. Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Forward or backward spiral

No Test – Juvenile Compulsory Moves

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice except for Juvenile which will be skated on Full Ice
- No music is allowed
- Elements may be performed only once

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loop jump 2. Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) 3. Solo spin - sit or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Toe Loop 2. Jump combination: single/single (no Axel) 3. Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Lutz 2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) 3. Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Forward inside spiral
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (may include Axel) 2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) 3. Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Step sequence - circular
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Jump combination: single/single or double/single 3. Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Step sequence – circular

JUMPS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted
- All events will be skated ½ ice

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. ½ flip or ½ Lutz 3. Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. Single Salchow 3. Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	1. Single toe loop 2. Single loop 3. Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	1. Single toe loop 2. Single flip 3. Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	1. Single flip 2. Single Lutz 3. Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	1. Single Axel 2. Single or double jump 3. Jump combination – single/single (no Axel)

SPINS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. On required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
No-Test	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright back scratch spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	1. Forward scratch to back scratch spin (3) 2. Combination spin with no of foot (4) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Juvenile	1:30 max.	1. Camel spin (3) 2. Combination spin – camel to sit spin; no change of foot (6) 3. Forward to backward scratch spin (3 per foot)

SOLO PATTERN DANCE – not part of National Solo Dance series

General event parameters:

- Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed.
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances.
- Number of patterns to be skated will be as stated in the current USFS Rulebook

Level	Dances to be Skated
Preliminary	1. Canasta Tango 2. Rhythm Blues
Pre-bronze	1. Cha-Cha 2. Fiesta Tango
Bronze	1. Willow Waltz 2. Ten Fox
Pre-silver	1. European Waltz 2. Foxtrot
Silver	1. Silver Tango 2. Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-gold	1. Killian 2. Blues
Gold	1. Viennese Waltz 2. Argentine Tango

ADULT SOLO PATTERN DANCE – not part of National Solo Dance series

General event parameters:

- Eligibility to compete as stated in the current USFS Rulebook Rule #'s 6620 - 6661
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances.
- Number of patterns to be skated will be as stated in the current USFS Rulebook

Level	Dances to be Skated
Adult Bronze	Cha-Cha Willow Waltz
Adult Pre-silver	Willow Waltz Foxtrot
Adult Silver	Fourteenstep American Waltz
Adult Pre-gold	Tango Blues
Adult Gold	Paso Doble Viennese Waltz

Entries must be received no later than August 18, 2016

Planned Program Content Forms are due no later than September 1, 2016

PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY
2016 CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION ENTRY FORM **WORKSHEET**

Competitor's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Club _____ USFSA # _____

Coach _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Highest Test Passed (as of 8/24/15): Fig _____ MITF _____ Freeskate _____
Dance _____ Pairs _____

*Entries must be postmarked no later than **August 18, 2016***

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

ALL EVENTS ARE SEPARATE EVENTS – MAKE SURE YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR BOTH THE SHORT PROGRAM AND FREESKATING!

EVENT OFFERINGS

SINGLES

Senior, Junior, Novice and Intermediate Ladies and Men (Short Program and Freeskate)

Juvenile Girls & Boys (Freeskate)

Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Pre-Preliminary, High Beginner, Beginner and No Test Girls and Boys (Freeskate)

Adult Masters, Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Bronze, Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies and Men (Freeskate)

PAIRS

Senior, Junior, Novice, Intermediate (Short Program and Freeskate)

Juvenile (Freeskate)

DANCE

Senior and Junior (Short Dance)

Senior, Junior Novice (Free Dance)

Intermediate, Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile (Free Dance)

Novice, Intermediate, Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile (Pattern Dance)

Adult Gold and Adult Pre-Gold (Free Dance)

Adult Gold, Adult Pre-Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Pre-Silver, Adult Bronze, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Centennial and Masters Open (Pattern Dance)

SOLO DANCE

Gold, Pre-Gold, Silver, Pre-Silver, Bronze, Pre-Bronze and Preliminary

Adult Gold, Adult Pre-Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Pre-Silver, and Adult Bronze

COMPULSORY MOVES

Open Juvenile, Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Pre-Preliminary, No Test, Beginner, and High Beginner

JUMPS

Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Pre-Preliminary, No Test, High Beginner and Beginner

SPINS

Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary, Pre-Preliminary, No Test, High Beginner and Beginner

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 eligible to compete in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating and this competition:

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 immediate family.

NOTE DEADLINE - AUGUST 18, 2016



RELEASE

In consideration of the participant being permitted to register and participate in ice skating at The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, we do hereby forever release and discharge its Directors, Agents, Employees and any person or corporation connected herewith from all manner of action, injury, damages, costs, claims or demands which we will, shall, or may hereafter have suffer or receive by reason of each participant in any program at The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society release shall be binding on our heirs, assigns, executors and administrators. It is further agreed that The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society shall not be considered to guarantee or warrant such equipment as may be used in the conducting of said ice skating program. In addition, I give my consent for any photographs taken to be used for marketing purposes.

SKATER'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if skater is under 18) _____

DATE _____

APPLICATION MAY BE COPIED

*2016 Challenge Cup
September 15-18, 2016
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 2016 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 September 2, 2016. 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
220 Holland Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003