

2016 Silicon Valley Open

Hosted by the Peninsula Skating Club



The 2016 Silicon Valley Open will be held at

Sharks Ice at San Jose
1500 South Tenth Street,
San Jose, California 95112

August 5-6, 2016

Entry Deadline: July 8, 2016

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Silicon Valley Open General Rules

The Peninsula Skating Club is pleased to invite you to compete in this year's Silicon Valley Open Competition. The event is sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating and will be held on August 5-6, at Sharks Ice at San Jose, 1500 South Tenth Street, San Jose, California. 2016 Silicon Valley Open is a Technical, Dance, and Showcase competition. All events will have normal house lighting. Every effort will be made to space out a skater's events so they may participate in multiple events. This competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, including any updates that are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or individual members in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to Rule 3060 in the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens. All participants are expected to abide by the code of ethics and conduct as described in GR 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the current Rulebook. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Reimbursement for Official's travel expenses will be made in accordance with GR 2.02.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2016 Silicon Valley Open has been selected and approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Program Development Committee as a designated, official 2016 National Solo Dance Series competition.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition eligibility level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. **EXCEPTION: Skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary FS test may skate at the No Test level.**

A skater may enter only one event in each discipline, e.g. Short Program, Free Skate, Pairs Free Skate, Couples Pattern Dance, Couples Short Dance, Couples Free Dance. Exceptions: A skater may enter as many Showcase events, Pro-Am Dances and/or Shadow dances for which he or she is eligible. Please refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Handbook for entry rules and restrictions for all Solo Dance events.

Age restrictions/requirements: Please check individual event listings for age restrictions and/or requirements. Age as of the official entry deadline will be used for all age requirements.

Entries

All entries will be online only through EntryEeze. Please visit <http://www.peninsulaskatingclub.org> and click on the Silicon Valley Open link for online entry information.

For questions regarding registration, please email the Competition Registrar, Beth Bottos.

E-mail: registrar@peninsulaskatingclub.org

Entry fees shall be paid through online registration using Visa, MC, or Discover. Peninsula Skating Club will appear as the merchant name for these charges on the credit card statement. Entry fees are as follows:

All prices are per skater.

Group #	Events	Applicable Levels	First Event WITHIN GROUP	Additional Events WITHIN GROUP
1	IJS Technical Singles Short Program, Free Skate	Juvenile/Open Juvenile & higher, Adult Gold & higher	\$100	\$50
2	6.0 Technical Singles Free Skate	Pre-Juvenile & lower, Adult Silver & lower	\$90	--
3	IJS Pairs & Am-Am Dance Pairs: Short Program, Free Skate Dance: Pattern Dance, Short Dance, Free Dance	Pairs: Juvenile & higher Dance: Juvenile & higher, Adult Pre-Gold & higher	\$50	\$25
4	6.0 Pairs & Am-Am Dance Pairs: Free Skate Dance: Pattern Dance, Free Dance	Pairs/Dance: Pre-Juvenile & lower Dance: Adult Silver & lower	\$45	\$22.50
5	Showcase – Singles Pro-Am Dance (Pro-Am Dances: Pattern Dance, Short Dance, Free Dance)	All levels of Showcase except Basic Skating, All levels of Pro-Am Dance	\$90	\$45
6	Showcase – Duets	All	\$45	\$22.50
7	Singles Specialty Events Jumps & Spins	All	\$55	\$40
8	National Solo Shadow Dance	All	\$45.00	\$22.50
9	National Solo Pattern Dance	All	\$105	--
10	National Solo Combined Dance	All	\$135	--
11	Adapted Basic Skating	--	\$20	--
12	Basic Skating & Showcase	All	\$55	\$40
13	Critiques for Singles Events	IJS levels only	\$25	--
14	Critiques for Am-Am Pairs & Dance Events	IJS levels only	\$12.50	--
	Late Fee for Events	All	\$40	--
	Late Fee for Critiques for Singles Events	IJS levels only	\$10 per critique	\$10 per critique
	Late Fee for Critiques for Am-Am Pairs & Dance Events	IJS levels	\$5 per critique	\$5 per critique

Entries in any event in Groups 5-7 will be charged the applicable group’s “Additional Event...” charge when the skater also signs up for one or more events in any of Groups 1-4. Entries in Group 8 will be charged the “Additional Event” fee when the skater signs up for one or more events in Groups 1-4 or 9-10.

Events in Groups 9-12 do not participate in cross-group “Additional Event...” pricing and will not be considered as a “First event...” or an “Additional Event...” for events in any price group other than the price group to which the event belongs.

In the event of a credit card dispute, Peninsula SC reserves the right to charge a fee of \$15.00, in addition to the

entry fee, to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in his/her events.

Complete the registration form on EntryEeze making sure that you identify all events in which you will participate. Age eligibility will be verified on age restricted events. Partners for Duets, Pair & Dance events must submit individual entries.

For U.S. Figure Skating events, skaters must include their U.S. Figure Skating member number, home club and have their home club validate their eligibility through EntryEeze. **All skaters must complete the online release of liability form.**

Entries must be received by July 8, 2016. Late event entries or critique requests may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. A late fee of \$40 will be assessed at checkout for event entries. Any late critique request(s) accepted by the Chief Referee will incur a \$10.00 per critique late fee, in addition to the applicable critique fee, at checkout.

Complete registration through EntryEeze is required. Competitors redeeming scholarships must complete registration through EntryEeze and contact the registrar prior to payment to apply any credits.

CRITIQUES: Critiques will be available for IJS events only (Juvenile/Open Juvenile - Senior, Adult Gold and Adult Masters). Skaters will be critiqued by an official on the event's Panel of Officials. **Critique location and times will be posted on the official bulletin board and will generally occur right after the event concludes. Critique sign-ups must be made in advance through EntryEeze.**

SINGLE ENTRIES: **Two entrants are required to hold each event, except Adapted Basic Skating and Solo Dance Series events where only one entrant is allowable.** At the discretion of the Chief Referee, events may be combined to allow skaters the chance to compete, or skaters in single entry events may be offered the opportunity to skate as a solo entrant. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF REFEREE WILL BE FINAL.**

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists or the event is canceled or a skater chooses not to skate as a solo entrant, if offered. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Exception: If there is a death in the skater's immediate family, a refund will be granted. At the discretion of the LOC, if an entry is withdrawn before the close of entries, the entry fee may be returned. All requests for entry refunds must be received by the Competition Committee no later than 30 days after the Silicon Valley Open Competition.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Sharks Ice at San Jose, 1500 S. 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 279-6000. Each rink is 200' x 85' with slightly curved ends. There will be no admission charge to spectators of Silicon Valley Open. Outside food is not allowed, but there is a full service restaurant on the second floor in addition to vending machines located in the main lobby.

MUSIC: Entrants must submit one CD (only CD-R's are acceptable) per program, with only one (1) music track per CD. Each CD must be clearly marked with skater's name and event and in a protective sleeve (either paper or soft case). Music not properly marked will not be accepted. Music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be available at rink-side. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Peninsula SC cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **Electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc.) will not be accepted for submitted music.**

For Am-Am Partnered Pattern Dance events, couples may provide their own music for each dance, in accordance with rule 6031-B. Music selection for all other Pattern dance events (excluding Solo Dance Series), will be in accordance with rule 6032.

Solo Dance Series Pattern Dances only: Dance music selection for Solo Pattern Dances will be chosen from the Standardized music of the International Skating Union, per rule 6030 in the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and will be provided to the LOC by U.S. Figure Skating for use in the Solo Dance Series competitions.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and Sharks Ice in San Jose 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:

- *Technical singles (SP* & FS) events, Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior, Adult Gold and Masters*
- *Technical pairs (SP* & FS) events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *All Am-Am Juvenile - Novice Pattern Dance and Adult Pre-Gold – Gold Pattern Dance events***
- *All Couples Short Dance events***
- *All Juvenile and higher Couples and Adult Pre-Gold-Gold Couples Free Dance***

*SP if applicable

**Pending availability of required technical panel.

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online in EntryEeze. The deadline to submit the form is August 1, 2016.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program Free Skate Events, Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Bronze – Silver Adult*
- *Introductory Free Skate Events (Basic Skating, Limited and No-Test)*
- *All Specialty Singles Events (spins, jumps)*
- *All Showcase Events*
- *All Solo Dance Events*
- *All Pro-Am, Pre-Juvenile and Adult Pre-Bronze through Adult Silver Am-Am Dance Events*
- *Pre-Juvenile Pairs*

REGISTRATION: The Registration desk will be open one hour before the first event on each day of competition. The registration table will be located in the arena lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival. All skaters must check in with the registration desk at least 60 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

PRACTICE ICE: There is no official practice ice for this competition. Please contact Sharks Ice at San Jose for public/freestyle session times at (408) 279-6000.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and will be strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. It is strictly prohibited to film any other skater. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.**

AWARDS: The judges will award medals for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places for showcase, technical, specialty, and dance events. Pictures will be taken of the top four skaters in each event immediately following each event. In events with multiple rounds, 1st through 4th place medals, will be awarded at the end of the final round.

In the Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Adult Gold and Masters Singles and Pairs Free Skate, and Solo Combined Dance events, *when entries exceed five* (6 or more skaters in the event), cash and/or scholarships will be awarded. First place will receive \$200, 2nd place will receive \$50 plus a \$100 scholarship, 3rd place will receive a \$100 scholarship, and 4th place will receive a \$50 scholarship. These scholarships may be used for future Peninsula Skating Club competition entry. *All unused scholarships will expire August 1, 2017, are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.*

Special Ernie Burden Award

To honor the memory of Ernie Burden, who was a long time skater, judge and member of our club, the Burden family has created an annual award, the Ernie Burden Award. The award will be given to the Novice Men's competitor whose Free Skate program and choreography best fit the music of his program. This award is for the competitor to keep. If there is only one entrant, the trophy will not be awarded.

Special Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy

To honor the memory of Kayla Dopp, an enthusiastic and graceful skater, the Dopp family has created an annual award, the Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy. The award will be given to the Pre-Preliminary Girls' competitor with the best technical performance.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Basic Skills ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant 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.

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.

Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation and will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Group Size: Basic Skating events will be divided into groups of no more than four skaters. Depending on the number of entries, the referee may combine females and males.

Skaters entering Limited No Test – Pre-Juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Intermediate through Senior Short Program and Free Skate are not combined events and may be skated separately. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, Juvenile/Open Juvenile through Senior events having a large number of entries may be divided into groups by random draw.

Ladies' and Men's events may be combined when necessary for Spins, Jumps, Showcase and Adult Free Skate events. All referee decisions are final.

Warm Up: Warm up times will be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of six minutes. Warm up groups may be increased and/or combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Warm-up groups may be adjusted up until the beginning of the event.

Competition Schedule: A tentative schedule of events for the competition will be posted on the EntryEeze website (www.entryeeze.com) approximately one week in advance of the competition. The official schedule and all other official notices will normally be posted in the warm area adjacent to the lobby in the rink. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check postings frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. While every attempt will be made to follow the posted schedule, events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the discretion of the referee.

For planning purposes, a provisional schedule would have Short Programs on Friday and Free Skate Programs on Saturday for qualifying levels. For non-qualifying levels, a provisional schedule would have Free Skate Programs on Friday, Showcase Programs and Dance on Saturday.

Trial Judges: Qualified judges who desire the opportunity to trial judge events must seek permission from the appropriate Regional Vice Chair, Judges Committee, prior to **July 15th**. A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for the processing of all trial paperwork, payable to the Trial Judge chair on your arrival. Officials judging at the competition will not be charged the trial judge fee.

Local Hotels:

Holiday Inn San Jose Airport
1350 North 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 453-6200

Hilton San Jose*
300 Almaden Blvd.
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 287-2100

Hampton Inn*
55 Old Tully Road
San Jose, CA 95111
(408) 298-7373

*U.S. Figure Skating athletes, professional members, families and fans have the opportunity to save up to 15 percent on their next stay at any of the 10 distinct hotel brands within the Hilton HHonors portfolio when they book through www.HHonors.com/USFigureSkating.

For those traveling by air, U.S. Figure Skating is proud to offer discounted fares to all sanctioned events through a partnership with United Airlines. Visit www.usfigureskating.org/United for more information.

SINGLES EVENTS

The Basic Skating events are prescribed compulsory moves programs skated to music. The 6.0 Judging system will be used, with a 0.1 deduction for each incomplete element and 0.2 deduction for each omitted element. Only one mark will be given. Elements may be skated in any order. Skaters will receive a 0.2 deduction for additional higher level elements.

For all other singles free skating events using the 6.0 judging system, two marks will be given and judges will deduct 0.2 from the technical merit mark for each extra or lacking element performed beyond what is allowed under the free skating rules.

Short Program and Free Skating for Intermediate to Senior levels are SEPARATE events. The Required Elements for all Short Programs will be those set for the 2016-17 season.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Description / Elements</u>	<u>Tests / Age Requirements</u>	<u>Duration (Min:Sec)</u>
Adapted Basic Skating		Open to all Special Needs skaters. Skaters need not have passed any tests. Groups may be divided by age and/or skill level.	1:30 +/- 10 seconds
Basic Skating 1 6.0 Judging	<p>Elements to be skated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching while moving; • Two foot jump in place • Forward swizzles from standstill (3 times) • Moving forward swizzles (3 times) • Forward two foot glide <p>Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. No additional elements are permitted.</p>	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
Basic Skating 2 6.0 Judging	<p>Elements to be skated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snowplow stop – one or two foot 2. Forward swizzles: 5 - 6 3. Back Wiggles or Back Swizzles: 5 - 6 4. Dip - Deep knee bend while gliding on 2 feet 5. Forward One Foot Glide - Left & Right 6. Two foot turn from forward to backward from standstill <p>Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Elements from Basic Skating 1 may also be included, but no elements from higher levels permitted.</p>	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
Basic Skating 3 6.0 Judging	<p>Elements to be skated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward Outside Edges - 1-2 each foot 2. Forward Inside Edges - 1-2 each foot 3. Backward glide on 2 feet 4. Bunny Hop - max 3 5. Shoot the Duck or Lunge - Right or Left 6. inside 3-Turns - R & L from standstill <p>Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Elements from Basic Skating 1 or 2 may also be included, but no elements from higher levels permitted.</p>	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds

<u>Event</u>	<u>Description / Elements</u>	<u>Tests / Age Requirements</u>	<u>Duration (Min:Sec)</u>
Basic Skating 4 6.0 Judging	Elements to be skated: 1. Forward Crossovers – Clockwise & Counter-clockwise (min 4 each); 2. Forward Inside Mohawk followed by extended backward outside edge; 3. Waltz Jump; 4. Two Foot Spin – entry optional; 5. Forward Inside Pivot; 6. T-Stop – either foot Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Elements from Basic 1, 2 or 3 may also be included, but no elements from higher levels permitted.	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
Basic Skating 5 6.0 Judging	Elements to be skated: 1. Backward Crossovers – Clockwise & Counterclockwise (min 4 each) 2. Backward outside edges: 1-2 each foot 3. Forward Spiral – either edge or flat 4. One Foot Spin – free leg optional 5. Waltz Jump 6. Half-Flip Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Any elements from lower levels may be included.	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
Limited No Test FS 6.0 Judging	- Max 5 jump elements, with max of two jump combinations or sequences. Number of jumps in a combination is 2; number of jumps in a sequence is 3 max. - Max 2 spins - 1 step sequence using ½ the ice surface LIMITED EVENT: Allowed jumps are waltz, Salchow, toe loop, and all half jumps except half-loop only. <i>Loop, flip, and Lutz are not allowed. Maximum of two of any same type jump.</i> Allowed spins are upright or sit only. Spins may not have a flying entry.	No age restrictions. Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests.	1:40 Max
No Test 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4280	No age restrictions. Passed no higher than the US Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test No test is required.	1:40 Max
Pre Preliminary 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4270.	No age restrictions. Passed no higher than the US Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test . No test is required.	1:40 Max
Preliminary 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4260.	Passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test, but not the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4250	Passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary Free Skate Test, but not the US Figure Skating Juvenile Free Skate Test.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile	Program as per rule 4240.	Age 13 and under. Passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test but not the US Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test.	2:15 +/- 10 sec

Event	Description / Elements	Tests / Age Requirements	Duration (Min:Sec)
Open Juvenile	Program as per rule 4240.	Age 14 and older. Passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test but not the US Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test.	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate	Short Program, Rule 4230 Free Skate Program, Rule 4230	Age 17 and under. Passed the US Figure Skating Juvenile Free Skate Test but not the US Figure Skating Novice Free Skate Test.	2:00 max 2:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice	Short Program, Rule 4220 Free Skate Program, Rule 4220	Passed the US Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test but not the US Figure Skating Junior Free Skate Test.	2:30 max 3:00 ladies +/- 10 sec 3:30 men +/- 10 sec
Junior	Short Program, Rule 4210 Free Skate Program, Rule 4210	Passed the US Figure Skating Novice Free Skate Test but not the US Figure Skating Senior Free Skate Test.	2:40 +/-10 sec. 3:30 ladies +/- 10 sec. 4:00 men +/- 10 sec.
Senior	Short Program, Rule 4200 Free Skate Program, Rule 4200	Passed the US Figure Skating Junior Free Skate Test.	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 4:00 ladies +/- 10 sec. 4:30 men +/- 10 sec.

Young Adult/Adult Singles Events

Age categories: Young Adult events are open to skaters aged 18 to 20 years. Adult and Masters events are open to skaters age 21 and over.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min: sec)
Pre-Bronze	Test and age requirements in accordance with Rule 4600 No tests are required.	Rule 4600 No lutz, axel, or double jumps permitted.	1:40 max.
Bronze	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4590.	Rule 4590 No axel or double jumps permitted.	1:50 max.
Silver	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4580.	Rule 4580 No double jumps permitted	2:10 max.
Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4570.	Rule 4570 No triple jumps permitted	2:40 max
Masters Intermediate/Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4540.	Rule 4540	3:10 max.
Masters Junior/Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4510.	Rule 4510	3:40 max

Pairs Events

A pair shall be composed of a woman and a man. Qualifications are for BOTH partners. The Required Elements for all Short Programs will be those set for the 2016-17 season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min: sec)
Pre-Juvenile Pairs	Under 14 yrs old. Passed the Preliminary Pairs or Pre Juvenile Pairs test.	Rule 5250	2:00 +/- 10 seconds
Juvenile Pairs	Under 16 yrs old. Passed the Preliminary or Pre Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the Juvenile Pair test.	Rule 5240	2:30 +/- 10 seconds
Intermediate Pairs	Under 18 yrs old. Passed the Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the Intermediate Pair test.	Short Program Rule 5230 Free Skate Program Rule 5230	2:30 max 3:00 +/- 10 seconds
Novice Pairs	No age restrictions. Passed Intermediate Pair test and no higher than Novice Pair test.	Short Program, Rule 5220 Free Skate Program, Rule 5220	2:50 max 3:30 +/- 10 seconds
Junior Pairs	No age restrictions. Passed Novice Pair test and no higher than Junior Pairs test.	Short Program, Rule 5210 Free Skate Program, Rule 5210	2:40 +/- 10 seconds 4:00 +/- 10 seconds
Senior Pairs	No age restrictions. Passed Junior Pair test.	Short Program, Rule 5200 Free Skate Program, Rule 5200	2:40 +/- 10 seconds 4:30 +/- 10 seconds

Specialty Events

EVENT: 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. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses. All variations in the prescribed position are allowed.
- Entry level is in accordance with Free Skate event test and age requirements.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Limited No Test	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 two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	1. Backward upright spin (3) 2. Combination spin with no change 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)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:30 max.	1. Sit spin (4) 2. Combination spin – change of foot; optional change of position (4 per foot) 3. Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)
		1. Flying camel spin (5)

Intermediate	1:30 max.	2. Sit spin to backward sit spin (4 per foot) 3. Combination spin – change of foot & change of position (4 per foot)
Novice	1:30 max.	1. Choice of camel, sit or layback spin (6) 2. Camel spin to backward camel spin (4 per foot in position) 3. Combination spin – change of foot & two changes of position (2 per position & 5 per foot)
Junior	1:30 max.	1. Flying sit spin or flying reverse sit spin (6) 2. Ladies – layback spin (6); men – cross-foot spin (6) 3. Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per position & 5 per foot)
Senior	1:30 max.	1. Flying spin of choice (6) 2. Solo spin of choice (6) – may not fly 3. Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per position & 5 per foot)

EVENT: Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

1. Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
2. Pre-Juvenile and lower will be skated $\frac{1}{2}$ ice; Juvenile – senior will be skated on full ice.
3. Jumps with an “*” must be preceded with connecting steps (Intermediate – Senior).
4. Entry level is in accordance with Free Skate level test and age requirements.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Limited No Test	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 $\frac{1}{2}$ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	1. Single toe loop 2. Single flip 3. Jump combination - Any two $\frac{1}{2}$ 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)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:15 max.	1. Single Axel 2. Double Salchow 3. Jump combination – single/single or double/single (no Axel)
Intermediate	1:15 max.	1. Single Axel 2. Double loop* 3. Jump combination – double/single (no Axel)
Novice	1:15 max.	1. Double loop 2. Double flip* 3. Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Junior	1:15 max.	1. Choice of double or triple jump 2. Double or triple flip* 3. Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Senior	1:15 max.	1. Choice of double or triple jump 2. Double or triple Lutz* 3. Jump combination – double/double or triple/double (may be double Axel)

SHOWCASE EVENTS

Showcase competitors at 2016 Silicon Valley Open, Preliminary through Senior (including Teen and Young Adult), and Adult Bronze through Adult Masters, may receive a courtesy invitation to compete at National Showcase if they place first, second, third or fourth in a contested showcase event. Basic Skating, Limited No Test, No Test and Pre-Preliminary levels do not qualify for National Showcase. For complete rules see <http://www.usfsa.org/Programs.asp?id=308>

Judging & Marking: Officials will be selected from the current list of U.S. Figure Skating officials.

1. Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
2. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.
3. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce the score.
4. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.
5. Theatrical elements evaluated will include but are not limited to are reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, use of props and scenery, interaction (Duets and Ensembles only). Note: Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged,
6. One mark using the 6.0 judging system will be given by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.
7. Deductions will apply for negligence relating to costumes, props and/or program times.

Mandatory Deductions:

- There will be a 0.2 deduction for each 5 seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for each 5 seconds in excess of the maximum prop placement
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for each 5 seconds in excess of the maximum prop break down time.
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for marring the ice for succeeding skaters
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for prohibited elements in restricted events
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for use of prohibited props

Note: There is no deduction for skating less than the allowed time.

Costumes:

1. Costuming and make-up for Showcase skating programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
2. Costumes rules for free skate do not apply for Showcase skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
3. No bobby-pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken.

Scenery/Props: For all events, props are permitted, but scenery is not allowed. For safety reasons, the following props are not permitted: mirrors or glass, propulsion devices, trampolines, smoke, fire, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters. Live people props may walk on skates, but must remain in a fixed position during the performance. If props are used, the skater/duet will have one minute total, without assistance, for set up and removal of props. There will be no announced countdown of set up time. Props may be inspected for safety prior to being allowed on the ice. The Competition Committee and/or Referee may deny the use of any prop.

Events Offered:

Singles Dramatic Entertainment: Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.

Singles Light Entertainment: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.

Duets: Theatrical/artistic performance by two skaters. Duet teams may be of the same or different gender. Levels offered for Duets are Pre-Preliminary through Senior and Adults. Level is based on tests of higher-level skater. Program duration is the same for what is shown above under the Singles Showcase events for that level

Showcase Events

- Test references below refer to the U. S. Figure Skating tests and dance tests may be solo or partnered standard track (except Adult events may also be adult or masters). Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level or one level higher, but skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: a Junior level skater would not be allowed to skate both Junior and Senior Light Entertainment).
- For duet events, test qualification of highest test skater applies.
- Showcase event level may be different from the level entered for Free Skate events.
- Levels may be combined at the Chief Referee’s discretion if entries warrant.

EVENT LEVELS, AGES, TEST REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORMANCE TIMING

	Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skating or Dance test (solo or partnered standard track)	Must not have passed Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance (solo or partnered)	Age/Program Restrictions (if applicable)	Time
Singles or Duets (Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)	Basic Skating	No test is required	Any U.S.F.S Moves in the Field, Free Skate or Dance tests	Only upright spins (no laybacks) and jumps with one half revs are permitted	1:10 max
	Limited No Test	No test is required	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	Only upright and sit spins are allowed, no flying entry. Only the following jumps are allowed: ½ flip, ½ Lutz, waltz jump, Salchow, or toe loop	1:30 max
	No Test	No test is required	Preliminary Free Skate	All ½ and single jumps allowed No minimum age	1:30 max
	Pre-Preliminary	No test is required	Preliminary Free Skate	All ½ and single jumps allowed No minimum age	1:30 max
	Preliminary	Preliminary Free Skate	Pre Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:40 max
	Pre Juvenile	Pre Juvenile Free Skate	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:40 max
	Juvenile	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	13 and under	2:10 max
	Teen	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	14-17	2:10 max

Intermediate	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	17 and under	2:10 max
Young Adult	Juvenile Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	18-20	2:10 max
Novice	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance		2:10 max
Junior	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance		2:40 max
Senior	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance			2:40 max
Event	Must meet requirements for*	Must not have passed	Age	Time
Adult Bronze	Adult Bronze Free Skate or Pairs Events or have passed the complete Pre-Bronze	Any Pre-Silver Dance Test	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Silver	Adult Silver Free Skate or Pairs Events or have passed one Pre-Silver Dance Test	Any Pre-Gold Dance Test	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Gold	Adult Gold Free Skate or any Masters Pairs event or have passed one Pre-Gold Dance	Complete Pre-Gold Dance Test	21 and older	1:40 max
Masters	At least the Masters Intermediate or any Masters Pairs Event or have passed the complete Pre-Gold Dance Test		21 and older	1:40 max

**The determination of level will be based upon test requirements at the entry deadline. Skaters must compete at their test level or one level higher, per the above chart.*

Ice Dance Competition

Dance Categories include Solo Series Pattern Dance, Solo Combined Dance, Solo Shadow Dance, Pro/Am & Am/Am Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance.

2016 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The 2016 Silicon Valley Open is a participating competition within the 2016 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. Please refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

2016 SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS BEING OFFERED:

Solo Pattern Dance Event: The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold, gold and international levels. All pattern dances are 3-patterns unless otherwise specified. In accordance with Rule 1060, the second dance listed will be the tie-breaker dance in the event of ordinal ties.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance (2-patterns) Cha Cha
Bronze	Hickory Hoedown Ten Fox
Pre-Silver	Foxtrot (4-patterns) European Waltz (2-patterns, ISU pattern)
Silver	American Waltz (2-patterns, ISU pattern) Rocker Foxtrot (4-patterns)
Pre-Gold	Paso Doble Starlight Waltz (2-patterns)
Gold	Viennese Waltz Argentine Tango (2-patterns)
International	Cha ChaCongeldo (2-patterns) Tango Romantica (2-patterns)

Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>

Solo Combined Event: The solo combined dance event is comprised of both of the following:

1.) **JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE:** One solo pattern dance chosen by the referee out of two possible dances as selected by U.S. Figure Skating. This dance will not be posted until the starting order is posted at the competition.

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Fourteenstep and Foxtrot

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz and Killian

2.) **JUNIOR, SENIOR:**

One solo short dance

One solo free dance

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels. Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance: The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the shadow pattern dance rules and event. All pattern dances are 3-patterns unless otherwise specified. details.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Rhythm Blues
Juvenile	Ten Fox
Intermediate	Foxtrot (4-patterns)
Novice	Rocker Foxtrot (4-patterns)
Junior	Starlight Waltz (2-patterns)
Senior	Quickstep (4-patterns)

Pro-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a pro. The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level (Standard, Solo, Adult, Adult Solo, Masters or Masters Solo). **Each dance in a level is considered an individual event.**

Preliminary: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Bronze dance test.

Rhythm Blues (2 patterns)

Dutch Waltz (2 patterns)

Pre-Bronze: Skater should not have completed the Bronze dance test.

Swing (2 patterns)

Cha Cha (2 patterns)

Bronze: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Silver dance test.

Hickory Hoedown (2 patterns)

Ten Fox (2 patterns)

Pre-Silver: Skater should not have completed the Silver dance test.

European Waltz (2 patterns)

Foxtrot (3 patterns)

Silver: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Gold dance test.

Tango (2 patterns)

American Waltz (2 patterns)

Pre-Gold: Skater should not have completed the Gold dance test.

Blues (3 patterns)

Starlight Waltz (2 patterns)

Gold: No test restrictions.

Westminster Waltz (2 patterns)

Quickstep (3 patterns)

International: No test restrictions.

Tango Romantica (2 patterns)

Cha Cha Congelado (2 patterns)

Am-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of 2 eligible skaters. Number of sequences of each dance shall be as specified in rule 6075.

Event	Qualification	Description
<u>Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6250	Rhythm Blues and Swing Dance
<u>Juvenile Pattern Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6240	Fourteenstep and Willow Waltz
<u>Intermediate Pattern Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6230	European Waltz and Rocker Foxtrot
<u>Novice Pattern Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6220	Viennese Waltz and Blues
<u>Adult Pre- Bronze Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6590 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Canasta Tango Fiesta Tango
<u>Adult Bronze Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6580 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Hickory Hoedown Willow Waltz
<u>Adult Pre-Silver Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6570 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Ten-Fox Fourteenstep
<u>Adult Silver Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6560 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Rocker Foxtrot American Waltz
<u>Adult Pre-Gold Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6530 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Tango Blues
<u>Adult Gold Pattern Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6520 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Viennese Waltz Silver Samba

Short Dance

For eligible teams (Am/Am) and pro/student teams (Pro-Am). Rhythm and elements, including pattern dance elements may be from either the 2015-16 or 2016-2017season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration
<u>Junior Short Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6210	Short Dance in accordance with 6211	2:50 +/-10 seconds
<u>Senior Short Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6200	Short Dance in accordance with 6201	2:50 +/-10 seconds

Free Dance

For eligible teams (Am/Am) and pro/student teams (Pro-Am). Guidelines are in the US Figure Skating Rule Book under 6095. Rhythm and elements may be from either the 2015-16 or 2016-2017season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration
<u>Pre-Juvenile Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6250	Free Dance in accordance with 6252	2:00 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Juvenile Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6240	Free Dance in accordance with 6242	2:15 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Intermediate Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6230	Free Dance in accordance with 6232	2:30 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Novice Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6220	Free Dance in accordance with 6222	3:00 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Junior Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6210	Free Dance in accordance with 6212	3:30 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Senior Free Dance</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6200	Free Dance in accordance with 6202	4:00 +/- 10 seconds
<u>Adult Pre-Gold Free Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6530 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Open Free Dance in accordance with 6532	3:10 max
<u>Adult Gold Free Dance</u>	Test requirements in accordance with Rule 6520 Both partners must be at least 21 at the close of entries.	Open Free Dance in accordance with 6522	3:10 max