

2016
EDWARD G. PICKEN
DANCE CLASSIC
June 4 & 5, 2016



Hosted by
Washington Figure Skating Club
at
Skatequest Reston Ice Rink
Reston, Virginia



With support from the Capitol Skating Fund

The Picken Dance Classic competition will offer detailed critiques by National and World-ranked officials for eligible teams following each Pre-Juvenile through Senior Eligible Team Dance event. Critiques will be available for eligible teams entered in Open events, if requested in advance.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Secure Online Registration online and credit card payment will be available through the Registration link to EntryEeze on the Picken Dance Classic event page. The deadline for entry is **May 4, 2016**.

Email contact is Judy Reiner at pickendancecompetition@washingtontfsc.org

All entries submitted after May 4, 2016 must be approved by the Chief Referee and will be assessed a **\$50.00** late fee. Checks returned for insufficient funds and contested credit charges will be assessed a **\$50.00** fee. Payment of the fee will be required before a skater is allowed to participate in any event (practice ice or competition).

ENTRY FEES

ELIGIBLE TEAM EVENTS	1st Event
Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance (3 dances)	\$150.00 per couple
IJS Pattern Dance Events (2 dances)	\$120.00 per couple
IJS Short Dance Events	\$90.00 per couple
IJS Free Dance Events	\$100.00 per couple

COUPLE & SOLO EVENTS	1st Event	2nd and Subsequent Events
1 Dance Events: Open Pro Am Dance, Adult Free Dance, Shadow Dance	\$90.00 per couple	\$70.00 per couple
2 Dance Events: Test Level Pro Am, Classic Adult Dance, Solo Pattern Dance, Solo Combined	\$120.00 per couple / per skater	\$100.00 per couple / per skater

RULES

1. The Picken Dance Classic is open to eligible skaters in good standing with U. S. Figure Skating per ER 1.02 and will be governed by the rules specified in the 2016-2017 USFS Rulebook except as otherwise stated. Test level is as of **May 4, 2016**. The Committee reserves the right to combine age groups within test levels, or divide any event if necessary and to cancel any event with a full refund. Otherwise, there will be no refunds after the close of entries.
2. **PRO-AM TEST LEVEL EVENTS:** A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a coach. The eligible skater may not enter an event below his/her completed test level (standard, adult or masters). Age and test level are as of **May 4, 2016**. A coach may enter with two eligible partners in the same event with the understanding that skating order is by random draw.
3. The term **COACH** is defined as a person (eligible or ineligible) who receives direct financial benefit for instruction or partnering in ice dance. See **INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES** (compliance rules) below. Eligible skaters who teach free skating or Moves in the Field and not ice dance will be considered "an eligible skater" for this competition if they are part of an eligible team or the student in a Pro-Am Test Level event.
4. **SOLO DANCE EVENTS:** Picken Dance Classic is a participating competition within the 2016 Solo Dance Series. For complete information, see the Solo Series Handbook. To register go to: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> . Solo dance events in the Picken Dance Classic are open to both registered and non-registered skaters.
5. **MEDALS** will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place eligible (non-coach) skaters in all events.

6. **SCORING SYSTEMS:** IJS will be used for Juvenile through Senior eligible team events, Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance. IJS may be used on selected Open dance events, as indicated. The 6.0 system will be used for the Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance event, all Pro-Am events, and all Solo Dance events. Under the 6.0 system, ties will be broken by the placement in the final segment.
7. **NUMBER OF PATTERNS TO BE SKATED** For all IJS judged dances and Series Solo dances:
 - A. Two sequences: Swing Dance, European Waltz, American Waltz, Tango, Starlight Waltz, Westminster Waltz, Argentine Tango, Austrian Waltz, Cha Cha Congelado, Yankee Polka, Ravensburger Waltz, Tango Romantica, Silver Samba, Golden Waltz, Midnight Blues and Finnstep.
 - B. Three sequences: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz, Ten Fox, Blues, Paso Doble and Viennese Waltz.
 - C. Four sequences: Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, Rocker Foxtrot, Quickstep and Rhumba.
 - D. Six sequences: Kilian.

For all Pro Am Test Level dances and Open 6.0 judged dances, see the patterns required for tests.

8. **SHORT DANCE & FREE DANCE COMPETITORS:** Eligible teams in IJS events must submit their PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT FORM in EntryEeze (go to your account and click on the “Planned Program Content” tab). The deadline to submit the PPCS online is 1 June 2016.
9. **CDs:** For all Eligible Team events and Adult Free Dance competitors should bring 2 copies of their music on CD. CDs must only have one track. Online, .mp3 files may be uploaded to Entryeeze after registering for this competition. CD’s will still be required as a backup.
10. **LIABILITY:** US Figure Skating, the Washington Figure Skating Club and the Skatequest Reston facility accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. See rule 1600.

ANY CHANGES IN THE CURRENT DANCE RULES THAT ARE MADE BY THE ISU, OR AT THE 2016 GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THAT ARE EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 2016 WILL BE IN EFFECT AT THIS COMPETITION.

SCHEDULE

A tentative schedule will be available approximately two weeks prior to the competition. The schedule will be available on the Picken Dance Classic event page and via the EntryEeze link.

RINK FACILITIES

All events will be held at the SkateQuest Reston Ice Rink, Reston, Virginia. The competition rink is Olympic size, measuring 100’ x 200’.

HOTELS

There are no special rates arranged at this time with Reston area hotels. Information and links will be available on the Picken Dance Classic event page and via the EntryEeze link.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will be available for purchase once the competition schedule has been finalized by the Chief Referee and can be reserved in advance through the EntryEeze link on the competition website. This will be

approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to the competition. There is no fee for coaches to skate on practice sessions.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 – Coaches Registration:

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 course (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR. 5.12. Minimum level B for the Picken Dance Classic.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the Picken Dance Classic. 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., is not on the approved 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. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

U.S. Figure Skating and the LOC appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all U.S. Figure Skating members to help implement minimum requirements to ensure that the environment in all U.S. Figure Skating programs is as safe as possible for all participants. This will help give parents the highest degree of confidence that their children are not only receiving good care and proper instruction but are safe from improper conduct. More information regarding coach compliance can be found at:

http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2015-16_COACH_COMPLIANCE_OUTLINE.pdf

Questions about coaches' qualifications to participate at a competition should be directed to U.S. Figure Skating Members Services at 719-635-5200 or memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

PRO-AM TEST LEVEL EVENTS

Events will be divided by age as follows:

<i>Class I</i>	<i>19 years and younger</i>	<i>Class II</i>	<i>20 through 35 years</i>
<i>Class III</i>	<i>36 through 55 years</i>	<i>Class IV</i>	<i>56 and over</i>

PRE-BRONZE	Rhythm Blues, Cha-Cha
BRONZE	Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown
PRE-SILVER	Foxtrot, European Waltz
SILVER	Rocker Foxtrot, Tango
PRE-GOLD	Starlight Waltz, Kilian
GOLD	Quickstep, Westminster Waltz
INTERNATIONAL	Cha Cha Congelado, Rhumba

ELIGIBLE TEAM EVENTS

The level qualifications will be as defined in the 2016-17 Rulebook. Teams may skate up one level. The latest ISU rules for the 2016-17 season will be used where applicable. Pattern Dance events have both initial rounds and final rounds, all teams will skate both rounds of pattern dance—the initial round is not a qualifying round. If USFS dance selections change from the time of announcement to the competition, the latest selections will be used.

Each Juvenile through Novice couple may provide their own music for each pattern dance within the Pattern Dance event. The Skater Choice music may be +/- 2 beats per minute different from the tempo as stated in the dance description of the called dance and may include vocals, in accordance with US Figure Skating Rulebook 6221, 6231, 6241.

Level	Dances/Rules
Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance (6.0)	Initial Round: Rhythm Blues Canasta Tango Final Round: Cha Cha
Juvenile Pattern Dance (IJS)	Final Round: Fourteen Step Willow Waltz
†Intermediate Pattern Dance (IJS)	Final Round: European Waltz Rocker Foxtrot
Novice Pattern Dance (IJS)	Final Round: Viennese Waltz Blues
Junior Short Dance (IJS)	In accordance with ISU Communication as published for 2016-2017 Requirements: 2016-2017 ISU Regulations
Senior Short Dance (IJS)	In accordance with ISU Communication as published for 2016-2017 Requirements: 2016-2017 ISU Regulations
Juvenile Free Dance (IJS)	Time: 2:15 +/- 10 Seconds. Requirements: in current US Figure Skating Rulebook
Intermediate Free Dance (IJS)	Time: 2:30 +/- 10 Seconds Requirements: in current US Figure Skating Rulebook
Novice Free Dance (IJS)	Time: 3:00 +/- 10 Seconds Requirements: in current US Figure Skating Rulebook
Junior Free Dance (IJS)	In accordance with ISU Communication as published for 2016-2017 Requirements: 2016-2017 ISU Regulations
Senior Free Dance (IJS)	In accordance with ISU Communication as published for 2016-2017 Requirements: 2016-2017 ISU Regulations

OPEN and FREE DANCE EVENTS

OPEN DANCES	<p>There are no test or age restrictions for this event. A dance couple will consist of an eligible (non- coach) skater and a coach(a ProAm Team), or two eligible skaters(an Eligible Team).</p> <p>Fourteenstep† Paso Doble Viennese Waltz*</p> <p>† Trophy events</p> <p>American Waltz† Blues† Midnight Blues*</p> <p>*may be scored by IJS</p>
CLASS IV OPEN DANCES	<p>An Open event as defined above but one or both partners must qualify as Class IV (age 56+).</p> <p>Tenfox Argentine Tango</p> <p>American Waltz</p>
CLASSIC ADULT DANCE	<p>A two-dance event for Eligible Adult teams only. Skaters may have passed no higher than Silver or Adult Pre-Gold/Masters Pre-Gold Dance test.</p> <p>Willow Waltz</p> <p>Fourteenstep</p>
ADULT FREE DANCE	<p>One or both eligible skaters must have passed the Adult/Masters Pre-Bronze Free Dance test or any Standard Free Dance test as a minimum.</p> <p>For this event, a dance couple will consist of an eligible (non- coach) skater and a coach, or two eligible adult skaters. The focus will be on quality of execution and interpretation of music.</p> <p>The couple will perform a free dance to music of their choice with a maximum length of 3:10 and containing at a minimum the following required elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 dance spin (min 2 rev); • 1 circular or diagonal step sequence; • 1 short lift (not exceeding 6 seconds) or 1 set of synchronized twizzles (minimum 1 rotation); • Extra elements may be added without penalty.

†TROPHY EVENTS

- The Patsy Jones Picken Memorial Trophy - Intermediate Pattern Dance Event
- The American Waltz Trophy - Open American Waltz Event
- The Blues Trophy - Open Blues Event
- The Edward G. Picken Trophy - Open Fourteenstep Event
- The Barbara Shaw Trophy - Pre-Silver Class IV Event
- The John LeFevre Trophy – to a male and to a female coach who accumulate the most points based on results of Test Level and Open Dance events entered with their skaters.

2016 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series

The Picken Dance Classic 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 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.

Each skater who registers with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2016 Series will receive a Solo Dance Series Participant number upon successful payment and registration. This registration and number is required for a Series participant and accrue points.

A skater not registered as a 2016 Solo Dance Series participant is welcome to enter the solo and shadow dance events at or above the dance test completed.

Solo Pattern Dance Event is comprised of two dances at each level. The following dances have been selected for the Picken Dance Classic.

Level	Requirement	Dances
Preliminary	No Test or passed Preliminary	Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues
Pre-Bronze	Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha Fiesta Tango
Bronze	Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze	Hickory Hoedown Willow Waltz
Pre-Silver	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver	Fourteenstep Foxtrot
Silver	Passed Pre-Silver or Silver	American Waltz Tango
Pre-Gold	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold	Blues Paso Doble
Gold	Passed Pre-Gold or Gold	Viennese Waltz Argentine Tango
International	Passed Gold or International	Silver Samba Yankee Polka

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

Solo Combined Event is comprised of a pattern dance or solo short dance plus a free dance

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 or Hickory Hoedown

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Fourteenstep or Foxtrot

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz or Killian

JUNIOR, SENIOR: one solo short dance

2.) **JUVENILE THRU SENIOR:** one solo free dance

Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the free dance rules and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance is offered for the Preliminary through Senior levels. Teams of 2 skaters will skate the lady's steps. Teams not registered for the 2016 Solo Dance Series are welcome to compete at their test level. "Requirement" below shows the maximum test that may be passed by either partner.

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 description.

The following dance was selected for the Picken Dance Classic from the official list for each level.

Level	Requirement	Dance
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-bronze dance test.	Rhythm Blues
Juvenile	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-silver dance test.	Ten Fox
Intermediate	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete silver dance test.	Fourteenstep
Novice	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-gold dance test.	Rocker Foxtrot
Junior	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete gold dance test.	Starlight Waltz
Senior	Open.	Silver Samba

REMINDER: Register with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2016 Series. The Solo Dance Series Participant number is required to accrue points.