

33rd Annual

Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition

May 18, 19, 20, 21, 2017

New This Year - Registration via EntryEeze. Changes include:

Secure online registration w/credit card payment

Online purchase of practice ice sessions (after the schedule is posted and with/or without pre-purchase or pre-selection)

Submit Planned Program Content in EntryEeze rather than USFS website

Contact

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Location

Ann Arbor Ice Cube (three-rink facility with ice surfaces — 200' x 100' and 200' x 85') 2121 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103;
Rink Phone: 734-213-1600. AAFSC Office Phone: 734-213-6768.
Lockers rooms: 8; full snack bar. Upper and lower lobbies; practice ice rink is very cold.

Sanctioning

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2017 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement.

Series Information

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the National Solo Dance Series. It is also part of the Tri-States Council Championship Series (Test Track).

Judging System

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: *Well-Balanced Program free skate events Juvenile – Senior, and Adult Gold; Short program events (except Open Juvenile), Pairs events, and Couples Free Dance.*

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for *Open Juvenile Short Program; Well-Balanced free skate events (pre-preliminary–pre-juvenile, open juvenile, adult bronze and silver); Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test); All Test Track events; All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, showcase, etc.); All solo and pro-am dance events and partnered pattern dance events.*

Planned Program Content (PPC)

All competitors skating in IJS events need to submit the PROGRAM CONTENT FORM in the online registration system (go to your account and click on the "Planned Program Content" tab). The deadline to submit the PPC online is May 8. For those who do not submit planned program content online by May 8, a \$20 processing fee will be incurred. All competitors, including Canadians, follow the above procedure.

Closing Date:

Entries must be registered online by midnight EDT March 31. Spaces are limited. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There are no medical refunds. However, credit may be granted for the next year's competition entry fee. Accompanying physician's note required.

Eligibility and Test level

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of US Figure Skating. Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline (March 31) 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 or skate more than one level in any one event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering Juvenile Short Program or Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering Open Juvenile Short Program or Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries.

Skaters entering beginner–pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age groups of 7-10 skaters whenever possible. All Juvenile and above events may be divided into groups of approximately 12-24 based on random draws. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Compulsory Moves, Jumps, Spins, Showcase, and Solo Dance events may be ladies and men combined.

Registration

The Registration Desk is on the **Lower Level**. It will be open Wednesday evening during practice ice, and beginning Thursday through Sunday one hour before the start of competition through the end of competition each day. Skaters must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

Videography

All events are recorded by Ledin Video (313) 928-9097. <http://ledinvideo.com/>. A DVD of each of event is included with your entry fee. DVDs must be picked up before the competition has ended; they are not mailed.

Photography

Action photos will be taken by RL Knight Photography, found at www.rlknight.photorelect.com and will be available for purchase on site.

Awards

Medals are awarded for 1st – 4th places; ribbons are awarded to all others. Final Rounds: Medals only 1st – 4th.

Online Registration with secure credit card payment is available at www.annarborfsc.org. Online entry must be completed by midnight on March 31.

No paper entries accepted. Payment of fees must be made online at the time of registration. Refunds will be issued if events are cancelled.

All-Inclusive fees include DVD, program, souvenir, water

First Singles Event (inc ProAm dance)	\$115
First Introductory Level Event (Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test)	\$105
Second Singles event	\$45
Third or more singles event	\$25

Couples Dance, Pairs and Showcase Duet Events

Per team	\$110 (\$55 per person)
Second partnered event	\$90 (\$45 per person)

Showcase Mini-Production Ensemble and Production Ensemble \$55 per team plus \$15 per skater

Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$30.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Any change after deadline is subject to a \$20 change fee.

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.

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

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, refer to: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

Scheduling of Events

Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail, or email. Skater and Coaches schedules will be available at www.annarborfsc.org as soon as provided by the referee (early May). Please check with Registration for changes and exact times. We will do our best to have a similar schedule to last year's.

Practice Ice:

Sessions will be available Wednesday evening through Sunday afternoon and will be designated by level and discipline (FS, Dance, Pairs). A practice ice schedule will be posted on www.annarborfsc.org in early May. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but you **MUST** indicate number of sessions you want and you **MUST** pay for them when you register online. You will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access your practice ice records and select your sessions.

Practice ice will be \$15 if you pre-order the sessions. Please indicate the number of sessions you would like when you register online. We will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$16 per session after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-register for sessions have had time to select their sessions. Additional practice ice will be available for purchase during the competition and will cost \$18 at the Registration Desk. If you pre-pay for sessions and fail to select them online when the system goes 'live', your pre-payment may be applied towards sessions purchased at the practice ice desk during the competition. No music is played on practice ice (except pattern dance events).

All sessions are 30 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used.

Please direct practice ice questions to:

Melissa Sperling at 734-323-5043 or carlandmel@gmail.com.

Music

CDs only are acceptable, with one track of music per CD, and must be clearly marked. Music must be left at the registration desk at least 30 minutes before your event. Competitors must have an extra copy of their music available rink side during competition.

Single Free Skate

*** Final Rounds for Juvenile through Senior IJS FS Events ***

(Qualifying round is free skate only. IJS will be used for Juvenile – Senior events.)

- Entrants may “skate up” a level, and may enter EITHER the test track OR the Well-Balanced free skate events but NOT both.
- **Free Skate and Short Program are separate events – not combined.** Enter either or both events for your level.
- **Well-Balanced program requirements are defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook**

Well-balanced programs judged on 6.0 system

Pre-Preliminary: 1:40 max sec
Must have passed the Pre-Prelim Free Skate test & no higher.

Preliminary Limited: 1:30 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.
May include Axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins.

Preliminary: 1:30 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.

PreJuvenile: 2:00 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Open Juvenile 2:15 +/- 10 sec
Must be 14 years old or older as of closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Adult PreBronze Max 1:40 minutes
Must have passed the Adult PreBronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Adult Bronze Max 1:50 minutes
Must have passed the Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Adult Silver Max 2:10 minutes
Must have passed the Adult Silver or PreJuvenile/Juvenile Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Well-balanced programs judged using the International Judging System (IJS)

Juvenile 2:15 +/- 10 sec
Must not have reached the age of 14 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Intermediate 2:40 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate test & no higher. **Feb 1, 2017 update: One step sequence with max level 2. Rule 4230**

Novice Ladies – 3:00; Men – 3:30 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Novice Free Skate test & no higher.

Junior Ladies – 3:30; Men – 4:00 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Junior Free Skate test & no higher.

Senior Ladies – 4:00; Men – 4:30 +/- 10 sec
Must have passed the Senior Free Skate test.

Adult Gold Max 2:40 minutes
Must have passed the Adult Gold or Juvenile Free Skate test or its equivalent.

Short Program (with music)

(Short Program is a separate event. No Final Round for SP. IJS will be used for Juvenile – Senior events.)

Additional program requirements as defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook

Open Juvenile Short Program (6.0): max 2 minutes

1. Jump combination — two single jumps or one double jump and one single jump
2. Axel (may not be repeated)
3. Solo Jump — single jump, double toe-loop jump or double Salchow jump (may not be repeated)
4. Solo spin — minimum 5 revolutions in position (may commence with a jump)
5. Spin combination — only one change of foot and at least one change of position (4 revs each foot)
6. Step sequence — straight line, circular, or serpentine

Juvenile Short Program (IJS) max 2 minutes
As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook for the Intermediate short program as modified by TN 194.

Intermediate Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 10 sec
As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook with **Feb 1, 2017 update: One step sequence with max level 2. Rule 4230**

Novice Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 30 sec
As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook

Junior Short Program (IJS): 2:40 +/- 10 sec
Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.
Elements to be skated will be for the 2017-18 competitive season

Senior Short Program (IJS): 2:40 +/- 10 sec
Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU

Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

General event parameters:

1. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
2. Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
3. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). • Max. 2 jump sequences • Max. 2 of any same jump 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
No-Test 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps, with the exception of the single Axel, are allowed • Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences • Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is permitted • Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps (half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination) • No single Axels, double jumps or triple jumps 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a fly • Minimum 3 revs. Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence* • Must use one-half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements. • Jumps may be included in the step sequence 	

Test Track Free Skating

Ann Arbor is part of the Tri-States Council Championship Series.

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. The following deductions will be taken:
 - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
 - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions

Compulsory Events

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
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

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	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 <u>or</u> 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

1. Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
2. Pre-juvenile and lower will be skated ½ ice; Juvenile – senior will be skated on full ice
3. Jumps with an “*” must be preceded with connecting steps (intermediate – senior)

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. ½ flip or ½ Lutz 3. Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. Single Salchow 3. Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single toe loop 2. Single loop 3. Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single toe loop 2. Single flip 3. Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single flip 2. Single Lutz 3. Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Single or double jump 3. Jump combination – single/single (no Axel)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Double Salchow 3. Jump combination – single/single or double/single (no Axel)
Intermediate	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Double loop* 3. Jump combination – double/single (no Axel)

Spins Challenge

1. 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.
2. All events are skated on ½ ice.
3. Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
No-Test	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright back scratch spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin (4) 2. Combination spin – chg of foot; optional chg of position (4 per foot) 3. Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)
Intermediate	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying camel spin (5) 2. Sit spin to backward sit spin (4 per foot) 3. Combination spin – change of foot & change of position (4 per foot)

Pairs

Balanced program requirements as defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook

Short Program Elements to be skated will be for the 2017-18 competitive season

6.0 judging

Preliminary FS

1:30 minutes

May NOT have passed Pre-Juvenile Pair test.

Required Elements: One lift selected from Group 1 or a waist loop lift from Group 2; One solo jump, single; One pair spin with no change of foot or change of position (3 revs); One solo spin (3 revs); Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise; Footwork and connecting moves such as spirals, spread eagles etc. utilizing one-half of the ice surface.

Optional Elements: One throw jump, single; One jump sequence; One death spiral or pivot spiral (no full revolution requirements)

Pre-Juvenile FS

Must have passed the PreJuvenile Pair test & no higher.

IJS judging

Juvenile FS

Must have the Juvenile Pair test & no higher.

Intermediate SP and FS

Must have passed the Intermediate Pair test & no higher

Novice SP and FS

Must have passed the Novice Pair test & no higher.

Junior SP and FS

Must have passed the Junior Pair test & no higher

Senior SP and FS

Must have passed the Senior Pair test

Pro-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a pro/coach or a **higher-level** partner. There is no charge for the partner. Competitors may not enter an event below their completed test level (either adult or standard track) as of the deadline for entries. Competitors may skate up one level. **Skaters may provide their own music.** If entries warrant, events may be divided by age. The 6.0 judging system will be used for these events. Each individual dance is an event. Number of patterns skated will be the number used for Testing (NOT competition) in the 2017 test book. **TR 42.05A.** You may enter a single dance, both dances in one level, or one or two each in two levels. **Four dance maximum** (2 at test level, 2 at one level higher).

Preliminary: Canasta Tango, Dutch Waltz

Pre-Bronze: Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha

Bronze: Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz

Pre-Silver: Fourteenstep, Foxtrot

Silver: American Waltz, Silver Tango

Pre-Gold: Paso Doble, Blues

Gold: Westminster Waltz, Quickstep

International: Samba, Cha Cha Congelado

Couples Dance—Pattern Dance

Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Pattern Dances for 2017-2018 season, as listed below. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Chosen music may be +/-2 beats/min from the tempo as stated in the dance description. May include vocals. Final dance will break a tie.

Preliminary: For beginning couple dancers.

Dances: Dutch Waltz, Cha Cha

Pre-Juvenile: Both must have passed 2 Preliminary dance tests but no higher than the Pre-Bronze Dance test.

Dances: Rhythm Blues, Fiesta Tango

Juvenile: Both must have passed the Preliminary Dance test.

Dances: Foxtrot, Cha-Cha

Intermediate: Both must have passed the Bronze Dance test.

Dances: Tango, Fourteenstep

Novice: Both must have passed at least one Silver dance test.

Dances: Argentine Tango, Quickstep

Couples Dance—Short Dance

Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Short Dance rules for 2017-2018 season. Short Dance judged under the IJS system. These are NOT combined events – couples may enter only Short Dance, only Free Dance, or both (as separate events)

Levels: Junior, Senior

Couples Dance—Free Dance

Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Free Dance rules for 2017-2018 season. Free Dance judged under the IJS system. These are NOT combined events – couples may enter only Pattern Dance, only Short Dance, only Free Dance, or both (as separate events)

Levels: Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior

Open/NSD Solo Pattern Dance

The Open Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may not use their own music.** Levels include Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold, Gold, and International. Judging will be 6.0. The selected dances are listed below. Testing requirements are as part of the National Solo Dance requirements and can be found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>.

Open/NSD Combined Pattern/Free Dance or Short/Free Events

The Combined Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may not use their own music.** Levels include Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice who will do one pattern dance and a solo free dance; Junior and Senior levels will do a short dance and a solo free dance. Judging will be 6.0. Full list of dance and testing requirements are as part of the National Solo Dance requirements and can be found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>.

Open/NSD Shadow Dance

The Shadow Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may not use their own music.** The Shadow Dance event is offered for the Preliminary through Senior levels. Judging will be 6.0. For the shadow dance rules and event details, please refer to the Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.



2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The **Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational** is a participating competition within the 2017 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>. Please refer to the Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

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.

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold	International
Dances in each level	Canasta Tango	Cha Cha	Willow Waltz	Foxtrot	American Waltz	Blues	Westminster Waltz	Silver Samba
	Rhythm Blues	Fiesta Tango	Hickory Hoedown	European Waltz	Tango	Paso Doble	Quickstep	Yankee Polka

Refer to the Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>

Solo Combined Dance 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 or Ten Fox
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate:** Fourteenstep or European Waltz
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Novice:** American Waltz or Rocker Foxtrot**JUNIOR, SENIOR:** One short dance
- 2.) 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 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at for the combined event rules and details. <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84172>

Shadow Pattern Dance: The Shadow Pattern Dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Preliminary: Rhythm Blues

Intermediate: Fourteenstep

Junior: Kilian

Juvenile: Cha Cha

Novice: Rocker Foxtrot

Senior: Quickstep

2017 Solo Dance Series Entry Form Information

Are you a registered participant in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series?

- Yes, my Solo Dance Series Registration # is _____
- No

Showcase Events

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. 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. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's/team's mark. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include but are not limited to reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, age appropriateness to skater, use of props and scenery, interaction (Duets and Ensembles only), note: prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.

Props and scenery must be placed and removed unaided, within one minute total on and off.

General event parameters:

1. Level will be determined by the highest free skate or dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
2. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84078>, under "Resources" on the National Showcase page.

Events:

1. **Dramatic:** Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness.
2. **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.
3. **Duet:** Duets are theatrical or artistic performances by any two competitors.
(Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)

Beginner, No Test Showcase Program

Must not have passed PrePreliminary FS test.

No age restriction

Duration: Max 1:30 min. No Axels or double jumps.

Pre-Preliminary Showcase Program

Must not have passed Preliminary FS test.

No age restriction.

Duration: Max 1:30 min. No Axels or double jumps.

Preliminary Showcase Program

Must have passed Prelim FS test.

But not PreJuv FS or Juvenile FD test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Max age 20.

PreJuvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed PreJuv FS test.

But not Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Max age 20.

Juvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Intermediate FS or any Intermediate FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 13 and under

Teen Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Intermediate FS or Intermediate FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 14 – 17 years.

Intermediate Showcase Program

Must have passed Intermediate FS or Intermediate FD test.

But not Novice FS or Novice FD test.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 17 and under

Young Adult Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Novice FS or Novice FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 18 – 20.

Novice Showcase Program

Must have passed Novice FS or Novice FD test.

But not Junior FS or Junior FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. No age restriction.

Junior Showcase Program

Must have passed Junior FS or Junior FD test.

But not Senior FS or Senior FD test.

Duration: 2:40 max. No age restriction

Senior Showcase Program

Must have passed Senior FS or Senior FD test.

Duration: 2:40 max. No age restriction.

Adult Bronze/Silver Showcase Program

May not have passed Gold FS or any Pre Gold dance test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Age 21 and older.

Adult Gold/Masters Showcase Program

Must have passed Gold FS or one Pre-Gold dance test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Age 21 and older.

EVENT: Showcase Events – Mini Production Ensemble Events

Formats:

- **Mini production ensemble** events are theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. Props and scenery are permitted. Programs are performed under full arena lighting
 - NOTE: Skaters may enter only one duet, mini production AND production event each.

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under "Programs" on the National Showcase page.

Mini Production Ensemble Events:

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 test (solo or partnered standard track)	Age	Program Duration
Mini Production	Open	Open	No age restriction	3:10 max

EVENT: Showcase Events – Production Ensemble Event

Formats:

- **Production ensemble** events are theatrical performances by eight or more competitors. Theatre On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. Props and scenery are allowed. Programs are performed under full arena lighting
 - NOTE: Skaters may enter only one duet, mini production AND production event each.

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under "Programs" on the National Showcase page.

Production Ensemble Events:

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 test (solo or partnered)	Age	Program Duration
Production Ensemble	Open	Open	No age restriction	6:15 max

Lodging for the 2017 Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition

There are over 30 hotels and/or motels within a 15-mile range of the Ice Cube (I-94; Exit 175). Rooms have been blocked at a number of them. You must indicate your affiliation with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, or figure skating to get these rooms. Block rooms will be released a month before the competition; make your reservations before April 15.

For additional information call the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 888-9487 or visit their Web site at www.annarbor.org

HOTELS: Please tell the reservation clerk you are with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating at the Ice Cube (***Hotels with AAFSC Room Blocks)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites West (official hotel)

323 N. Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-827-1100

*****Courtyard by Marriott -\$122 /night**

3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5900

*****Fairfield Inn - \$109 /night**

3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5200

*****Hampton Inn South - \$119/night**

925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)665-5000

*****Residence Inn - \$149/night Studio Suite; \$189/2-Bedroom Suite**

800 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-5666; (800) 331-3131

Sheraton Inn Ann Arbor - /night

3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-0600

Weber's Inn

3050 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-769-3237

Hilton Garden Inn

1401 Briarwood Circle,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 330-2799

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

600 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, 48104
(734)761-2929

Kensington Court

610 Hilton Blvd,
Ann Arbor, 48104
(734)761-7800

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

1275 S Huron Street,
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
(734)-487-2000

*****Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites \$129.99/night**

3155 Boardwalk Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

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