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**2017 Autumn Synchronized Skating Classic  
RecPlex Ice Arena and Cutting Edge FSC  
November 11, 2017**

***The Autumn Synchro Classic is a part of the  
2017-2018 Midwestern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series***

**TEAM CRITIQUES will be offered!!!!**

The 2017 Autumn Synchronized Skating Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

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

This event is proud to participate in the 2017-2018 Midwestern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate and open adult teams. Visit [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

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

Competition Inquiries Contact:

**Katie Luburich  
RecPlex—Ice Arena  
9900 Terwall Terrace  
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158**

**ENTRIES:** All applications must be received by: **October 16, 2017**. Synchro Skills 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events should be run in accordance to the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to "skate-up" one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

The entry fee is \$125 per event plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates. The entry fee for all Synchro Skills levels is \$50 per team and \$5 per skater.

An online entry system with secure credit card payment is being used for the competition.

**All registration will be done online through Entryeeze. Entries must be registered by midnight October 16, 2017.** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the local organizing committee and will be assessed an additional \$20 late fee.

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=328>

**REFUND POLICY:**

Entry fees will not be refunded after October 16, 2017 unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held  
RecPlex Ice Arena  
9900 Terwall Terrace, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158  
262-925-6754

[www.recplexonline.com](http://www.recplexonline.com)

**MUSIC:** The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the RecPlex Ice Arena and Cutting Edge FSC cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CDS FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.**

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating and RecPlex Ice Arena 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 6.0 Judging System will be used for ALL Events

**REGISTRATION:** The registration desk will be maintained in the RecPlex Ice Arena lobby area. The coach for each team must register and pick up their team packet.

- The registration desk will be open during practice ice sessions and during the competition until approximately one hour after the competition concludes.
- Teams should register at least two hours before their scheduled locker room entry.
- Coaches need to check in at registration with their proper USFS/PSA identification. All coaches **MUST** have their registration/I.D. lanyard on them to accompany their team to the ice.
- At registration teams will submit 1 CD.

**ADMISSION:** Each team will receive credentials for each skater, two coaches and two chaperones. These credentials will be included in your team packet received at registration. All other individuals accompanying a team will be allowed to watch at no charge but will not be allowed past designated areas.

**Unofficial Practice Ice** is any practice ice that is not monitored. Unofficial practice ice segments will be available on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE – SATURDAY PRACTICE ICE AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED AND IS NOT GUARANTEED.

- Saturday, November 11, 2017 (early morning)
- Teams will be notified of their assigned slots via email after close of entries.
- The cost per 20-minute segment is \$80.
- Practice ice requests should be emailed to Katie Luburich kluburich@plprairiewi.com

**PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY:** We will be providing high quality, professional DVD's at special prices for teams. Please see our website for an order form. Photography is permitted in the arena, but please – no flash.

**AWARDS:** The top **FOUR** placements in each division will receive medals. Divisions with twelve or more entries will be divided into two (2) final flights. The top four teams in each flight will receive medals. Awards may be picked up at the Results table.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** Any official notices or changes will be sent via email or posted on the Entryeze website. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check this site frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

**INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:**

For competitions being held before January 1, 2018:

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

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

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- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Completed an annual background screen
- ✓ Completed the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance
- ✓ If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and instructor certification is sufficient.

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>.

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

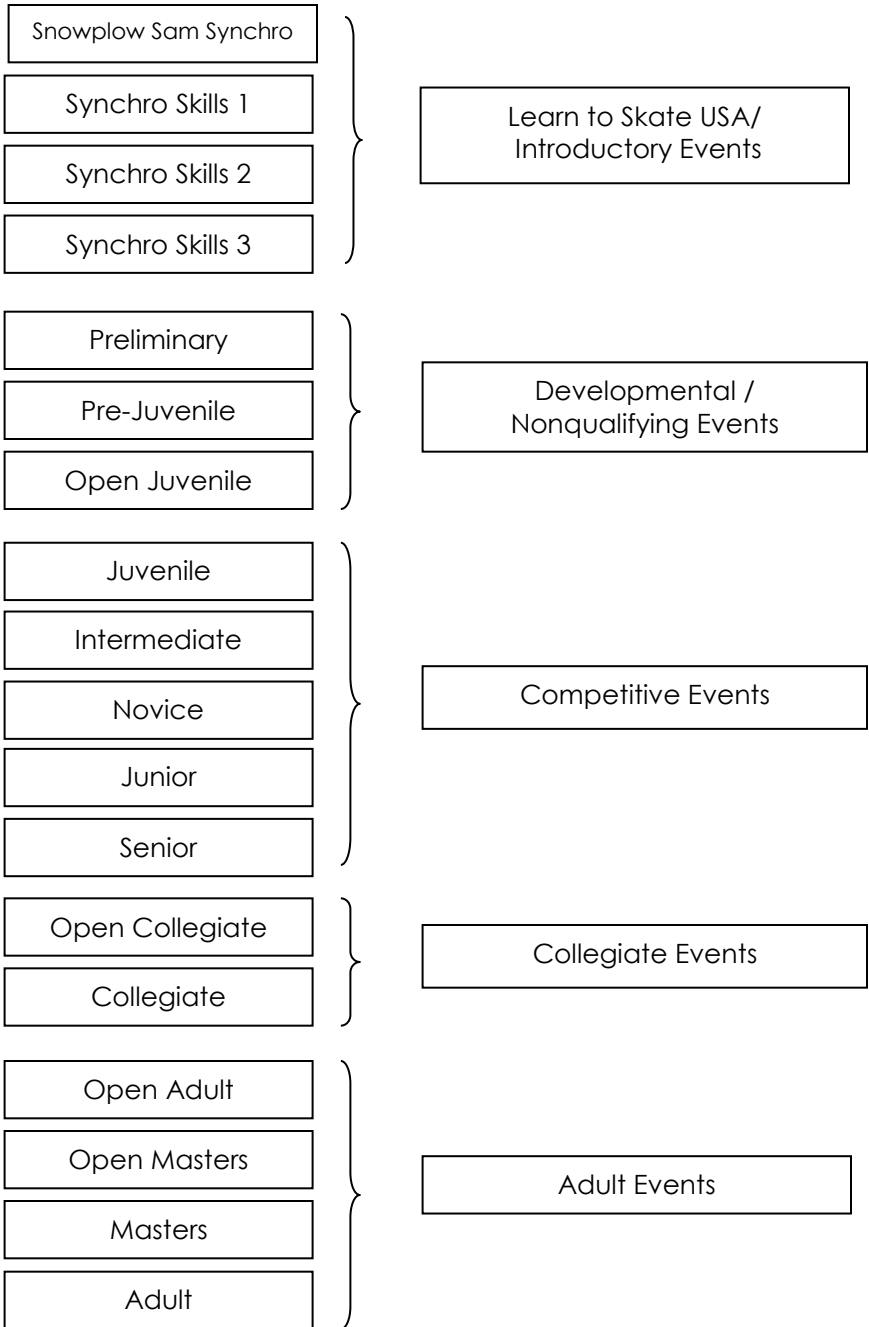
Competition Chair:	Katie Luburich	<a href="mailto:kluburich@plprairiewi.com">kluburich@plprairiewi.com</a>	262-925-6754
Practice Ice:	Brian Luburich	<a href="mailto:bluburich@plprairiewi.com">bluburich@plprairiewi.com</a>	262-925-6752
Chief Referee:	Robert Bauer	<a href="mailto:syncjudge@gmail.com">syncjudge@gmail.com</a>	224-588-7880

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



- A. Snowplow Sam Synchro** A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 40 seconds.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.  
Program duration: 2 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12. Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the ~~preliminary~~ pre-juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the ~~pre-juvenile~~ juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the ~~juvenile~~ intermediate moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7220

- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the ~~intermediate~~ novice moves in the field test.  
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds  
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.  
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the ~~novice~~ junior moves in the field test.  
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds  
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 4 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.  
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

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

**Crossover Rules:**

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

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

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