



## ***FIRECRACKER BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION***

**Hosted by Pilgrim Skating Club  
Hobomock Arenas, Pembroke, MA 02359  
Saturday, July 22, 2017**

The Eighth Annual Firecracker Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Pilgrim Skating Club, will be held at Hobomock Arenas, 132 Hobomock St. Pembroke, MA 02359 on **Saturday, July 22, 2017**

**ALL COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY COMPETITION T-SHIRT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FEE!!! PLEASE NOTE T-SHIRT SIZE ON APPLICATION**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition

**ENTRIES AND FEES:** All entries must be postmarked or registered online through [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) by midnight EST **Sunday, July 9, 2017** and are limited to the first 150 registrations received. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The **first event is \$50** and **each additional event is \$25**. NO refunds after closing date unless, event is canceled by Pilgrim Skating Club. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY and returned with fee, check made payable to Pilgrim Skating Club and mailed to P.O. Box 668, Pembroke, MA 02359. There will be a \$15 fee for returned checks.

**AWARDS:** Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. First place in all events receives a trophy. Second and Third places will receive medals. Awards will be made at appropriate times throughout the competition.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Will be posted on the PSC website <http://www.pilgrimskatingclub.com>, no later than five days prior to competition. Information regarding groups and skating times will be posted on the Pilgrim Skating Club website: <http://www.pilgrimskatingclub.com>.

**PRACTICE ICE** - Practice ice will be available on Saturday July 22nd, 10:00am -10:20am. Skaters can sign up via Entryeze or pay \$10.00 at the door on a first come first serve basis. A maximum of 20 skaters will be allowed on the ice during the practice session.

**MUSIC:** The music skating programs must be provided on CD by the skater. CD's should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music. Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration.

**EVENTS:** Basic Elements from the Basic Skills Curriculum, Basic and Free skate Programs (with music), Beyond the Basics Beginner through Preliminary Freestyle Programs, well-balanced or Competitive Test Track, Showcase thru Preliminary, Hockey 1-4 Elements, Spin Challenge, Jump Challenge, Team Compulsories

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**FACILITY:** measurements are 200 x 85 feet. Hobomock Arenas, 132 Hobomock Street, Pembroke, MA 02359 [www.hobomockarenas.com](http://www.hobomockarenas.com)

## EVENT: Basic Elements: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

Format choice of the host: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee or have the option to perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps). Referee driven format examples: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice.
- No music.
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed.**

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 1	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 2	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 3	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
Basic 4	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions</li> <li>• Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only</li> </ul>
Basic 5	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
Basic 6	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Bunny Hop</li> <li>• Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>

## EVENT: Basic Program: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 1	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 2	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 3	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
Basic 4	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions</li> <li>• Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only</li> </ul>
Basic 5	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
Basic 6	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Bunny Hop</li> <li>• Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>

## EVENT: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 Compulsory

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.
- Time: 1:15 max

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R)</li> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions)</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes</li> <li>• Backward outside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets)</li> <li>• Backward inside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Waltz three-turns, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, min 3 revs</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Half loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz jump-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power pulls, right and left</li> <li>• Split jump or stag jump</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence</li> <li>• Axel jump</li> </ul>

## EVENT: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 Program

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions)</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes</li> <li>• Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets)</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 3	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, min 3 revs</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Half Loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Split jump or stag jump</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence</li> <li>• Axel jump</li> </ul>

## EVENT: Introductory Levels Compulsory

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waltz jump</li><li>• ½ jump of choice</li><li>• Forward two-foot or one-foot spin - minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional)</li><li>• Forward or backward spiral</li></ul>
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toe loop jump</li><li>• Salchow jump</li><li>• Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions</li><li>• Forward or backward spiral</li></ul>

## EVENT: Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- 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.
- 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	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul>	Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul>	Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests



## EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters:

- Elements skated on ½ ice
- Elements may be performed only once
- Music is not allowed

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

## EVENT: WELL BALANCED PROGRAM FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- 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.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No-Test	1:40 Maximum	<p>Max. 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single jumps, with the exception of the single Axel, are allowed</li> <li>• No single Axels, double jumps or triple jumps</li> <li>• Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is permitted</li> <li>• Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps</li> </ul> <p>Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination</p>	<p>Max. 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a fly</li> <li>• Minimum 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)</p>	<p>Step sequence*</p> <p>Must use one-half the ice surface</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements.</p> <p>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</p>
Pre-Preliminary	1:40 Maximum  Vocal music permitted	<p>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed</li> <li>• No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>• Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump, as part of a jump combination or jump sequence. (maximum of 2 single Axels)</li> <li>• Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 jumps is permitted.</li> <li>• Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps</li> <li>• ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum of 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position.</li> <li>• Spins may start with a fly.</li> <li>• Minimum of 3 revolutions</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see Rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p>One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface.</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted, but will not count as elements</p> <p>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</p>
Preliminary	1:40 Maximum  Vocal music permitted	<p>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One must be an Axel or Waltz-jump type jump</li> <li>• All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop)</li> <li>• Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple or quadruple jumps are not allowed</li> <li>• An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>• Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>• Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum of 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position.</li> <li>• Spins may start with a fly.</li> <li>• Minimum of 3 revolutions</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For</p>	<p>One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface.</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted, but will not count as</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is permitted.</li><li>• Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps</li><li>• ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination</li></ul>	definition see Rule 4103 (E)	elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence
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## EVENT: Test Track Free Skate

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- 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.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in ( ) following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
- 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.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 max.	Maximum of 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (<i>front to back or back to front including half-loop</i>)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only</li> <li>• Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Maximum 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	Maximum of 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry (Minimum 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test.
Preliminary 1:40 max..	Maximum of 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels)</li> <li>• Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Maximum 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	Maximum of 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Minimum 3 revolutions)</li> <li>• One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test.

## HOCKEY EVENTS:

### Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Competition

Invite the Hockey 1-4 participants plus members of the local hockey association by creating fun and challenging skills competition. Ages should be divided by 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, and adult. These age groups may be combined based upon number of entries.

**Hockey 1-4 Elements:** Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. The following elements have been chosen for the skaters to perform. Format choice: All skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on **OR** each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed**
- Time: 1:00 or less

<b>Hockey 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proper basic hockey stance, forward and backward</li><li>• March forward across the ice, 8-10 steps</li><li>• Two-foot glides and dips from forward marching</li><li>• Forward swizzles / double C-cuts (4-6 in a row)</li><li>• Stationary Snowplow Stop</li></ul>	<b>Hockey 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward C-cuts (1/2 swizzle pumps) on a circle, both directions</li><li>• Forward outside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis</li><li>• Forward inside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis</li><li>• Backward C-Cuts on a circle, both directions</li><li>• Backward snowplow stops, one foot and two feet V-stop</li></ul>
<b>Hockey 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward strides using 45 degree V-Push, focus on good recovery and alternating arm drive</li><li>• Forward C-cuts: single leg and alternating feet in a straight line</li><li>• Backward hustle or march, then glide on two feet</li><li>• Backward swizzles / double C-cuts (4 – 6)</li><li>• Two-foot moving Snowplow stop</li></ul>	<b>Hockey 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quick starts using forward V-Start</li><li>• Backward one-foot glide, right and left</li><li>• Forward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li><li>• Backward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li><li>• Hockey stops (to right and left, with speed)</li></ul>

## SHOWCASE EVENTS:

Showcase events are open to skaters in Basic, Free Skate, Limited Beginner through Preliminary and Adult Bronze. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher. Vocal music is permitted.

Show costumes are permitted, as long as they do not touch or drag on the ice. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.2 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each five seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical 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 reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice.

6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

\* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of Showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying Showcase Guidelines posted on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org).

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up
- Dramatic entertainment: Showcase program utilizing intense emotional skating quality to depict choreographic theme.
- Light entertainment: Showcase program emphasizing such choreographic expressive qualities such as comedy, love and mime while incorporating skating skills.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by any competitors.
- Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors.
- Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. Theater On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production event.

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6/ Beginner/High Beginner	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
No Test/ Pre-Preliminary	3 jump maximum. No Axels or double jumps permitted.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary or Adult pre-Bronze free skate test.	Time: 1:30 max.
Preliminary	3 jump maximum. Axels are permitted, but no double jumps allowed.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze test.	Time: 1:40 max.

## 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.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright one-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Upright two-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Sit spin (3)</li> </ul>
High Beginner	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright one-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Upright two-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Sit spin (3)</li> </ul>
No Test	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright one-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Upright two-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Sit spin (3)</li> </ul>
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright one-foot spin (3)</li> <li>• Upright back-scratch spin (3)</li> <li>• Sit spin (3)</li> </ul>
Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward scratch to back scratch spin (3)</li> <li>• Combination spin with no change of foot (4)</li> <li>• Sit spin (3)</li> </ul>

## EVENT: Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- To be skated on ½ ice

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

## EVENT: Compete USA Team Compulsories

### Format:

The designated skater from each team will perform their chosen element in sequence on full ice, with no music, and will follow this format:

1. Minimum of three skaters on a team; each skater will do at least one required element.
2. When the event is called, all skaters will take the ice for a two (2) minute STROKING ONLY warm-up.
3. This will be followed by a one (1) minute individual warm-up for the elements.
4. Teams will be directed to find a "base" for their team along the boards on the ice where they will stay for the remainder of the event.
5. The announcer, referee or judge-in-charge will call the first element (e.g. jump or stop) to be performed.
6. The team member performing the element will step forward and execute the skill, with the element first being performed by the skater on team one, then team two, then team three and so on
7. Once all the teams have had their skaters complete the element, the next element will be called.
8. Judging is done with one mark for each element (skater) for total team points.
9. Repeat #4-7 above as this will be done in sequence until all the elements at each level are completed.

### COMPETE USA LEVELS (SNOWPLOW SAM, HOCKEY, BASIC, PRE-FREE SKATE AND FREE SKATE)

Level	Jumps / Stops	Spins / Turns / Glides	Spiral or Step Sequences
Snowplow Sam – Basic 3, Hockey 1-4	a) Wiggles, two-foot swizzles, forward or backward, (4-8 in a row) b) Snowplow stop (one or both feet) or hockey stop (with skid)	a) Curves, glide turns, or hockey turns (right and left, forward) b) March then glide on two feet or forward one-foot glide on left and right foot (one time skater's height, forward)	a) Forward ½ swizzle pumps or forward c-cuts on a circle (right and left, 6-8 consecutive)
Basic 4-Basic 6	a) Side-toe hop, bunny hop, ballet jump, mazurka b) Waltz jump	a) Forward inside pivot or two-foot spin (min. 3 revs.) b) One-foot upright spin, optional entry & free foot position (min. 3 revs.)	a) Moving forward to backward two-foot turns on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise (from Basic 3)
Learn to Skate USA Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6 levels	a) Single jump (no Axel) b) Jump combination or jump sequence (no Axel allowed)	a) Solo spin (scratch spin, layback, camel or sit, min. 3 revs, no flying entry) b) Combo Spin: One change of foot, change of position optional (min. 3 revs. on each foot)	a) Spiral Sequence (from Free Skate 2)



***FIRECRACKER BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM***

Hosted by Pilgrim Skating Club  
Hobomock Arenas, Pembroke, MA 02359  
***Saturday, July 22, 2017***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Learn to Skate USA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Level Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Director's/Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the event(s) you are entering:**

**Basic Elements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Snowplow Sam  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 6  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 4

**Basic Free Skate Program:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Snowplow Sam  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 6  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Basic 4

**Free Skate Compulsory Events:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Free Skate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 2  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 4  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 6

**Free Skate Program Event:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Free Skate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 2  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 3  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 4  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ Free Skate 6

**Test Track Free Skate Program:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beginner  
\_\_\_\_\_ High Beginner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-preliminary Test  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Test

**Well Balanced Free Skate Program:**

\_\_\_\_\_ No Test Free skate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-preliminary Free skate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Free skate

**Test Track & Well Balanced Compulsory Events:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beginner  
\_\_\_\_\_ High Beginner  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Test  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Preliminary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary

**Showcase Events:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 1-6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre Freeskate/High Beginner
- \_\_\_\_\_ No Test/Pre-Preliminary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary

**Hockey Elements Events:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey 4

**Spins Challenge:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner
- \_\_\_\_\_ High Beginner
- \_\_\_\_\_ No Test
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre Preliminary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary

**Jumps Challenge:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner
- \_\_\_\_\_ High Beginner
- \_\_\_\_\_ No Test
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre Preliminary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary

**Team Compulsories:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Snowplow Sam thru Basic 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basic 4 thru Basic 6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre Freeskate thru Freeskate 6

Who are the other members on your team? (must have a minimum of 3 skaters maximum of 5 skaters)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE IS \$50 PER EVENT, \$25 PER EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT**

- First Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Event \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If not a current U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Member – add another \$15.00

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE T-shirt Size:**

**Youth: Small Medium Large X-Large**

**Adult: Small Medium Large**

Please make check or money order payable to PSC and submit to LTS Director, Allison Higgins, by deadline (Sunday July 9, 2017) or mail to Pilgrim Skating Club, P.O. Box 668, Pembroke, MA 02359 Postmarked by July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 or via register via entryeeze by midnight 7/9/2017. For any questions email Pilgrim Skating Club's Learn to Skate Director Allison Higgins at [amhh73@yahoo.com](mailto:amhh73@yahoo.com)

**ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELED.**

*Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the Pilgrim Skating Club and Hobomock Arenas harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition, and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Competitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor/Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director/Club Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_