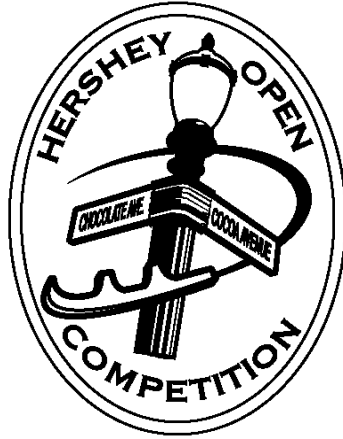


The Hershey Figure Skating Club

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The Hershey Open 2017

Solo Dance Competition

August 8-12, 2017

Hersheypark Arena

100 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA



The Hershey Open 2017 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of 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 website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

SERIES INFORMATION: The Hershey Open is proud to be a part of the **2017 Solo Dance** series.

RULES:

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. **Please refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook for current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.**

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

All entrants must be members in good standing of clubs having membership in U.S. Figure Skating or be an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating. Test requirements are as of March 15, 2017 [the USFS deadline for Solo Dance Series registration] and/or when the skater submits their registration to be a solo dance series participant, *whichever date is earliest*.

ENTRIES: : **ALL entries are online via Entryeze.** Online entry with secure credit card payment is available at www.hersheyfigureskating.org. Deadline for online entries, without late fees, is no later than **11:59 PM EST June 19, 2017**. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to limit entries in each category and the right to combine, divide or cancel groups. There will be separate groups for girls and boys. No changes may be made to a competitor's application once the deadline has passed. **Late entries entered online June 20th – 11:59 PM EST July 3rd, may be accepted at the discretion of the LOC and will require an additional late fee of \$50. Entries entered online after July 3rd will NOT be accepted.** Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail, or email. Skater and Coaches schedules will be available via the web at www.hersheyfigureskating.org

FEES:

- Solo Pattern Dance \$ 115.00**
- Solo Combined Event \$ 115.00**
- Solo Shadow Dance \$ 115.00 per team**

EVENT CHANGE FEE: **No changes to the schedule will be allowed due to personal or family conflicts.** Any requests for event/level changes, (not due to an LOC error), after the application has been received will be processed upon receipt of a \$25.00 change fee. **No changes will be made after the entries are sent to the chief referee.**

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or

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SCHEDULE: Specific schedule **WILL NOT be available prior to July 17th. Please no phone inquiries.** A copy of the tentative schedule, the practice ice schedule, parking passes, and directions will be posted on the Hershey FSC website at www.hersheyfigureskating.org. Please note that the schedule is prepared by the Referee after the close of entries and is based strictly on the number of events and competitors and the availability of judges. Skater and Coaches schedules will be posted on the web. Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after the schedule is posted. Additional practice ice will be available for sale online after those that pre-register for their sessions have chosen them. **All competitors need to arrive 1 hour before scheduled event, however we will not run more than 15 minutes ahead.**

FACILITIES The Competition will be held at **Hersheypark Arena** 100 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 17033 (**not Giant Center**). The ice measures 200 feet by 85 feet, with rounded corners and a barrier. A snack bar will be open during the competition. Locker rooms will be available for both male and female competitors.

MUSIC:

Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate.

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After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music".

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Music Criteria:

- 1) **File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this)**
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Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CD-RWs will NOT be accepted due to compatibility issues. CDs must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. The official competition CD turned in at the Registration Desk is reserved for use during the event and may not be retrieved for Practice Ice use. Please keep additional copies of your music readily available for both practice ice and rink side during competition events. Music may be picked up at the registration desk following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Hershey Figure Skating Club and Hersheypark 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.

REGISTRATION: The registration table will open each day, one hour prior to the first event of the day and will remain open throughout each day of the competition. Competitors need only register for their first event promptly upon arrival. No admission fee will be charged for spectators. The registration table will be located in the upper lobby of the Hersheypark Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but you **MUST** indicate number of sessions you want on the online practice ice form when you register and you **MUST** pay for them with your entry form or 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 \$15.00 if you pre-order the sessions. Practice ice will be scheduled at the rink starting on Wednesday, August 5th at the start of the competition. Please indicate the number of sessions you would like online. We will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$20.00 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 \$20.00 at the Registration Desk

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- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

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

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events 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, please refer to:

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

QUESTIONS: Please visit the club website for schedule and updates www.hersheyfigureskating.org. Competition questions? **Email hersheyopen@hersheyfigureskating.org. Please do not email for schedule information! This is a large competition, so please allow us several days to respond.**

PARKING: VERY IMPORTANT! **The entrance for the Ice Rink at Hersheypark Arena is also used for Hersheypark, Hershey's Chocolate World, and other attractions. The complex includes many very large parking lots for guests of the amusement park, and are a 20+ minute walk to the Arena. Parking for Hershey Open attendees is directly in front of the Arena, but you MUST present a Hershey Open parking pass to the parking staff. These parking passes will be posted on the club website, www.hersheyfigureskating.org. Please be sure to print and bring your parking pass with you, or you will be charged for parking.**

PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVELING IN AND AROUND THE HERSHEY PARK AREA.

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HERSHEY OPEN 2017

This year we are pleased to offer you a special rate at the **Comfort Suites** near the Park, 320 Milroy Rd. Hummelstown, PA 17036. This hotel is located a short 10 minute drive from Hershey and includes a number of family-friendly amenities:

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| ➤ Fitness Center | ➤ Microwave & Refrigerator in Suites |
| ➤ Indoor Heated Pool | ➤ Complimentary Deluxe Breakfast |
| ➤ Flat Screen Plasma TVs | ➤ Many Restaurants and Shopping Nearby |

The special **Hershey Open rate is \$149.00** per night (taxes additional). Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-228-5150. **When calling please indicate that you are with a group and ask for the block of rooms held under "Hershey Open"**. We recommend you make your room reservations as soon as possible. **There are only a limited number of rooms available at this discounted price.**

DISCOUNT HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

This year Hersheypark tickets are available at special discounted rates for Hershey Open competitors and attendees! To purchase your discount tickets, visit www.hersheyfigureskating.org or the Hershey Open Entry Page. **Click on the link for Hershey Open Hersheypark Tickets. Tickets must be purchased online to receive the discounted rate.**

PARKING AND DIRECTIONS TO HERSHEY PARK ARENA HERSHEY, PA

BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON: I-83 North. To Rt. 322 East. To Hersheypark Drive.

NEW YORK: I-78 West. To I-81 South. To Exit 80 (old exit 28) Grantville. To Rt. 743 South. To Hersheypark Drive.

PHILADELPHIA: PA Turnpike West I-76. To Exit 266 (old exit 20) Lebanon/Lancaster To Rt. 72 North. To Rt. 322 West. To Rt. 743 North. To Hersheypark Drive.

PITTSBURGH: PA Turnpike East I-76. To Exit 247 (old exit 19) Harrisburg-East. To I-283 North to Exit 3. Follow to Rt. 322 East to Hersheypark Drive.

2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The Hershey Open is a participating competition within the 2017 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. Please refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

2017 SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS BEING OFFERED:

Solo Pattern Dance Event:

The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold, Gold and International levels.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango Dutch Waltz
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance Cha Cha
Bronze	Willow Waltz Hickory Hoedown
Pre-Silver	Fourteen Step Foxtrot
Silver	American Waltz Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	Killian Paso Doble
Gold	Westminster Waltz Quickstep
International	Cha Cha Congelado Rhumba

Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details.

Combined Event:

The combined dance event is comprised of the following:

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

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Ten Fox

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: European Waltz and Fourteen Step

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: Rocker Foxtrot and American Waltz

JUNIOR, SENIOR: A short dance

- 2.) A 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 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Dance:

The Shadow Dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the shadow dance rules and event details. **Your Chief Referee must select one dance at each level and list these in your announcement in the chart below.**

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Rythm Blues
Juvenile	Cha Cha
Intermediate	Fourteen Step
Novice	Rocker Foxtrot
Junior	Killian
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

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IJS JUDGING SYSTEM FOR JUVENILE through SENIOR FREESTYLE EVENTS

The IJS min-system will be used for all these IJS events



The Hershey Open is pleased to have been chosen by U.S. Figure Skating as a designated, official 2017 National Solo Dance Series competition. Please see the separate Hershey Open 2017 Solo Ice Dance Competition announcement.

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The competition is also open to all beginner skaters who are current members of a Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Non-members are eligible to compete but must become registered with Learn to Skate USA or a member club before they can participate.

SERIES INFORMATION: The Hershey Open is proud to be a part of the **2017 Solo Dance** series.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program and those who 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 Learn to Skate USA or a member club. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event and all six should receive an award.

Eligibility and Test Requirements:

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the Pre-free skate, free skate 1-6, test track and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. Please be sure to check for the director/instructor's signature confirming the level of the skater.

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FEES:

IJS Events - First Event - \$120.00; Each Additional IJS event \$75.00.

6.0 Events - First Event - \$85.00; Each Additional Event - \$45.00 per event

Basic Skills Events - \$55.00 per event.

EVENT CHANGE FEE: No changes to the schedule will be allowed due to personal or family conflicts. Any requests for event/level changes, (not due to an LOC error), after the application has been received will be processed upon receipt of a \$25.00 change fee. **No changes will be made after the entries are sent to the chief referee.**

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SCHEDULE: Specific schedule WILL NOT be available prior to July 18th. Please no phone inquiries. A copy of the tentative schedule, the practice ice schedule, parking passes, and directions will be posted on the Hershey FSC website at www.hersheyfigureskating.org. Please note that the schedule is prepared by the Referee after the close of entries and is based strictly on the number of events and competitors and the availability of judges. Skater and Coaches schedules will be posted on the web. Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after the schedule is posted. Additional practice ice will be available for sale online after those that pre-register for their sessions have chosen them. **All competitors need to arrive 1 hour before scheduled event, however we will not run more than 15 minutes ahead.**

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MUSIC:

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JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, juvenile – senior*
- *Short program events, intermediate – senior*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found in the Member's Only section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the form is August 1, 2015.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-preliminary – pre-juvenile, and open juvenile*
- *Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test)*
- *All Test Track events*
- *All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, etc.)*
- *All solo dance events*

REGISTRATION: The registration table will open each day, one hour prior to the first event of the day and will remain open throughout each day of the competition. Competitors need only register for their first event promptly upon arrival. No admission fee will be charged for spectators. The registration table will be located in the upper lobby of the Hersheypark Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

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FINAL ROUND: For each 6.0 free skating event (Pre-Preliminary through Senior) made up of more than one group, an equal number of place finishers not to exceed the top 3, will advance to a final round. Final Round will consist of no more than 12 skaters.

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OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HERSHEY OPEN 2017

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210 Hockersville Rd
Hershey, PA 17033
Tel: (717) 534-1600

When calling please indicate that you are with a group and ask for the block of rooms held under "Hershey Open". We recommend you make your room reservations as soon as possible. There are only a limited number of rooms available at this discounted price.

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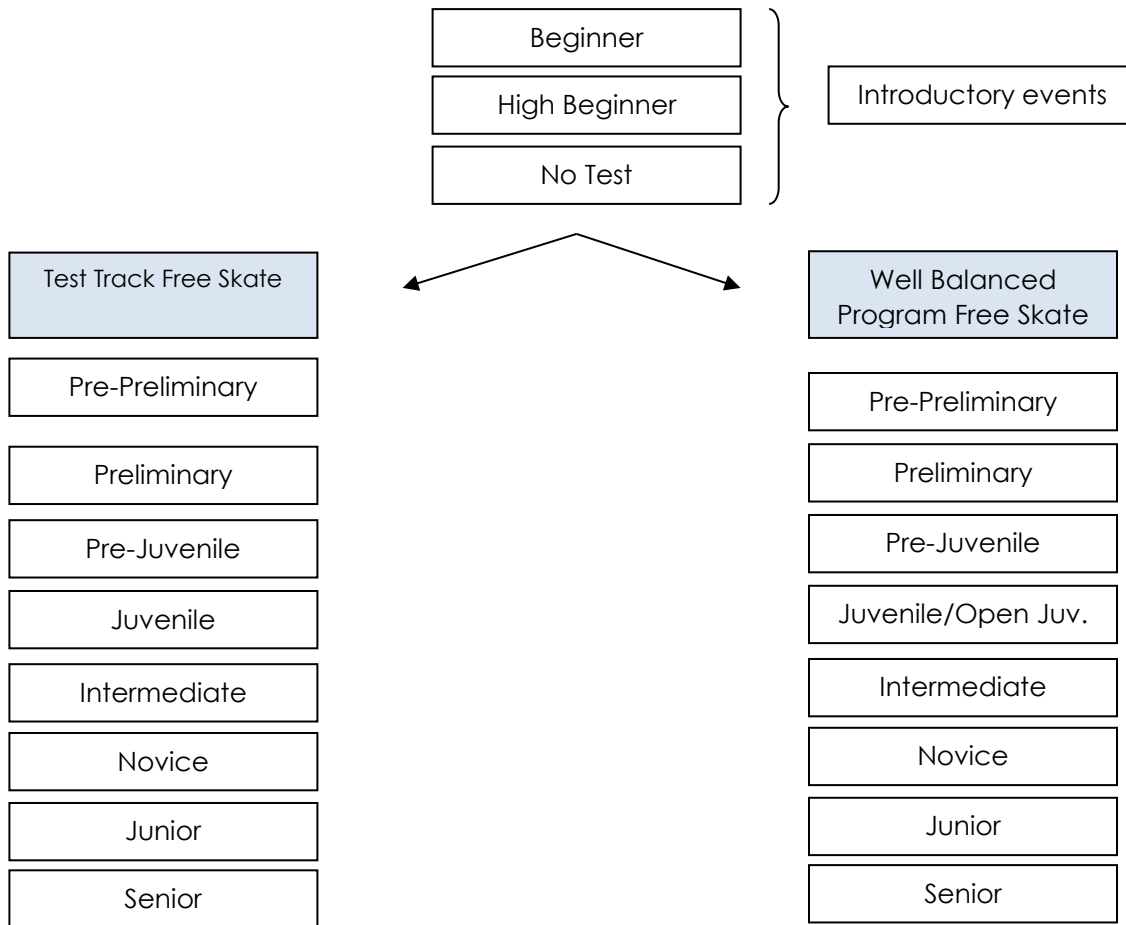
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SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

See current rulebook for current rules and requirements.

Illustration of Singles Free Skating Events:



Free Skate Program: Introductory Levels

General event parameters:

- 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 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

2016 - 2017 SINGLES WELL BALANCED EVENTS

Please refer to the following rules in the 2016-2017
US Figure Skating Rulebook for requirements

LEVEL	Rule #	LEVEL	Rule #
No Test	4280	Pre Preliminary	4270
Preliminary	4260	Pre-Juvenile	4250
Open Juvenile	4240	Juvenile	4240
Intermediate SP	4230	Intermediate FS	4230
Novice SP	4220	Novice FS	4220
Junior SP	4210	Junior FS	4210
Senior SP	4200	Senior FS	4200

All competitors skating in the IJS events, Juvenile – Senior, need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found in the Member's Only section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the form is August 1, 2017.

Free Skate: Test Track

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 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (<i>front to back or back to front including half-loop</i>) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two spins of a different nature, one position only. 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 pre-preliminary free skate test
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions) • One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot) 	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
Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions) • One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly. 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test
Juvenile 2:15 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps, including Axel, are permitted. • Max. 2 jump combinations or 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 4 revolutions). • One combination 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not

	<p>sequences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p>spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions. (Min. 4 revolutions per foot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only solo spin may fly 		<p>have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test</p>
<p>Intermediate</p> <p>2:40 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p>Maximum of 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a flying spin (min 5 revolutions), • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum 4 revolutions per foot). 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test</p>
<p>Novice</p> <p>Ladies: 3:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p>Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins, of a different nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 5 revs per foot) • The other spins are the option of the skater (min 6 revolutions per foot) • All spins may fly 	<p>One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(see rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test</p>
<p>Junior</p> <p>Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) • One combination spin consisting of all three basic positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5) revolutions per foot) 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test</p>
<p>Senior</p> <p>Ladies: 4:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 	<p>Men: Two different step sequences, one being of</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free</p>

	<p>double Lutz.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple jumps are not permitted • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p>6 revolutions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot) 	<p>advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. <i>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</i></p> <p><i>Ladies:</i> One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. <i>(See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks.)</i></p>	<p>skate test</p>
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Compete USA Competitions

EVENT: Basic Elements: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

Each skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps).

This event WILL NOT be the Referee driven format. Skaters are responsible for performing the elements on their own.

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



Compete USA Competitions

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



Compete USA Competitions

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

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

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

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



U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competitions

EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters:

1. No Test – Juvenile: Elements skated on ½ ice
2. Intermediate – Senior: Elements skated on full-ice
3. The skater must demonstrate the required elements (performed once only) and may use any additional elements from previous levels.
4. A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
5. Music is not allowed.
6. Skaters may compete at their test level or one level higher.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Loop jump2. 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 revolutions4. 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. Toe Loop jump2. Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)3. Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions4. Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Single Lutz2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)

Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Intermediate	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double Salchow or double toe loop 2. Jump combination: single/single or double/single 3. Flying spin, minimum five revolutions 4. Step sequence – straight line
Novice	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double loop 2. Jump combination: double/single or double/double 3. Flying spin - minimum five revolutions 4. Step sequence – straight line
Junior	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double flip 2. Jump combination: double/double or triple/double 3. Combination spin - minimum 10 revolutions 4. Step sequence – straight line
Senior	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double Lutz 2. Jump combination: double/double or triple/double 3. Combination spin - minimum 10 revolutions 4. Step sequence – straight line

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. On 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.	<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 – change of foot; optional change of position (4 per foot) 3. Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)

Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- Pre-juvenile and lower will be skated ½ ice; Juvenile – senior will be skated on full ice
- 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)



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.

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/ Adult 1-6	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/ Adult Pre-Bronze	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/ Adult Bronze	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.



U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competitions

EVENT: Showcase Events – Light Entertainment Events

Format:

- Showcase program that should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Props and scenery are permitted.

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

Light Entertainment Levels:

Except for Adult events, skaters must compete at the highest level for which they qualify.

Event	Must meet requirements*	Must not have passed	Age	Time
No Test <small>(does not qualify for National Showcase)</small>	Must have passed Free Skating or Dance test (solo or partnered standard track) No Free Skate test passed	Free Skate or Dance (solo or partnered) Test or higher Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Any Free Dance	No age restriction	1:30 max

Pre-Preliminary <small>(does not qualify for National Showcase)</small>	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	Preliminary Free Skate Any Free Dance	No age restriction	1:30 max
Preliminary	Preliminary Free Skate	Pre Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:40 max
Pre Juvenile	Pre Juvenile Free Skate	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:40 max
Juvenile	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	3 and under	2:10 max
Teen	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	14-17	2:10 max
Intermediate	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	17 and under	2:10 max
Young Adult	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	18-20	2:10 max
Novice	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance		2:10 max
Junior	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance		2:40 max
Senior	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance			2:40 max
Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered, standard, adult, or masters track)	Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered; standard, adult, or masters track) or higher	Age	Time
Adult Pre-Bronze <small>(does not qualify for National Showcase)</small>	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate	Adult Bronze Free Skate Any Free Dance	21 and older	1:40 max

Adult Bronze	Adult Bronze Free Skate Preliminary Free Skate Juvenile Free Dance OR Pre-Bronze Dance Test (prior to 4/30/17)	Adult Silver Free Skate Pre Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Silver	Adult Silver Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate (prior to 10/1/94) Pre Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate (On/after 10/1/94) Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance Bronze Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 4 th Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Gold	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance OR 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Intermediate FS (on/after 10/1/91) Junior Free Dance Silver Free Dance (Prior to 9/2/2000) OR 5 th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
Masters	Intermediate Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Junior Free Dance Silver Free Dance (Prior to 9/2/2000) 3 rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) OR 8 th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79)		21 and older	1:40 max

* For the US Adult Championships and adult sectional championships, skaters must meet the test requirements for the level at which they want to compete; rules 2540-2552 apply;; and the same level must be chosen for all showcase events at the competition (for example, a skater may not compete in Masters Dramatic Entertainment and Adult Gold Light Entertainment events at the same competition). Adult athletes wishing to be grandfathered into a higher level based on participation at the Adult Championships or National Showcase prior to 4/30/17 may make this request to the National Vice Chair for National Showcase. For all other competitions, skaters must compete at their test level or one level higher, per the above chart. For Basic Skills levels and events, please refer to the U.S. Figure Skating Compete USA Competition Manual for Showcase event levels, elements, qualifications, program lengths and descriptions. For events offered, refer to the competition announcement.