



Invitational Series Final

7th Annual Southern California Interclub Invitational Series Final
Hosted by the Southern California Interclub Association
September 30 & October 1, 2017

The 2017 Southern California Interclub Invitational Series Final 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 by invitation only to 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. Explanation of the points system is outlined on the Interclub website at <http://socalinterclub.org/invitational.htm>.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Entry is by invitation only per points earned throughout the 2017 skating season as outlined by the rules of the Southern California Invitational Series which are posted on the Interclub website. Invitations are specific to a certain level and skaters may not compete in a different level than for which they are invited.

The top 15 skaters by point total in each division as of Sept 3, 2017 will be invited to participate in the Invitational Series Final. Entries must be received by Thursday, Sept 7, 2017. Skaters whose point total equal or exceed the 15th place skater in any division after Sept 3, 2017, and before Sept 18, 2017 will be invited to participate as a Wildcard entry. This will not affect the eligibility of any skater previously invited. Entry deadline for these Wildcard entries will extend to Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017.

Invitations may also be extended to additional skaters at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition



Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Skaters who qualify at one level but pass a test before the entry deadline that make them ineligible for that level may compete at the higher level.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries.

ENTRIES: Online using EntryEeze. To access EntryEeze, go to www.entryeeze.com or the competition website. A small processing fee will be charged when done online.

Questions may be directed to the Registrar:

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ENTRY FEES

\$150.00 per person	Intermediate through Senior Freeskating
\$120.00 per person	Juvenile & lower Freeskating
\$120.00 per person	Adult Freeskating
\$75.00 per person	Pairs or Dance events

Incomplete entries cannot be accepted and will be returned. The date of receipt of a properly completed entry with entry fee will govern the date of acceptability.

No "contingent" entries will be accepted. Tests required for eligibility in any event must be passed PRIOR to submission of an entry. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE (Sept 7 for initial invitations and Sept 20 for Wildcard invitations).** Entry fees are refundable only if the competition is not held.

A \$25 fee will be charged for contested credit card charges. This fee must be paid before the competitor is allowed to skate.

If there is only one entry in an event, the skater may skate or receive a refund of their entry. Boys and girls may be combined at the Pre-Juvenile and lower levels if the single skater agrees.

Completed entries must be done online with EntryEeze NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPT 7, 2017 for Initial entries and WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20, 2017 for Wildcard entries.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY EVENT OF THE COMPETITION.

Schedule of events will be posted on EntryEeze. No schedules or group listings will be mailed.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after Sept 20, 2017, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Entries 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 events.

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FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Paramount Iceland Arena, 8041 Jackson St, Paramount, CA 90723 (562) 633-1172. The ice surface is 100' x 200' with slightly rounded corners.

MUSIC: For the Invitational Series Final online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. 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." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate!

Deadline for uploading is: September 25, 2017

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file:	One (1) - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate, short dance, free dance, etc.) per file is allowed.
File Format:	mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
Bit Rate:	192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
Maximum file size:	10 MB
Maximum run time:	Five (5 minutes)
ID3 Metadata (tags):	None - The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!
Maximum leader:	Two (2) seconds - The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.
Maximum trailer:	Two (2) seconds - The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

Backup Music at Event (CDs)

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one (1) backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event or official practice. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker (e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, (Club – Optional but requested), Event, Event Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Acme FSC, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10 or Synchro Team, Widget FSC, Preliminary, Free Skate, 1:59)
- Each CD may have only ONE (1) music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two (2) separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one (1) track is NOT

acceptable.

- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on rerecordable "CD-RW" discs. PLEASE, no CD-RWs!!

The LOC, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. The LOC is not responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music

The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional charge, up to \$25.00 per event segment, if the competitor/team: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess a penalty, the competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

If there is an issue with the downloaded music or CD provided at the event after the skater's name has been called to compete, the skater will have up to 3 minutes to rectify the situation with a backup copy of the music on CD. After 3 minutes, the skater will be considered withdrawn.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Southern California Interclub Association, and Paramount Iceland accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all events:

All competitors skating need to submit the planned program content form online with EntryEeze. The deadline to submit the PPC is Sept 25, 2017. **Skaters who do not submit PPC's by the deadline will be assessed a \$10 fee which must be paid before a credential will be issued.** A handwritten copy of the PPC must also be presented to receive a credential for those who did not submit online.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Saturday September 30, 2017, and end by 6pm Sunday October 1, 2017. Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located at the front entrance to Paramount Iceland. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice may be available depending on demand and the size of the competition. Exact times will not be known until after entries close and the schedule is posted. Reservations can be made through EntryEeze. Skaters will be notified as soon as practice ice has been determined.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Awards and action photos will be available from Cynthia Slawter. Videography will be available from John Hurd.

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented to the top 4 placing competitors in all events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at Paramount Iceland in the skate rental/locker area. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to

check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition on EntryEeze.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;

B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.

C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A,B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.

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

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>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:

CHAIRMAN & CHIEF REFEREE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CHAPERONES AND COACHES BADGES

One chaperone badge for each competitor will be available at no cost at the time of entry. The name of designated chaperone **MUST** be entered in the Skater Personal Information section of EntryEeze.

One coach badge for each competitor is also available at the time of entry. The name of designated coach **MUST** be entered in EntryEeze.

No chaperone or professional badges will be issued unless names are listed on EntryEeze and those individuals will need to pay a spectator fee to enter the rink.

FEES FOR SPECTATOR ADMISSION

All day	\$10.00
All Event Passes.....	\$15.00

All Event Passes are available prior to the closing date of entries only. The name of the person purchasing the All Events Pass **MUST** be shown in the Skater Personal Information section of EntryEeze. All Event Passes may only be ordered through EntryEeze.

EVENTS TO BE SKATED

STANDARD SINGLES EVENTS

Senior Ladies/Men Free Skating
Junior Ladies/Men Free Skating
Novice Ladies/Men Free Skating
Intermediate Ladies/Men Free Skating
Open Juvenile Girls/Boys Free Skating
Juvenile Girls/Boys Free Skating
Pre-Juvenile Girls/Boys Free Skating
Preliminary Girls/Boys Free Skating
Pre-Preliminary Girls/Boys Free Skating
Masters Jr/Sr Ladies/Men Free Skating
Masters Int/Nov Ladies/Men Free Skating
Adult Gold Ladies/Men Free Skating
Adult Silver Ladies/Men Free Skating
Adult Bronze Ladies/Men Free Skating

PAIRS EVENTS

Senior Pairs
Junior Pairs
Novice Pairs
Intermediate Pairs
Juvenile Pairs
Pre-Juvenile Pairs
Masters Pairs
Adult Gold Pairs
Adult Silver Pairs
Adult Bronze Pairs

DANCE EVENTS

Senior Free Dance
Junior Free Dance
Novice Free Dance
Intermediate Free Dance
Juvenile Free Dance

SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

See current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

SINGLES SHORT PROGRAM

The short program events listed below will be skated. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

- A. Intermediate short program – Rule 4230
- B. Novice short program – Rule 4220
- C. Junior short program – Rule 4210
- D. Senior short program – Rule 4200

COMBINED SHORT PROGRAM & WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE EVENTS

Intermediate through Senior singles events will consist of a Short Program and Free Skate Program. All other singles events (including Adults) will consist of a Free Skate Program only.

PAIRS FREE SKATING EVENTS

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

A. Pre-juvenile – senior - see current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM EVENTS

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

A. Intermediate short program – Rule 5230

B. Novice short program – Rule 5220

C. Junior short program – Rule 5210

D. Senior short program – Rule 5200

COMBINED SHORT PROGRAM & WELL BALANCED PAIRS EVENTS

Intermediate through Senior pairs events will consist of a Short Program and Free Skate Program. All other pairs events (including Adults) will consist of a Free Skate Program only.

SHORT DANCE (PARTNERED)

Junior – senior - see current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

FREE DANCE (PARTNERED)

Juvenile – senior - see current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

COMBINED SHORT DANCE & FREE DANCE EVENTS

Junior and Senior dance events will consist of a Short Dance and Free Dance Program. All other dance events will consist of a Free Dance Program only.