



**2017 LeeAnn Miele
Synchronized Skating Open**

**Hosted by
The Pawtucket and Providence
Figure Skating Club**

January 15, 2017

**This competition is sanctioned by
US Figure Skating and Skate Canada.**

This event is proud to participate in the
Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series.



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

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

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

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

ENTRIES: All applications must be submitted online by December 4, 2016. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the LOC and will incur a late fee of \$50. *Only EntryEeze applications will be accepted. No paper entries will be allowed.* Online registration will begin by mid-October. **A non-refundable processing fee of 3.9% will be added to each entry.**

Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

For Synchro Skills 1-3: Any team that fits into one level age-wise will be allowed to “skate up” one level if that team would like more of a challenge.

Entry Fees

(Fees for IJS teams include mandatory practice ice.)

Category*	Per Team**	Per Skater
Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3	\$50	\$10
6.0 events (other than Synchro Skills)	\$220	\$25
IJS-Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Adult	\$220 + \$90**= \$310 total	\$25
IJS-Collegiate	\$220 + \$100**= \$320 total	\$25
IJS-Junior and Senior short program only	\$220 + \$90** = \$310 total	\$25
IJS-Junior and Senior freeskate only	\$220 + \$100** = \$320 total	\$25
IJS-Junior and Senior both programs***	\$220 + \$150 + \$160** = \$530 total	\$25 (charged one time per skater)

*See Judging System on page 3 for details.

**IJS teams have mandatory practice ice; the fee for practice ice is included in the team entry fee.

***Junior and Senior Teams only- The total team fee indicated includes the following:

- a base of \$220 as the initial team fee for the first program;
- a fee of \$150 as the cost of a second program (no per skater fees for the second program);
- and the fee of \$160 for 22 minutes of practice ice.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be held at the New England Sports Village starting at approximately 8 a.m., and at several times during the day. Ice time will be sold during the registration period for the competition as follows:

- 8 minutes for \$72 (Synchro Skills teams only)
- 10 minutes for \$90
- 12 minutes for \$100 (IJS freeskate for junior senior collegiate teams only)
- 22 minutes for \$160 (only for IJS teams who are skating both programs)

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after December 4, 2016, unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at New England Sports Village, 1395 Commerce Way, Attleboro, Massachusetts, 02703

Rink size: 200' x 85'

Number of dressing rooms: 8

This arena has a very comfortable temperature. There is a concession stand in the lobby in addition to several restaurants in the area.

MUSIC: The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club and New England Sports Village 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: Suggested language is below. Modify as appropriate to your event.

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

- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate
- Collegiate
- Adult

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Synchro Skills 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Masters
- Open Adult
- Open Masters
- Open Collegiate

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: 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 in the lobby of the rink. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: Each skater, including alternates, on a competing team will be provided with a competitor's pass. In addition, two passes per team for chaperones will be distributed.

Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$15 per adult and \$8 for children under the age of twelve and seniors (60 and over). There will be no charge for children under the age of three. Admission must be paid by either cash or check. We are not accepting credit cards.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be held at the New England Sports Village starting at approximately 8 a.m., before the start of the competition. Ice time purchased by the entry deadline will be sold as follows:

- 8 minutes for \$72 (Synchro Skills teams only)
- 10 minutes for \$90
- 12 minutes for \$100 (IJS freeskate for junior senior collegiate teams only)
- 22 minutes for \$160 (only for IJS teams who are skating both programs)
- Fees for practice ice purchased after the entry deadline for the competition will be increased by \$10 per session.

Practice ice blocks will be offered at several times during the competition to allow for better coordination with the competition schedule. Practice ice sessions will be available for purchase / reservation from the time of registration through the competition entry deadline. The reservation will not be for a specific time, but will allow teams who make the advance purchase to select practice time periods before those who did not. Practice ice selection will be available once the competition schedule has been published. Once the time period for practice ice selection has passed, any remaining sessions will be offered for sale to all teams on a first come, first served basis. Teams will be notified by email when it is possible to purchase practice ice and when the practice ice schedule is finalized.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: There will be neither professional videotaping nor still photography available for purchase at the competition.

Vendors: There will be vendors selling a variety of merchandise at the competition.

Souvenir pins and programs will be available for purchase at the competition.

AWARDS:

- A team award will be awarded to each team that places first in its flight.
- Medals will be awarded to all skaters and alternates for first, second, third, and fourth place teams.
- For Synchro Skills 1, 2, and 3 teams only, flights will be limited to no more than 4 teams.
- Junior and senior short program / free skate events will be judged and awarded separately.
- Awards will be presented on-ice if time permits.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or 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. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.**

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

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

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills 1-3 team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check is sufficient. If the coach is coaching any other level team(s) at a nonqualifying event, then he/she must have at least CER B for the current season
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: www.ppfsc.org; click on "Miele Synchro Open".

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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Practice Ice:	Janice Delano	jan102500@comcast.net ; call 508-761-5796

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**Area Hotels:**

- Holiday Inn Express Providence-North Attleboro, 707 South Washington Street, North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-643-9900
- Ramada Seekonk, 213 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771, 508-336-8700
- Hilton Providence, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903, 401-831-3900
- Providence Marriott, 1 Orms Street, Providence RI 02904, 401-272-2400
- Wyndham Garden Providence, 220 India Street, Providence, RI 02903, 401-272-5577

Airports:

T. F. Greene Airport (PVD) 22 miles from venue

Logan International Airport (BOS) 50 miles from venue

Ground transportation information:

- Archway Bus Transportation, Inc. 401-828-4100
- Dattco 1-800-229-4879
- Flagship/ Trailways Bus Company 401-946-6705 or 1-800-672-6705
- Grey Goose Lines 401-944-2158

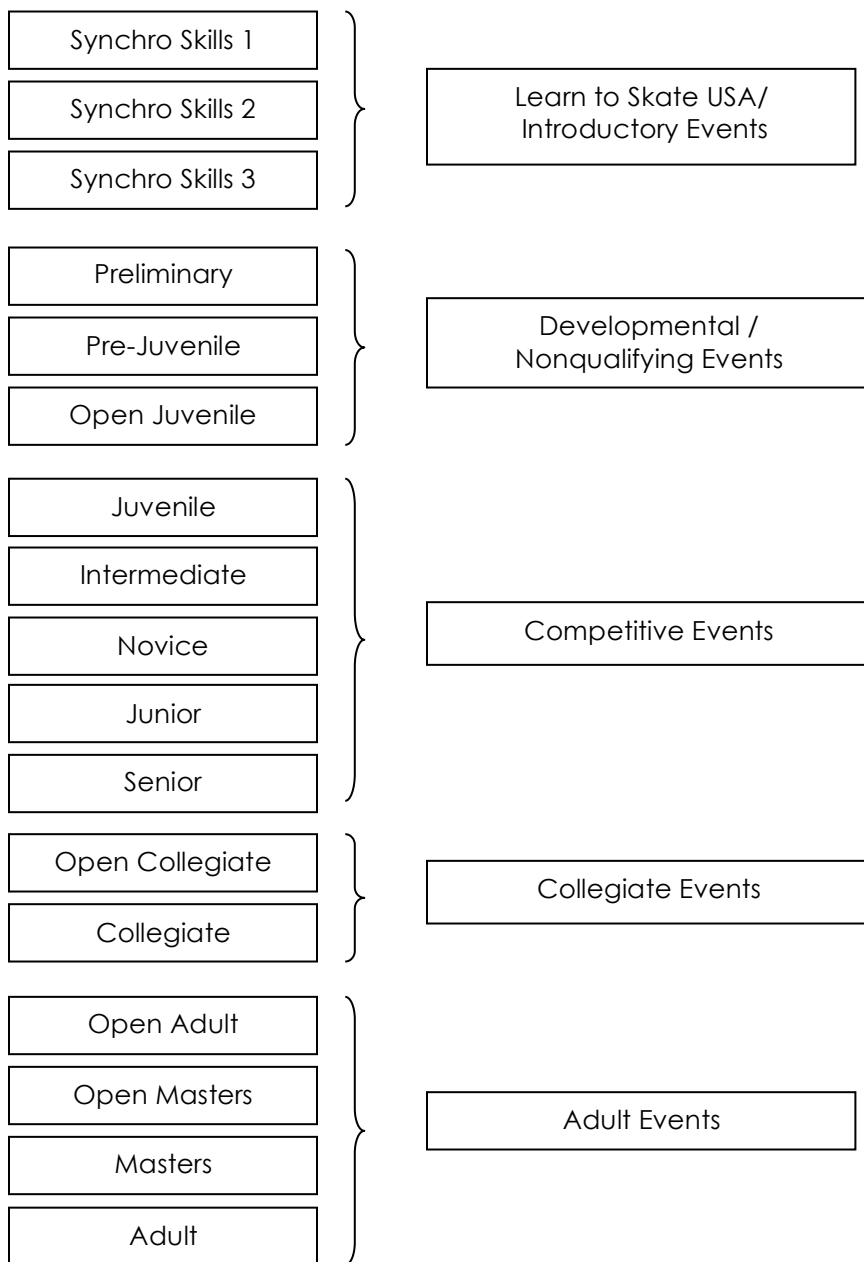
Tentative schedule: Practice ice will start at approximately 8 a.m. The competition will conclude on Sunday in the late afternoon/early evening.

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

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



A. Synchro Skills 1:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

B. Synchro Skills 2:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9-11 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

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



- C. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: 2 – 2 ½ minutes.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- E. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- F. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- G. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- H. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- I. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- J. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- K. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- L. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290

- M. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- N. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- O. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- P. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- Q. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

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

Crossover Rules:

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

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

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