2017 Silicon Valley Open

Hosted by the Peninsula Skating Club



The 2017 Silicon Valley Open will be held at

Sharks Ice at San Jose 1500 South Tenth Street, San Jose, California 95112

August 4-5, 2017

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP FINISHERS IN JUVENILE AND HIGHER EVENTS!!!

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Entry Deadline: July 14, 2017

Featuring World, International and National Officials 2017 National Solo Dance Series

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Silicon Valley Open General Rules

The Peninsula Skating Club is pleased to invite you to compete in this year's Silicon Valley Open Competition. The event is sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating and will be held on August 4-5, at Sharks Ice at San Jose, 1500 South Tenth Street, San Jose, California. 2017 Silicon Valley Open is a Technical, Dance, and Showcase competition. All events will have normal house lighting. Every effort will be made to space out a skater's events so they may participate in multiple events. This competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, including any updates that are 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 who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or individual members in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to Rule 3060 in the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens. In addition, this competition has been granted a special competition sanction and will abide by Rule 3200. All participants are expected to abide by the code of ethics and conduct as described in GR 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the current Rulebook. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Reimbursement for Official's travel expenses will be made in accordance with GR 2.02.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2017 Silicon Valley Open has been selected and approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Program Development Committee as a designated, official 2017 National Solo Dance Series competition.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition eligibility level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

A skater may enter only one event in each discipline, e.g. Short Program, Free Skate, Pairs Free Skate, Couples Pattern Dance, Couples Short Dance, Couples Free Dance. Exceptions: A skater may enter as many Showcase events, Pro-Am Dances and/or Shadow dances for which he or she is eligible. Please refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Handbook for entry rules and restrictions for all Solo Dance events.

Age restrictions/requirements: Please check individual event listings for age restrictions and/or requirements. Age as of the official entry deadline will be used for all age requirements.

Entries

All entries will be online only through EntryEeze. Please visit <u>http://www.peninsulaskatingclub.org</u> and click on the Silicon Valley Open link for online entry information.

For questions regarding registration, please email the Competition Registrar, Beth Bottos. E-mail: <u>registrar@peninsulaskatingclub.org</u>

Entry fees shall be paid through online registration using Visa, MC, or Discover. Peninsula Skating Club will appear as the merchant name for these charges on the credit card statement. Entry fees are as follows:

Events	Applicable Levels	First Event	As Additional Events
First Singles Technical Event (IJS)	Pre-Juvenile through Senior, Adult Gold and Masters	\$105	
Additional Singles Technical (IJS)	Juvenile and Open Juvenile through Senior		\$50
Singles Technical Event (6.0)	Preliminary & lower except Basic Skating	\$90	
Singles Showcase Events	All except Basic Showcase	\$90	\$50
First Pairs Technical Event (IJS)	Juvenile through Senior	\$105* per couple	
Additional Pairs events (IJS)	Intermediate through Senior		\$50* per couple
Pre-Juvenile Pairs & Duets	All duets showcase, Pre-Juv	\$90*	
Showcase (6.0)	pairs	per couple	
First Am-Am Dance Event	All	\$105* per couple	
Additional Am-Am Dance Events	All		\$50* per couple
Pro-Am Dances (Pattern, Short and Free Dances)	All	\$90	\$50
Singles Specialty Events Jumps & Spins	All	\$55 (if only event)	\$40
National Solo Pattern Dance	All	\$110	
National Solo Combined Dance	All	\$135	
National Solo Shadow Dance	All	\$90* per couple	
Adapted Basic Skating		\$25	
Singles Basic Skating and Basic Showcase	All Basic levels	\$55	\$40
Critiques**	IJS levels only	\$25*	
Late Entry Fee	All	\$40	
Late Fee for Critiques	IJS levels only	Additional \$10 per critique*	

*Each partner of a pairs, duets and couple dance event will pay half the listed price.

**Critiques for Dance and Pairs pending availability of Technical Panel.

In the event of a credit card dispute, Peninsula SC reserves the right to charge a fee of \$15.00, in addition to the entry fee, to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in his/her events and is not refundable.

Complete the registration form on EntryEeze making sure that you identify all events in which you will participate. When entering multiple events, the event with the highest per-skater price will be considered to be the first event. Age eligibility will be verified on age restricted events. **ALL skaters must complete the online release of liability form.** In addition, all skaters must include their U.S. Figure Skating member number, home club and have their home club validate their eligibility through EntryEeze.

Entries must be received by Friday, July 14, 2017. Late entry requests may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. In addition to entry fees, a late fee of \$40 will be assessed at checkout.

Complete registration through EntryEeze is required.

Competitors redeeming scholarships need to complete registration through EntryEeze and then contact the registrar <u>prior</u> to payment. Scholarship credits can only be applied by the registrar.

<u>CRITIQUES</u>: Critiques will be available for IJS events only (all Juvenile/Open Juvenile - Senior, Adult Gold and Adult Masters events, and Pre-Juvenile Singles free skate). Skaters will be critiqued by an official on the event's Panel of Officials. Critique sign-ups must be made in advance through EntryEeze. Critique requests made after the entry deadline, if accepted, will be assessed an additional \$10 per critique. The Chief Referee reserves the right to limit the number of critiques based on judge availability. Any critiques cancelled by the chief referee will be refunded. Critique location and times will be posted on the official bulletin board and will generally occur right after the event concludes.

SINGLE ENTRIES: Two entrants are required to hold each event, except Adapted Basic Skating and Solo Dance Series events where only one entrant is allowable. For all other events with only one entry, the event(s) will be cancelled and the entry fee(s) refunded. However, at the discretion of the Chief Referee, events may be combined (e.g., Jr./Sr. Showcase event); or in accordance with 3045, solo entrants in an event may be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition; or if Pre-Juvenile or lower, compete in an equivalent event with skaters of the opposite gender. Skaters who are offered and accept the opportunity to skate an exhibition will be judged and will receive an award. If the skater is offered the option of skating an exhibition or competing in an equivalent event, he/she must respond within 72 hours, via email or phone, to the Chief Referee or Registrar with his/her acceptance. If no communication is received from the skater indicating an entry withdrawal, it will be assumed the skater has accepted the offer to skate and no refund will be provided. Any event with only one competitor due to withdrawal(s) occurring within 48 hours of start of competition will not be cancelled and the remaining competitor will be expected to skate without refund. ALL DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF REFEREE WILL BE FINAL.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will only be refunded if the event is not held or is cancelled and to solo entrants in an event who decline the offer to skate as outlined above. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Exception: If there is a death in the skater's immediate family, a refund will be granted. At the discretion of the LOC, if an entry is withdrawn before the close of entries, the entry fee may be returned. All requests for entry refunds must be received by the Competition Committee no later than 30 days after the 2017 Silicon Valley Open Competition.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Sharks Ice at San Jose, 1500 S. 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 279-6000. Each rink is 200' x 85' with slightly curved ends. There will be no admission charge to spectators of Silicon Valley Open. Outside food is not allowed, but there is a full service restaurant on the second floor in addition to vending machines located in the main lobby.

<u>MUSIC:</u> Entrants must submit one CD (only CD-R's are acceptable) per program, with only one (1) music track per CD. Each CD must be clearly marked with skater's name and event and in a protective sleeve (either paper or soft case). Music not properly marked will not be accepted. Music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be available at rink-side. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Peninsula SC cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **Electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc.) will not be accepted for submitted music.**

For Am-Am Partnered Pattern Dance events, couples may provide their own music for each dance, in accordance with rule 6031-B. Music selection for all other Pattern dance events (excluding Solo Dance Series), will be in accordance with rule 6032.

Solo Dance Series Pattern Dances only: Dance music selection for Solo Pattern Dances will be chosen from the Standardized music of the International Skating Union, per rule 6030 in the most recent U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, and will be provided to the LOC by U.S. Figure Skating for use in the Solo Dance Series competitions.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and Sharks Ice at San Jose accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. All entrants, their parents and guardians and officials agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and its officers, Sharks Ice at San Jose and its staff. 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 the following events:

- Technical singles (SP* & FS) events, Pre-Juvenile Senior, Adult Gold and Masters
- Technical pairs (SP* & FS) events, Juvenile Senior
- All Am-Am Juvenile Novice Pattern Dance and Adult Pre-Gold Gold Pattern Dance events**
- All Couples Short Dance events**
- All Juvenile and higher Couples and Adult Pre-Gold-Gold Couples Free Dance**

*SP if applicable

**Pending availability of required technical panel.

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online in EntryEeze. The deadline to submit the form is August 1, 2017.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Free Skate Events, Beginner Preliminary, Pre-Bronze Silver Adult
- Pre-Juvenile Pairs
- Adapted and Introductory Events (Adapted Basic & Basic Skating 1-5)
- All Specialty Singles Events (Spins, Jumps)
- All Showcase Events
- All Solo Dance Events

-All Pro-Am, Pre-Juvenile and Adult Pre-Bronze through Adult Silver Am-Am Dance Events

<u>REGISTRATION</u>: The Registration desk will be open one hour before the first event on each day of competition. The registration table will be located in the arena lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival. All skaters must check in with the registration desk at least 60 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

PRACTICE ICE: There is no official practice ice for this competition. Please contact Sharks Ice at San Jose for public/freestyle session times at (408) 279-6000.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and will be strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. It is strictly prohibited to film any other skater. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.** **AWARDS:** The judges will award medals for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places for showcase, technical, specialty, and dance events. Pictures will be taken of the top four skaters in each event immediately following each event. In events with multiple rounds, 1st through 4th place medals, will be awarded at the end of the final round.

In the Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Adult Gold and Masters Singles and Pairs Free Skate, and Solo Combined Dance events, <u>when six or more skaters compete</u>, cash and/or scholarships will be awarded. First place will receive \$200, 2nd place will receive \$50 plus a \$100 scholarship, 3rd place will receive a \$100 scholarship, and 4th place will receive a \$50 scholarship. These scholarships may be used for future Peninsula Skating Club competition entry. If any event is split into multiple groups, the overall point totals will be used to determine prize winners. *All unused scholarships will expire August 1, 2018, are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.*

Special Ernie Burden Award

To honor the memory of Ernie Burden, who was a long time skater, judge and member of our club, the Burden family has created an annual award, the Ernie Burden Award. The award will be given to the Novice or Junior Men competitor whose Free Skate program and choreography best fit the music of his program. This award is for the competitor to keep. If there is only one entrant, the trophy will not be awarded.

Special Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy

To honor the memory of Kayla Dopp, an enthusiastic and graceful skater, the Dopp family has created an annual award, the Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy. The award will be given to the Pre-Preliminary Girls' competitor with the best technical performance.

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.

For Learn to Skate USA (Basic Skills) ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating LTS/Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a LTS/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 - <u>no exceptions</u>. 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.

Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation and will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to: <u>http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf</u>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:

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Denise Leto Chief Referee <u>deniseleto@comcast.net</u>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Group Size: Basic Skating events will be divided into groups of no more than four skaters. Depending on the number of entries, the referee may combine females and males.

Skaters entering Beginner – Pre-Juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Juvenile through Senior Short Program and Free Skate are not combined events and may be skated separately. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, Juvenile/Open Juvenile through Senior events having a large number of entries may be divided into groups by random draw.

Skaters of the opposite gender may be combined for Spins, Jumps, Showcase and Adult Free Skate events. When necessary, in singles, girls and boys may compete against each other at the Pre-Juvenile level and lower. All referee decisions are final.

Warm Up: Warm up times will be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of six minutes. Warm up groups may be increased and/or combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Warm-up groups may be adjusted up until the beginning of the event.

Competition Schedule: A tentative schedule of events for the competition will be posted on the EntryEeze website (<u>www.entryeeze.com</u>) approximately one week in advance of the competition. The official schedule and all other official notices will be posted in the warm area adjacent to the lobby in the rink (pending availability) or in the North Rink. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check postings frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. While every attempt will be made to follow the posted schedule, events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the discretion of the referee.

For planning purposes, a provisional schedule would have Short Programs on Friday and Free Skate Programs on Saturday for qualifying levels. For non-qualifying levels, a provisional schedule would have Free Skate Programs on Friday, Showcase Programs and Dance on Saturday.

Trial Judges: Qualified judges who desire the opportunity to trial judge events must seek permission from the appropriate Regional Vice Chair, Judges Committee, prior to **July 15th**. A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for the processing of all trial paperwork, payable to the Trial Judge chair on your arrival. Officials judging at the competition will not be charged the trial judge fee.

Local Hotels:

Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley 1350 North 1st Street San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 453-6200 Hilton San Jose* 300 Almaden Blvd. San Jose, CA 95110 (408) 287-2100 Hampton Inn* 55 Old Tully Road San Jose, CA 95111 (408) 298-7373

*U.S. Figure Skating athletes, professional members, families and fans have the opportunity to save up to 15 percent on their next stay at any of the 10 distinct hotel brands within the Hilton HHonors portfolio when they book through <u>www.HHonors.com/USFigureSkating</u>.

For those traveling by air, U.S. Figure Skating is proud to offer discounted fares to all sanctioned events through a partnership with United Airlines. Visit <u>www.usfigureskating.org/United</u> for more information.

SINGLES EVENTS

The Basic Skating events are prescribed compulsory moves programs skated to music. The 6.0 judging system will be used, with a 0.1 deduction for each incomplete element and 0.2 deduction for each omitted element. Only one mark will be given. Elements may be skated in any order. Skaters will receive a 0.2 deduction for additional higher level elements.

For all other singles free skating events using the 6.0 judging system, two marks will be given and judges will deduct 0.2 from the technical merit mark for each extra or lacking element performed beyond what is allowed under the free skating rules.

Short Program and Free Skating for Juvenile to Senior levels are SEPARATE events. The Required Elements for all Short Programs will be those set for the 2017-18 season.

Event	Description / Elements	Tests / Age Requirements	Duration (Min:Sec)
Adapted Basic Skating		Open to all Special Needs skaters. Skaters need not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating tests. Groups may be divided by age and/or skill level.	1:30 +/- 10 seconds
Basic Skating 1	Elements to be skated: • Marching while moving; • Two foot jump in place	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
6.0 Judging	 Forward swizzles from standstill (3 times) Moving forward swizzles (3 times) Forward two foot glide Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. No additional elements are permitted. 		
Basic Skating 2	Elements to be skated: 1. Snowplow stop – one or two foot 2. Forward swizzles: 5 - 6	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
6.0 Judging	 3. Back Wiggles or Back Swizzles: 5 - 6 4. Dip - Deep knee bend while gliding on 2 feet 5. Forward One Foot Glide - Left & Right 6. Two foot turn from forward to backward from standstill Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Elements from Basic Skating 1 may also be included, but no elements from higher levels permitted. 		
Basic Skating 3	Elements to be skated: 1. Forward Outside Edges - 1-2 each foot 2. Forward Inside Edges - 1-2 each foot	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds
6.0 Judging	 Backward glide on 2 feet Bunny Hop - max 3 Shoot the Duck or Lunge - Right or Left inside 3-Turns - R & L from standstill Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Elements from Basic Skating 1 or 2 may also be included, but no elements from higher levels permitted. 		

<u>Event</u>	Description / Elements	Tests / Age Requirements	Duration (Min:Sec)	
BasicElements to be skated:Skating 41. Forward Crossovers – Clockwise & Counter-clockwise (min 4 each);6.0 Judging2. Forward Inside Mohawk followed by extended backward outside edge; 3. Waltz Jump;4. Two Foot Spin – entry optional; 		Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds	
Basic Skating 5 6.0 Judging	 Elements to be skated: 1. Backward Crossovers – Clockwise & Counterclockwise (min 4 each) 2. Backward outside edges: 1-2 each foot 3. Forward Spiral – either edge or flat 4. One Foot Spin – free leg optional 5. Waltz Jump 6. Half-Flip Elements may be skated in any order. Minimal connecting steps are allowed. Any elements from lower levels may be included. 	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field or Free Skate tests.	1:00 +/- 10 seconds	
Beginner 6.0 Judging	Max 5 jump elements-Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (frontto back or back to front)-Max 2 of any same jump-Max 2 jump sequencesMax. 2 spins:-Upright spins only, no change of foot and noflying entry (min 3 revs)Connecting steps demonstrated throughout	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate test.	1:40 max	
High Beginner 6.0 Judging	Max 5 jump elements -Jumps allowed: Waltz, Salchow, toe loop and all half jumps including half-loop -Max two of any same type jump -Max two jump combinations or sequences Max 2 spins Upright and sit spins allowed, change of foot optional, no flying entry (min 3 revs) Connecting steps demonstrated throughout	Open to skaters who have not passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate test.	1:40 max	
No Test 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4280	No age restrictions. Passed no higher than the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test. No test is required.	1:40 Max	
Pre- Preliminary	Program as per rule 4270.	No test is required. No age restrictions. Passed no higher than the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test. No test is required.	1:40 Max	
6.0 Judging Preliminary 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4260.	Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Pre- Preliminary Free Skate Test, but not the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec	

<u>Event</u>	Description / Elements	Tests / Age Requirements	Duration (Min:Sec) 2:00 +/- 10 sec	
Pre-Juvenile	Program as per rule 4250	Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary Free Skate Test, but not the U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile Free Skate Test.		
Juvenile	Short Program, Rule 4230 except no triple jumps allowedAge 13 and under. Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Program as per rule 4240.Free Skate Program as per rule 4240.Free Skate Test but not the U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test.		2:10 max 2:20 +/- 10 sec	
Open Juvenile	Short Program, Rule 4230 except no triple jumps allowed Free Skate Program as per rule 4240.	Age 14 and older. Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test but not the U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test.	2:10 max 2:20 +/- 10 sec	
Intermediate	Short Program, Rule 4230 Free Skate Program, Rule 4230	Age 17 and under. Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile Free Skate Test but not the U.S. Figure Skating Novice Free Skate Test.	2:10 max 2:40 +/- 10 sec	
Novice	Short Program, Rule 4220 Free Skate Program, Rule 4220	Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skate Test but not the U.S. Figure Skating Junior Free Skate Test.	2:30 max 3:00 ladies +/- 10 sec 3:30 men +/- 10 sec	
Junior	Short Program, Rule 4210 Free Skate Program, Rule 4210	Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Novice Free Skate Test but not the U.S. Figure Skating Senior Free Skate Test.	2:40 +/-10 sec. 3:30 ladies +/- 10 sec. 4:00 men +/- 10 sec.	
Senior	Short Program, Rule 4200 Free Skate Program, Rule 4200	Passed the U.S. Figure Skating Junior Free Skate Test.	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 4:00 ladies +/- 10 sec. 4:30 men +/- 10 sec.	

Young Adult/Adult Singles Events

Age categories: Young Adult events are open to skaters aged 18 to 20 years. Adult and Masters events are open to skaters age 21 and over.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration
			(min: sec)
Pre-Bronze	Test and age requirements in accordance with Rule 4600 No tests are required.	Rule 4600 No Lutz, Axel, or double jumps permitted.	1:40 max.
Bronze	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4590.	Rule 4590 No Axel or double jumps permitted.	1:50 max.
Silver	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4580.	Rule 4580 No double jumps permitted	2:10 max.
Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4570.	Rule 4570 No triple jumps permitted	2:40 max
Masters Intermediate/ Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4540.	Rule 4540	3:10 max.
Masters Junior/Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4510.	Rule 4510	3:40 max

Pairs Events

A pair shall be composed of a woman and a man. Qualifications are for BOTH partners. The Required Elements for all Short Programs will be those set for the 2017-18 season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min: sec)
Pre-Juvenile	Under 14 yrs old.	Rule 5250	2:00 +/- 10 seconds
Pairs (6.0 judging)	Passed the Pre Juvenile Pairs test.		
Juvenile Pairs	Under 16 yrs old.	Rule 5240	2:30 +/- 10 seconds
	Passed the Pre Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the Juvenile Pair test.		
Intermediate	Under 18 yrs old.	Short Program Rule 5230	2:30 max
Pairs	Passed the Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the	Free Skate Program Rule 5230	3.00 +/- 10 seconds
	Intermediate Pair test.		
Novice Pairs	No age restrictions.	Short Program, Rule 5220	2:50 max
	Passed Intermediate Pair test and no higher than	Free Skate Program, Rule 5220	3:30 +/- 10 seconds
	Novice Pair test.		
Junior Pairs	No age restrictions.	Short Program, Rule 5210	2:40+/- 10 seconds
	Passed Novice Pair test and no higher than Junior	Free Skate Program, Rule 5210	4:00 +/- 10 seconds
	Pairs test.		
Senior Pairs	No age restrictions.	Short Program, Rule 5200	2:40+/- 10 seconds
	Passed Junior Pair test.	Free Skate Program, Rule 5200	4:30 +/- 10 seconds

Specialty Events

EVENT: Spins Challenge

General event parameters:

- 1. 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.
- 2. All events are skated on $\frac{1}{2}$ ice.
- 3. Minimum number of revolutions is noted in parentheses. All variations in the prescribed position are allowed.
- 4. Entry level is in accordance with Free Skate event test and age requirements.

Time	Skating rules / standards
1:30	1. Upright one-foot spin (3)
max.	2. Upright two-foot spin (3)
1.20	3. Sit spin (3) 1. Upright one-foot spin (3)
	 Opright one-root spin (3) Upright two-foot spin (3)
max.	3. Sit spin (3)
	1. Upright one-foot spin (3)
1.30	2. Upright two-foot spin (3)
	3. Sit spin (3)
max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3)
1.30	2. Upright two-foot spin (3)
	3. Sit spin (3)
max.	1. Backward upright spin (3)
1.30	2. Combination spin with no change of foot (4)
	3. Sit spin (3)
max.	1. Camel spin (3)
1.30	 Combination spin – camel to sit spin; no change of foot (6)
	3. Forward to backward scratch spin (3 per foot)
max.	1. Sit spin (4)
1.30	 Combination spin – change of foot; optional change of position (4 per foot)
	3. Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)
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1.30	2. Sit spin to backward sit spin (4 per foot)
	3. Combination spin – change of foot & change of position (4 per foot)
max.	1. Choice of camel, sit or layback spin (6)
1.30	 Camel spin to backward camel spin (4 per foot in position)
	3. Combination spin – change of foot & two changes of position (2 per position & 5
max.	per foot)
	1. Flying sit spin or flying reverse sit spin (6)
1:30	2. Ladies – layback spin (6); men – cross-foot spin (6)
max.	3. Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per $\frac{1}{2}$
	position & 5 per foot)
1.20	 Flying spin of choice (6) Solo spin of choice (6) – may not fly
	 Solo spin of choice (0) – may not fry Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per
max.	position & 5 per foot)
	1:30 max. 1:30

EVENT: Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

- 1. Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- 2. Pre-Juvenile and lower will be skated ¹/₂ ice; Juvenile senior will be skated on full ice.
- Jumps with an "*" must be preceded with connecting steps (Intermediate Senior).
 Entry level is in accordance with Free Skate level test and age requirements.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	 Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) ½ flip or ½ Lutz Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	 Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) Single Salchow Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	 Single toe loop Single loop Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Single toe loop Single flip Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Single flip Single Lutz Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre-Juvenile	1:15 max.	 Single Axel Single or double jump Jump combination - single/single (no Axel)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:15 max.	 Single Axel Double Salchow Jump combination - single/single or double/single (no Axel)
Intermediate	1:15 max.	 Single Axel Double loop* Jump combination – double/single (no Axel)
Novice	1:15 max.	 Double loop Double flip* Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Junior	1:15 max.	 Choice of double or triple jump Double or triple flip* Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Senior	1:15 max.	 Choice of double or triple jump Double or triple Lutz* Jump combination – double/double or triple/double (may be double Axel)

Showcase Competition

Singles competitors, Preliminary through Senior, Adult Bronze through Adult Masters, may compete at National Showcase, if they placed first, second, third or fourth (1) in a contested nonqualifying

showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating event held in the United States from the close of entries for National Showcase in the current skating year back to the close of entries for National Showcase in the preceding year; or (2) in the immediately preceding National Showcase. Competitors who entered an event which was subsequently cancelled for lack of other entries may substitute a testimonial letter from the chair or the registrar to get a bye to National Showcase. Lower levels are not eligible to compete in National Showcase. For complete rules see http://www.usfsa.org/Programs.asp?id=84078.

Judging & Marking: Officials will be selected from the current list of U.S. Figure Skating officials.

- 1. Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
- 2. Technical skating skills and difficulty <u>will not be rewarded</u> as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.
- 3. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce the score.
- 4. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.
- 5. Theatrical elements evaluated will include but are not limited to are reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, use of props and scenery, interaction (Duets and Ensembles only). Note: Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged,
- 6. One mark using the 6.0 judging system will be given by each judge for each performance. <u>No technical skating mark will be used.</u>
- 7. Deductions will apply for negligence relating to costumes, props and/or program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.

Deduction	Description	
-0.1	Hair or accessory falls to ice	
-1.0	Prohibited size or type of prop	
-0.1	For each 10 seconds over maximum time	

Note: There is no deduction for skating less than the allowed time.

Costumes:

- 1. Costuming and make-up for Showcase skating programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
- 2. Costumes rules for free skate do not apply for Showcase skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
- 3. Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades.

Scenery/Props:

Scenery and on-ice props are permitted for Showcase Production Ensemble events only. Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height. For all other events, props are permitted, but scenery is not allowed. For safety reasons, the following props are not permitted: mirrors or glass, propulsion devices, trampolines, smoke, fire, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters. Live people props are not permitted. If props are used, the skater/duet will have 1 minute total, without assistance, for set up and removal of props. There will be no countdown of set up time. Anyone not skating is not allowed to step on the

Group Division: Males and females will be combined in all showcase events. Depending on the number of entries, the chief referee may divide groups by age, sex, or draw at his/her discretion.

ice. 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judges' mark for each ten seconds in excess of the time allowed for set up and removal of scenery. Props may be inspected for safety prior to being allowed on the ice. The LOC or Referee may deny the use of any prop.

Dramatic Entertainment: Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.

Light Entertainment: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.

Duets: Theatrical/artistic performance by two skaters. Pair team may be of the same or different gender.

Showcase Events

- Test references below refer to the U. S. Figure Skating tests and dance tests may be solo or partnered standard track (except Adult events may also be adult or masters). Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level or one level higher, but skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: a Junior level skater would not be allowed to skate both Junior and Senior Light Entertainment).
- Skaters must compete no lower than at the highest level for which they qualify.
- For duet events, test qualification of highest test skater applies and both members must meet at least the minimum test pre-requisite for Preliminary Free Skating or Adult Bronze level.
- Showcase event level may be different from the level entered for Free Skate events.

EVENT LEVELS, AGES, TEST REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORMANCE TIMING
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	Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skating or Dance test (solo or partnered standard track)	Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance (solo or partnered) Test	Age/Description	Time
Singles or Duets (Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)	Basic* Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Any U.S. Figure Skating Test, including any Moves in the Field tests	Upright Spins only (no layback) ½ jumps only, but NO half-loop	1:10 max
	Beginner* Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate test	Upright Spins only (no layback) ¹ ⁄2 jumps only, but NO half-loop	1:30 max
	High Beginner* Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate test	Upright & sit spins only, No flying entry Single Salchow, toe loop & all ¹ / ₂ jumps allowed	1:30 max
	No Test* Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate test	No Age Restriction No Axels or multi-revolution jumps are allowed.	1:30 max

	Pre- Preliminary* Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Preliminary Free Skate	No Age Restriction Axels permitted; no double or triple jumps	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	13 and under	2:10 max
Singles or Duets (Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)	Teen	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	14-17	2:10 max
the two skaters)	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 yrs	2:10 max
	Novice	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	No restrictions	2:10 max
	Junior	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance	No restrictions	2:40 max
	Senior	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance		No restrictions	2:40 max
	Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skate, Figure, or Dance Test (solo or partnered, standard, adult, or masters track)	Must not have passed Free Skate, Figure or Dance Test (solo or partnered; standard, adult, or masters track)	Age	Time
	Adult Pre- Bronze* (Note:This level does not qualify for National Showcase)	No U.S. Figure Skating test required	Adult Bronze FS OR any free dance	21 and older No Axels or multi-revolution jumps allowed	1:40 max

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Singles or Duets (Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)	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)	Novice Free Dance Bronze Free Dance	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 Free Skate (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 FD (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

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. Except for Adult events, skaters must compete at the highest level for which they qualify or one level higher per the above chart.

Ice Dance Competition

Dance Categories include Solo Series Pattern Dance, Solo Combined Dance, Solo Shadow Dance, Pro/Am & Am/Am Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance.

2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

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

The solo pattern dance event, solo 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 <u>http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172</u>. 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 through international levels. In accordance with Rule 1060, the second dance listed will be the tie-breaker dance in the event of ordinal ties.

Level	Dances	
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences)	
	Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)	
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance (2 sequences)	
	Cha Cha (3 sequences)	
Bronze	Willow Waltz (3 sequences)	
	Ten Fox (3 sequences)	
Pre-Silver	Foxtrot (4 sequences)	
	European Waltz (2 sequences)	
Silver	American Waltz (2 sequences)	
	Tango (2 sequences)	
Pre-Gold	Paso Doble (3 sequences)	
	Kilian (6 sequences)	
Gold	Quickstep (4 sequences)	
	Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)	
International	Tango Romantica (2 sequences)	
	Yankee Polka (2 sequences)	

Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172

Solo Combined Event: The solo combined dance event is comprised of the following two events (as applicable by level):

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.

<u>Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile:</u> Willow Waltz and Ten Fox <u>Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate:</u> Fourteenstep and European Waltz <u>Pattern Dance Selection for Novice:</u> American Waltz and Rocker Foxtrot **JUNIOR, SENIOR**: One solo short dance

2.) One 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=84172 for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance: The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <u>http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172</u> for the shadow pattern dance rules and events.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Juvenile	Cha Cha (3 sequences)
Intermediate	Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
Novice	Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences)
Junior	Kilian (6 sequences)
Senior	Quickstep (4 sequences)

Pro-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a pro. The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level (Standard, Solo, Adult, Adult Solo, Masters or Masters Solo). Each dance in a level is considered an individual event.

Preliminary: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Bronze dance test. Rhythm Blues (2 sequences) Dutch Waltz (2 sequences)

Pre-Bronze: Skater should not have completed the Bronze dance test. Swing (2 sequences) Cha Cha (2 sequences)

Bronze: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Silver dance test. Hickory Hoedown (2 sequences) Ten Fox (2 sequences)

Pre-Silver: Skater should not have completed the Silver dance test. European Waltz (2 sequences) Foxtrot (3 sequences)

Silver: Skater should not have completed the Pre-Gold dance test. Tango (2 sequences) American Waltz (2 sequences) **Pre-Gold**: Skater should not have completed the Gold dance test. Blues (3 sequences) Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)

Gold: No test restrictions. Westminster Waltz (2 patterns) Quickstep (3 sequences)

International: No test restrictions. Tango Romantica (2 sequences) Cha Cha Congelado (2 sequences)

Am-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of 2 eligible skaters. Number of sequences of each dance will be as specified in rule 6075.

Event	Qualification	Description
Pre-Juvenile	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pattern Dance	with Rule 6250	Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Juvenile Pattern	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Foxtrot (4 sequences)
Dance	with Rule 6240	Cha Cha (3 sequences)
Intermediate	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Tango (2 sequences)
Pattern Dance	with Rule 6230	Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
Novice Pattern	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Argentine Tango (2 sequences)
<u>Dance</u>	with Rule 6220	Quickstep (4 sequences)
Adult	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre- Bronze	6590	Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Pattern Dance	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	
Adult Bronze	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pattern Dance	6580	Hickory Hoedown (3 sequences)
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	
Adult Pre-Silver	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Willow Waltz (3 sequences)
Pattern Dance	6570	Foxtrot (4 sequences)
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	
Adult Silver	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	European Waltz (2 sequences)
Pattern Dance	6560	Tango (2 sequences)
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	
Adult Pre-Gold	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences)
Pattern Dance	6530	Kilian (6 sequences)
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	
Adult Gold	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Paso Doble (3 sequences)
Pattern Dance	6520 Both portroit and the statest 21 states	Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the	
	close of entries.	

Short Dance

For eligible teams (Am/Am) and pro/student teams (Pro-Am). Rhythm and elements, including pattern dance elements are from the current season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration
<u>Junior</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Short Dance in accordance with 6211	2:50 +/-10
Short Dance	with Rule 6210		seconds
Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Short Dance in accordance with 6201	2:50 +/-10
Short Dance	with Rule 6200		seconds

Free Dance

For eligible teams (Am/Am) and pro/student teams (Pro-Am). Guidelines are in the US Figure Skating Rule Book under 6095. Rhythm and elements are from the current season.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration
Pre-Juvenile	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6252	2:00 +/- 10
Free Dance	with Rule 6250		seconds
Juvenile	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6242	2:15 +/- 10
Free Dance	with Rule 6240		seconds
Intermediate	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6232	2:30 +/- 10
Free Dance	with Rule 6230		seconds
Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6222	3:00 +/- 10
Free Dance	with Rule 6220		seconds
Junior	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6212	3:30 +/- 10
Free	with Rule 6210		seconds
<u>Dance</u>			
<u>Senior</u>	Test and Age requirements in accordance	Free Dance in accordance with 6202	4:00 +/- 10
Free Dance	with Rule 6200		seconds
Adult Pre-Gold	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Open Free Dance in accordance with	3:10 max
Free Dance	6530	6532	
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the		
	close of entries.		
Adult Gold	Test requirements in accordance with Rule	Open Free Dance in accordance with	3:10 max
Free Dance	6520	6522	
	Both partners must be at least 21 at the		
	close of entries.		