



2017 Stevie Capece Memorial Open

Saturday September 9,2017

Ice Rink at Coal St.
Wilkes Barre, Pa 18702

Hosted By:

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COMPETE USA COMPETITIONS

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The 2017 **Stevie Capece Memorial Open** will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of Compete USA as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the Learn to Skate USA competition 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.

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

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

ENTRIES: All entries are online via **Entryeze**.

ENTRY FEES:

First Event: \$50.00

Second Event: \$25.00

Each Additional Event: \$20.00

Group Showcase: \$15.00 per Skater

Late Fee: \$20.00

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after August 13, 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. 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 events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by dcfsc@live.com.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Ice Rink at Coal Street 38 Coal St, Wilkes Barre, Pa 18702. The ice measures 200feet 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: Skaters are to supply music CD's { NO CD-RW's}. 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 Diamond City cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for each event.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Diamond City and Ice Rink at Coal St 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: Registration will begin on Saturday September 9, 2017 at 8 am and end after the last event. The registration table will be located in the rink lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: May be available depending upon schedule for \$10.00 for 20 minute intervals. No refunds for practice ice.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Professional Photographers and Video will be available for purchase during the competition.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each event.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

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 ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing a Learn to Skate USA Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Learn to Skate USA instructor.

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 proper registration 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

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SECTION 2: Events Offered

Basic Programs with Music

Element Program Events for Snowplow thru Basic 6 and Pre-Freeskate - Freeskate 1-6

Pre-Freeskate – Freeskate 1- 6 Programs with Music

Introductory Levels thru Preliminary Freeskate Programs with Music

Beginner thru Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Program

Interpretive All Levels

Showcase

Spin Event

Duets

Mini Productions



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EVENT: Basic Elements Event: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

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

- 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



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EVENT: Basic Program Event: 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



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

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 (Right and Left) • 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



Compete USA Competitions

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 (Right and Left) • 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



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EVENT: Introductory Levels Compulsory Event

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



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EVENT: Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Max. 2 spins: <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 Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max. 5 jump elements: <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. 	Max. 2 spins: <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 Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests



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EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters:

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

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



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EVENT: WELL BALANCED PROGRAM FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.

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



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EVENT: Test Track Free Skate

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
- The following deductions will be taken:
 - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
 - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 max.	Maximum of 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences • Maximum 2 of any same type jump 	Maximum of 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry (Minimum 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 1:40 max..	Maximum of 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels) • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences • Maximum 2 of any same type jump 	Maximum of 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Minimum 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.



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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	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.
Duet	3 jump maximum.		Time: 1:30
Mini Production	3 jump maximum	Theatrical performances by 3 to 7 skaters	Time: 2:00 Max
Production	3 jump maximum	Theatrical performances by 8 to 30 skaters. Theater on Ice teams are eligible to compete in this event.	Time: 2:30 Max



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EVENT: INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM:

Competition Format

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels:

Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately.

Judging Rules:

Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression.

Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration:

Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 : 1:00 Max

Pre-Free Skate - No Test : 1:00 Max

Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary : 1:15 Max

Coaching: There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents, or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.



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EVENT: Spins Challenge

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

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