



ESSEX SYNCHRO CLASSIC

A circular logo with a black outer ring, a red inner ring, and a yellow center. Inside the yellow center is a stylized "S" with a figure skater silhouette integrated into it.

ESSEX SKATING CLUB

OF NEW JERSEY

**Essex Synchro Skating Classic
Essex Skating Club of New Jersey
November 11 & 12, 2017**

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



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The Essex Synchro Skating Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating 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. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of 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 Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-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. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

ENTRIES:

All entries will be submitted via EntryEeze, Entry deadline is September 15, 2017. Entry fees will be Synchro Skills 1-3 events should be run in accordance to the 2017-18 Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to "skate-up" one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

The entry fee is \$240 per event plus \$30 per skater, including alternates. The entry fee for Basic Skills levels is \$60 per team plus \$10 per skater. Combined fee for Junior and Senior teams entering both the short and long program is \$320 per team plus \$27 per skater

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after October 1, 2017 unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a enter \$50 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at The Richard J Codey Arena at South Mountain, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 (973) 731-3828 <https://www.essexcountyparks.org/south-mountain/codey-arena>. The rink is a 200' X 85' ice surface. Please check on the Essex Skating Club website for additional information regarding the availability of off-ice practice space. We will inform all interested teams of the location and cost for available indoor practice facilities.

MUSIC: For the Essex Synchro Classic, **online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music.** After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "Competition" tab and then selecting "My Music." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate! **All music must be uploaded by** (deadline date, 11:59PM ET). **Please confirm the exact date on EntryEeze.**

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

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

Backup Music at Event (CDs)

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

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker (e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, (Club – Optional but requested), Event, Event Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Acme FSC, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10 or Synchro Team, Widget FSC, Preliminary, Free Skate, 1:59)
- Each CD may have only ONE (1) music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two (2) separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one (1) track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs. **PLEASE, no CD-RWs!!**

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

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

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, The Essex Skating Club of New Jersey, Inc., the Richard J Codey Arena at South Mountain and the Essex County Department of Parks and Recreation accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

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

- Snowplow Sam Synchro
- 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 begin on Saturday, November 11, 2017 and on Sunday, November 12, 2017 one hour prior to the start of the first event and will remain open through the end of the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the Richard J Codey Arena at South Mountain at the entrance to Rink 1. 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: Admission for spectators is \$5 for adults and children 10 and above, There will be no charge for children under 10 years old.

A note for LOC's: U.S. Figure Skating recommends that each team receives two chaperone credentials. This is in addition to the coaches (see below for information regarding coaches).

PRACTICE ICE: The Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain will be the facility that practice ice will be held at and the size of the ice surface.

- Practice ice will be available on Friday night, November 10 and Saturday morning November 11. Times and schedules will be published at the close of entries.

- Practice ice sessions will be 15 minutes each
- How it will be sold on a first come-first served basis
- Team managers and coaches will be notified by email regarding their assigned practice ice time slots. If a specific time is requested, please notify the LOC when making your initial ice time request
- Cost will be \$100 per session
- All practice ice time will be paid via Entryeze.
- Please check on the Essex Skating Club of NJ website for location and price of off-ice practice facilities. (essexskatingclub.org)

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Video and still photographers will be on site and all programs will be available for purchase

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all skaters on teams placing 1st through 4th.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the entrance to Rink 1 at the Arena. 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
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and instructor certification 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 coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Requirements%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 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 EssexSynchroClassic17@gmail.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair: Michele Blatt essexsynchroclassic17@gmail.com

Chief Referee: Laura Days lekdays@gmail.com

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

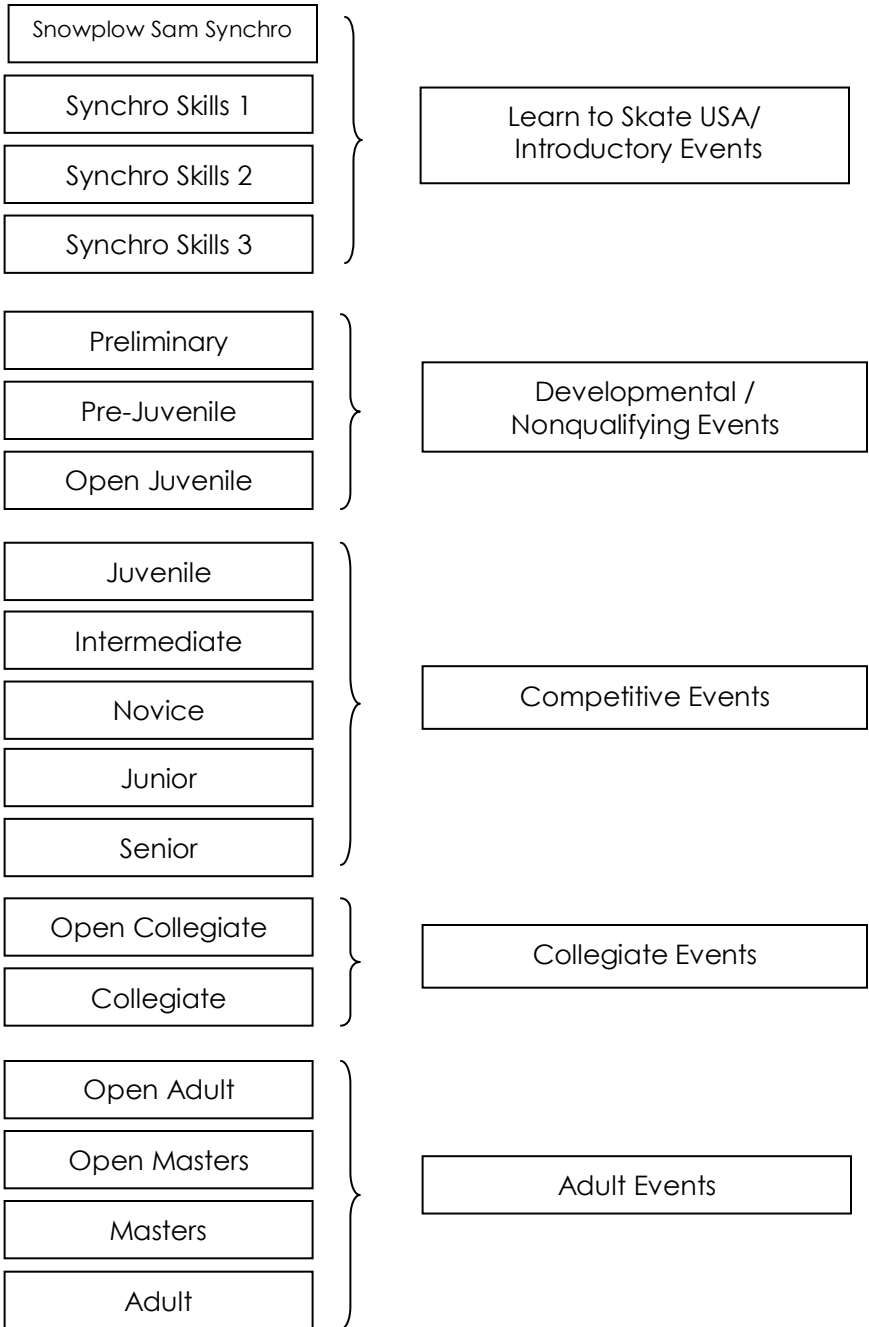
- All hotel reservations are to be made through the Zenith Group
- The arena is approximately 16 miles from Newark Liberty International Airport
- Ground transportation information can be requested by email at essexsynchroclassic17@gmail.com

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>

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



- A. Snowplow Sam Synchro** A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. 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: maximum 2 minutes, 40 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. 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
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. 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-intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220

- K. 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 novice 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
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior 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
- M. 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
- N. 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
- O. 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
- P. 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
- Q. 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
- R. 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.

	Snowplow Sam Synchro 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
Snowplow Sam Synchro, 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	