



COLONIAL OPEN

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NASHOBA VALLEY OLYMPIA, BOXBOROUGH, MA

USFS SANCTION #24789

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COMP.ENTRYEEZE.COM/HOME.ASPX?CID=176

WWW.SKATECOLONIAL.ORG/COMPETITIONS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The ISU Judging System will be used for the following events:

Free Skate (Singles & Pairs, Well-Balanced)	Short Program (Singles & Pairs)
<u>Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile</u> Juvenile Intermediate Novice Junior Senior <u>Adult Silver and Above</u>	Intermediate Novice Junior Senior

The 2017-2018 Well Balanced Program requirements will be used for the event. Unless otherwise noted on the competition website, all other events will use the most current program requirements as of the entry deadline, April 1, 2017.

Per rule 1235(C), for detailed information on IJS for Pre-Juvenile, Adult Silver, please review USFS Technical Notification#151, <http://www.usfsa.org/content/TN%20151%20Revision%20of%20TN%2096.pdf>

Participants in all events listed above will be required to complete Planned Program Content Forms on the EntryEeze Website. Unless noted otherwise, all other events will use 6.0 Judging System

Critiques:

Offered for all Short Program (Initial Rounds only) using the ISU Judging System and Juvenile Free Skate (Initial Rounds Only)

Final Rounds:

Held for IJS Juvenile through Senior FS and Intermediate through Senior IJS Short Programs as determined by the Referee.

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received via EntryEeze by Saturday April 1, 2017, 11:59PM



Alert

Date: October 27, 2016

Updated: January 9, 2017

Re: Intermediate Short Program, Well-Balanced Free Skate and Free Skate Test

As of February 1, 2017, the following changes become effective for the Intermediate Short Program, Well-Balanced Free Skate and Free Skate Test:

1. For both the Intermediate Short Program and the Intermediate Free Skate, the step sequence requirement will be changed from a choreographic step sequence to a leveled step sequence, with a maximum of Level 2. The only features that will be evaluated for a level are:
 - a. Feature #1, minimum variety (five difficult turns and steps) or simple variety (seven difficult turns and steps), and
 - b. Feature #2, rotations in either direction (left and right) with full body rotation covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction.
2. For the Intermediate Short Program an additional 10 seconds will be added to accommodate the required leveled step sequence. The maximum time allowed for the Intermediate Short Program will be 2:10.
3. For the Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate, an additional 10 seconds will be added to accommodate the required leveled step sequence. The program length for the Intermediate Free Skate will be 2:40 +/- 10 seconds.
4. For the Intermediate Free Skate Test, an additional 10 seconds will be added to match the new program length for the Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate. The program length for the Intermediate Free Skate Test will be 2:40 +/- 10 seconds.

To view the full program requirements for the Intermediate Short Program and Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate, please visit

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84109>.



**2017 Colonial Open Competition
May 18 – 21, 2017, at Nashoba Valley Olympia, Boxborough, MA
The Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc.**

The Colonial Open Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website. The 2017-2018 USFS and Program Requirements, posted on the USFS website as of April 1, 2017, will be utilized at the competition.

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/TEST LEVEL:

Participants may enter as many events as they choose and for which the skater is qualified

Test level: Competition 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.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering Juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries (**Saturday April 1, 2017**). Skaters entering Open Juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries. The Referee may reassign participants in any event.

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

ENTRIES: All competition participant registrations must be submitted via the EntryEeeze website <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=176>. No other registration methods are allowed.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be received through EntryEeze by Saturday April 1, 2017

ENTRY FEES: A summary of entry fees for the competition are listed in the following table:

ISU Judging System (IJS)	First Event	Second Event	Third Event
Short Program, Free Skate, Adult Events	\$125	\$75	\$50
6.0 Judging System			
Free Skate, Competitive Test Track, Showcase	\$80	\$50	\$40

PAYMENT: Payment will be coordinated through EntryEeze. Acceptable payments forms are listed on the EntryEeze website at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=176> and to ensure participation, all payments must be received prior to competition start date.

The Colonial Open will not accept cash, checks, money orders or similar cash-like payment forms. For all registrations and practice ice purchase through EntryEeze, credit card transaction charges include 2.9% of the final registration amount plus \$0.30 cents. A per skater registration fee of \$1.85 per skater (except for practice ice) will be assessed.

COMPETITION REFUND POLICY: Fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless the competition is cancelled by the organizers. Per USFS rule 3047, once entries are closed, entry fees are only refundable if the entire competition is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Payments returned for insufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$50 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 on the EntryEeze website at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=176>.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Nashoba Valley Olympia, 34 Massachusetts Avenue, Boxborough, Massachusetts. The Nashoba Valley Olympia facility has handicap access ramps at the main entrance and also inside Olympia III. The snack bar will be open throughout the competition. The competition will utilize the following ice surfaces:

Olympia I, ice surface is 186' x 87'
Olympia II, ice surface is 183' x 84'
Olympia III, ice surface is 184' x 82' with round corners

Admission to view the competition will be provided free of charge.

MUSIC: The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of arrival. **CDs are the only acceptable forms of media.** Cassettes, phones, thumb-drives, or Mp3 players will not be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length. Each CD must have only ONE (1) track on it. In the case of short and long programs, two (2) separate disks must be used. Any disc with more than one (1) track will NOT be accepted. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.**

A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Colonial Open cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc., Nashoba Valley Olympia and Olympus Realty Trust, Inc., 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.

By participating at the Colonial Open Competition, you agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc., Nashoba Valley Olympia, Inc., and Olympus Realty Trust, and all of their directors, officers, agents, insurers, attorneys and employees, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages or injury, whatsoever, of any kind or nature, that may sustain as a result of your (or your child's) participation.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

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

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, juvenile – senior*
- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, Adult Silver and Above*
- *Short program events, intermediate – senior*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form by the Entry deadline on EntryEeze located at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=176>.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-preliminary - preliminary*
- *Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test)*
- *All Test Track events*
- *Showcase events*

CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION: Registration will begin no later than 30 minutes before the first event of the day and will run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in Olympia I. Please provide music at check-in promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Competition schedules and practice ice will be posted on the EntryEeze site following the entry deadline. No confirmations will be mailed. Limited practice ice will be available during the competition. All practice ice purchases will be final and non-refundable in accordance with the competition refund policy. Participants will not be allowed to switch practice ice sessions or hold sessions for others.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: To ensure safety of participants, flash Photography and Recording from personal media devices, use of tripods by spectators, occupying electrical outlets for unauthorized purposes is prohibited. A professional videographer and photographer will be available during the event.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers and will be presented off ice at scheduled intervals throughout the competition.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. Official competition notices will be published in the following areas: www.skatecolonial.org or <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=176>. In addition, participants, coaches or

entrants may receive e-mail communications from the competition committee.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive **1 Hour** prior to the scheduled time of their event.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

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

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

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

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

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

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

CONTACT INFO:

Club Manager: Kelly Flaherty, Kelly@colonialfsc.com

Event Chair: Julie Graham, colonial@colonialfsc.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Official hotel accommodations:

Provided by Avanti Travel
(800) 560-9946

www.avantitravelgroup.com/events/ColonialOpen.html

Airport information:

Boston Logan International Airport – Airport Code: BOS
50 minutes to Nashoba Valley Olympia, Boxborough, MA

Manchester Regional Airport (NH) – Airport Code: MHT
50 minutes to Nashoba Valley Olympia, Boxborough, MA

Providence TF Green (RI) – Airport Code: PVD
90 minutes to Nashoba Valley Olympia, Boxborough, MA

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non Qualifying Competition



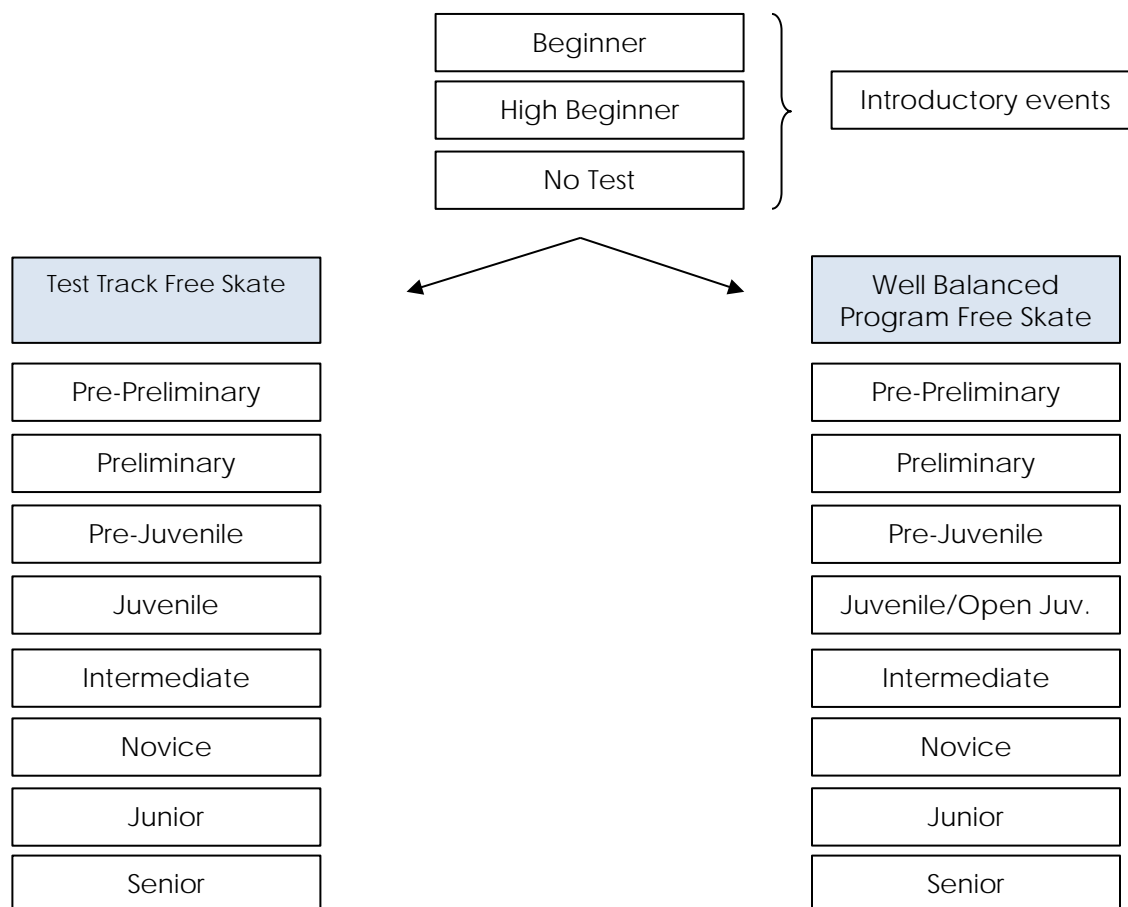
Airport Transportation Options:

Taxis and Rental Cars are available at Boston Logan Airport.

SECTION 2: Events Offered

SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

Illustration of Singles Free Skating Events:



A. Introductory free skate events

2017-2018 Season Program Requirements will be used (as posted on the USFS Website by the entry deadline)

B. Test Track free skate events

Pre-Pre Test: Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test (Program Time: 1:30 +/-10)TR 32.01

Preliminary Test: 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. (Program Time: 1:30 +/-10)TR 32.02

Pre-Juvenile Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test (Program Time: 2:00 +/-10)TR 32-03

Juvenile Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test (Program Time: 2:15 +/-10)TR 32-04

Intermediate Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test (Program Time: 2:40 +/-10)TR 32.05)

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non Qualifying Competition



Novice Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test (Program Time: Ladies 3:00 +/- 10 Men 3:30+/-10) TR 32.06

Junior Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test (Program Time: Ladies 3:30 +/-10Men 4:00 +/-10) TR 32.07

Senior Test: Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test (Program Time: Ladies 4:00 +/-10Men 4:30 +/-10) TR 32.08

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same non qualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. 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.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. 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.

The following Program requirements will be used. Test Track Event Requirements:

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <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. · Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Two spins of a different nature, one position only. 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 pre-preliminary free skate test
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). · Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 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

Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> · Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). · Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> · One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions) · One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly.	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test
Juvenile 2:15 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> · Any single jumps, including Axel, are permitted. · Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> · One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 4 revolutions). · One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions. (Min. 4 revolutions per foot) · Only solo spin may fly	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test

Intermediate 2:40 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</i> · Any single jumps. · Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. · Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> · One must be a flying spin (min 5 revolutions), · One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum 4 revolutions per foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test
Novice Ladies: 3:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</i> · Any single jumps. · Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. · Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump	<i>Maximum of 3 spins, of a different nature:</i> · One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 5 revs per foot) · The other spins are the option of the skater (min 6 revolutions per foot) · All spins may fly	One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface (see rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test

<p>Junior Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Any single jumps. · Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip · Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) · One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) · One combination spin consisting of all three basic positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5) revolutions per foot) 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface (See rule 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test</p>
<p>Senior Ladies: 4:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Any single jumps. · Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. · Triple jumps are not permitted · Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences · Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) · One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) · One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot) 	<p><i>Men:</i> Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. (See rule 4105 for remarks) <i>Ladies:</i> One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks.)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test</p>

C. Well Balanced Program free skate, see USFS for requirements:

2017-2018 Season Program Requirements will be used (as posted on the USFS Website by the entry deadline)

*** (Skaters may only enter one Free Skating event) ***

Starting Feb.1,2017 Intermediate Well Balanced Free Skate will be 2:40 +/- 10 seconds. See rulebook for Step Sequence rules.

SINGLES SHORT PROGRAM

2017-2018 Season Program Requirements will be used (as posted on the USFS Website by the entry deadline) The short program events listed below will be skated. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc. (Skaters may only enter one Short Program event.)

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

**Beginning Feb.1,2017 Intermediate Short Program will be Max 2:10
See Rulebook for Step Sequence Rules.**

ADULT SKATING EVENTS

The following Adult Skating Free Skate Events will be offered:

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non Qualifying Competition



Adult Silver,
Adult Gold,
Championship Adult Gold,
Championship Masters.

2016-2017 Season Program Requirements will be used (as posted on the USFS Website by the entry deadline) Adult Program timing and requirements can be obtained from USFS Website.

SHOWCASE

According to the new USFS Guidelines
Events will follow the National Showcase Guidelines listed on the USFS Website.
Medalists from these events will qualify for the corresponding events at the National Showcase Competition

Showcase is a form of skating in which the skater will be judged on overall performance. Eligibility rules of the corresponding Free skating Level apply to all Showcase events. Competitors will be judged in the following categories with no order of preference:

1. Technical Merit
2. Costume – its suitability to the music
3. Music Interpretation
4. Choreography – suitability of the program sequence and elements to the music
5. Audience Appeal – overall composition, appearance and style

Light and Dramatic Entertainment:

Preliminary/Pre Juv: 1:40 max
Juvenile-Novice: 2:10 max
Junior/Senior: 2:40 max
Teen/Young adult: 2:10 max
Adult: 1:40 max

Interpretive/Improvisation:

Pre Juv and below: 1:00 max Juvenile-Novice: 1:30 max
Junior/Senior: 1:30 max
Teen/ Young adult: 1:30 max
Adult: 1:30 max