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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

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**17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Desert Ice Open  
Competition**

**November 17 - 19, 2017**

*Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating Association  
National Showcase 2018 Qualifying Competition*

*Hosted by the Skating Club of Nevada  
LAS VEGAS ICE CENTER*

*9295 West Flamingo Road*

*Las Vegas, NV 89147*

**Entries due October 27, 2017**





## GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

The Skating Club of Nevada is pleased to announce the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Ice Competition** to be held on **November 17-19, 2017**. We hope you will be joining us for some great skating by spending a few days in the desert. The **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Ice 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 Chief Referee is Carla Golubski.**

### Eligibility:

Desert Ice is open to all skaters who are current eligible members of U.S. Figure Skating. **Test and age cutoff date is October 27, 2017.** Skaters may compete at the highest Free Skate test passed level OR one level higher. Skaters may not compete in more than one level in the same event.

### Application Deadline:

Entries must be completed online via Entryeze website no later than **11:59 pm, October 27, 2017.** Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and are subject to a \$30 late fee (per event). Requesting late entries is available using the online registration site. You must be 18 years of age or older and the holder of a valid credit card in order to register. Parents and Legal Guardians may register their children for events. To register, visit <http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=390>

### Event Fees:

Event	Fee
<b>IJS</b> Intermediate – Senior (includes Free Skate and Short Program)	<b>\$120</b>
<b>IJS</b> Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Adult Silver, Adult Gold, Adult Intermediate/Novice, and Adult Masters Junior/Senior (Free Skate)	<b>\$90</b>
<b>6.0 Events</b> Pre-Preliminary and below, Adult Pre- Bronze, and Adult Bronze (Free Skate)	<b>\$85</b>
Showcase Event Dramatic (singles)	<b>\$75</b>
Showcase Event Light Entertainment (singles)	<b>\$75</b>
Showcase Duet Dramatic (per skater)	<b>\$60</b>
Showcase Duet Light Entertainment (per skater)	<b>\$60</b>
Footwork	<b>\$45</b>
Interpretive	<b>\$45</b>
Compulsory Moves	<b>\$40</b>
Jumps Event	<b>\$40</b>
Spins Event	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Pairs</b>	
Pairs Fee Skate	<b>\$100/team</b>
Pairs Short Program	<b>\$100/team</b>





## **Add/Change Event:**

Registered events can be changed and new events can be added without any charge before 11:59 pm, Friday, October 27, 2017. Any event change after October 27th will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee with a \$30 change fee per event. Contact the Desert Ice Competition registrar to request a change/add event.

## **Refunds**

Refunds will only be issued if the competition is not held per US Skating Rule #3048. The credit card processing fees are non-refundable. If there are not enough entries to hold an event and time allows, a critique will be offered to the skater in Free Skate events in lieu of a refund.

## **Grouping of Events:**

Two entries in any event constitute a competition. Short Program and Free Skate are offered as separate events. Events with more than 24 competitors for Juvenile through Senior and 15 competitors for Pre-Juvenile and below may be divided into groups at the discretion of the Chief Referee. In the event of multiple groups, there will be no final round. Groups will be divided by age at Pre-Juvenile and below levels. If there are insufficient entries in Showcase and Interpretive events, levels may be combined. If there are not enough entries to hold an event, boys and girls may compete against each other in Showcase, Interpretive, Compulsory Moves, Footwork, Jump, and Spin events.

## **Judging System:**

The International Judging System (**IJS**) will be used for Preliminary through Senior Free Skate, Adult Silver through Adult Masters Free Skate, and Intermediate through Senior Short Program. All other events will be judged using the **6.0** system. **The Skating Club of Nevada reserves the right to change the events from IJS to 6.0 if there are unforeseen matters that arise.**

## **Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS)**

All skaters who are competing in the IJS events must complete the U.S. Figure Skating online PPCS registration through [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) by November 6, 2017.

## **Protocols**

Each skater in **IJS** events will receive one copy of protocol for free. There will be a small charge for additional copies.

## **Practice Ice**

No official practice ice is included in the entry fee. Practice ice will be sold through the Las Vegas Ice Center and will be made available during the week of November 6. Times and instructions will be posted at that time.

## **Registration**

A registration desk will be located in the rink and will be open each day of the competition beginning one hour prior to the first event through the end of the last event. All competitors must register upon arrival. You must arrive at least one hour prior to your event to check in. The competition schedule will be posted at the registration desk and on the official competitor's bulletin board. There is no admission charge for spectators.

## **Music**

CD-R's are the only media form that will be accepted. CDs must have only one (1) piece of music per CD. CDs must be CLEARLY marked with competitor's name, event and music length. Due to compatibility problems as well as unreliability, CD-RW media will NOT be accepted. 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 Skating Club of Nevada cannot be responsible for CD's left at the end of the competition.

## **Liability**

U.S. Figure Skating, the Skating Club of Nevada, and the Las Vegas Ice Center 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.





## Ice Surfaces

The competition will be held at Las Vegas Ice Center. The facility features one full size regulation ice surface (North Rink) measuring 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners and a second surface (South Rink) measuring 85' x 193' with slightly rounded corners. All Showcase Events will be held on the North Rink (please see Diagram on Page 16).

## Directions

From I-215 and Flamingo: Head East on Flamingo Rd for ¼ mile. Make a right, turning south, into the Las Vegas Ice Center. Parking is free.

## Awards

Medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> place through 4<sup>th</sup> place in all events.

## Video Taping/Photography

Professional videotaping will be available. You are welcome to tape **your own skater or child ONLY**. For contractual and possible legal reasons, taping other competitors is strictly prohibited. All videotaping and photography is restricted to hand held battery operated equipment, without monopod or tripod. Flash photography is strictly prohibited at all times during the competition.

## Vendors

A number of vendors have been invited to participate. We encourage everyone to visit all the booths and find something of interest. Please check our website for information.

## 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.
- B. Completed Background check ('green light' status).
- C. CER (B) completed for the 2017-18 Competition Season
- D. Proof of Liability insurance

The Skating Club of Nevada 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 compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

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

## Website

The Desert Ice Competition page: [www.skatingclubofnevada.com](http://www.skatingclubofnevada.com). On the home page you will find a link to the Entryeze competition webpage. The tentative schedule of events and group listings shall be posted approximately two weeks before start of the competition. The schedule is subject to change.

## Contact Information

### SCON Competition Chair

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## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **John Keating Trophy**

All skaters who compete in the Free Skate or Showcase event in the Pre-Preliminary level and below, including first time competitors are eligible for this award. The trophy will be presented to the most outstanding performance and/or program by a single skater. In memory of John, the trophy is for an eye-catching skater with an original and wonderful performance. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

### **Cal Ashton Artistic Trophy**

All skaters who compete in a Showcase event from Preliminary through Senior levels are eligible. This trophy will be presented for the most artistic (dramatic or light) showcase program. This trophy is donated in memory of Cal Ashton in honor of the sport of Figure Skating. Cal truly enjoyed the artistic side of skating; she could see the true personality of the skater's spirit shining through! The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

### **Surya Bonaly Performance Trophy**

All skaters who compete in a Free Skate or Showcase event from Pre-Preliminary through Senior levels are eligible. This trophy will be presented for the most assertive (intensely skated) program. Surya, known for her incredibly strong work ethic and intense dedication to the sport of figure skating, wishes to acknowledge the athlete who takes command of the ice utilizing the entire ice and program filled with strong, intense skating. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

### **Skating Club of Nevada Vivian Howland Blade Award**

Competitors eligible for this award will be skaters from Preliminary through Senior levels Free Skate. This trophy will be given to the skater with the best overall "Presentation & Performance" in a Freestyle event. Placements will not be taken into account in the judging for this award. The Skating Club of Nevada donates this trophy and only home club members are eligible. The recipient must be a member of the Skating Club of Nevada for a minimum of two years in good standing and must skate regularly at the Skating Club of Nevada's home rink. Voting will be based on the majority vote of (1) The Event Head Referee; (2) the Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Nevada – which shall have one vote, and (3) the Event Public Address announcer. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.





## EVENTS

### Introductory Levels Free Skate Events

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.

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

Minimum number of spin revolutions is 3. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Requirements	Time
“Tumbleweeds”	Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test <b>Required elements</b> (May be repeated 2 times max in any order): <i>Bunny Hop, Two Foot Upright Spin, Forward Spiral, Lunge</i> Skaters <u>may</u> use connecting moves: Crossovers, 3 turns, stroking.	1:10 Maximum
<b>USFS Beginner level</b> “Roadrunners”	Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test <b>Jumps</b> (max 5) limited to: Half rotation jumps only (no Half Loop) <i>-Max. 2 Jump sequences. Max. 2 of any same type jump.</i> <b>Spins</b> (max. 2): upright only, no change of foot, no flying entry	1:40 Maximum
<b>USFS High Beginner level</b> “Valley of Fire”	Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test <b>Jumps</b> (max. 5) limited to: Half rotation jumps (incl. Half Loop) AND Single jumps: Salchow and Toe loop. <i>-Max. 2 Jump sequences. Max. 2 of any same type jump</i> <b>Spins</b> (max. 2) upright only, change of foot optional, no flying entry	1:40 Maximum
“Red Rock”	Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test <b>Jumps</b> (max. 5) limited to: Half rotation jumps (incl. Half Loop) AND Single jumps: Salchow, Toe loop, Loop, and Flip. <i>-Max. 2 Jump sequences. Max. 2 of any same type jump</i> <b>Spins</b> (max. 2) of different nature. No flying entry	1:40 Maximum

- 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
- Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination



## Well Balanced Free Skate Events

All Free Skating events will be skated on the full ice of the arena in accordance with the current Rulebook, all errata and clarifications published on the U.S. Figure Skating web site prior to the start of the competition, and all requirements passed at the 2017 Governing Council as given in the 2017 Governing Council Report of Action.

<http://www.usfsa.org/content/2017-18%20Singles%20FS%20Chart.pdf>

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 compete at the highest level they have passed, or skaters may "skate up" to **one** level higher.

Level	Requirements	Time
<b>No Test</b>	Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4280.	1:40 Maximum
<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>	Passed no higher than Pre-preliminary free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4270.	1:40 Maximum
<b>Preliminary</b>	Passed no higher than Preliminary free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4260.	1:30 +/- 10 sec
<b>Pre-Juvenile</b>	Passed no higher than Pre-juvenile free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4250.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
<b>Juvenile</b>	Passed no higher than Juvenile free skate test. Under age 13 as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4240.	2:20 +/- 10 sec
<b>Open Juvenile</b>	Passed no higher than Juvenile free skate test. Skaters 13 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4240.	2:20 +/- 10 sec
<b>Intermediate</b>	Passed no higher than Intermediate free skate test. Skaters 17 years of age or younger as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4230.	2:40 +/- 10 sec
<b>Novice</b>	Passed no higher than Novice free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4220.	3:00 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 3:30 +/- 10 sec (Men)
<b>Junior</b>	Passed no higher than Junior free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4210.	3:30 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 4:00 +/- 10 sec (Men)
<b>Senior</b>	Passed Senior free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 4200.	4:00 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 4:30 +/- 10 sec (Men)



## Singles Short Program

Short program requirements are for the 2017-2018 season. These requirements are available online at: <http://www.usfsa.org/content/2017-18%20Singles%20SP%20Chart.pdf>

Level	Requirements	Time
<b>Intermediate</b>	Requirements per Rule 4230	2:10 Maximum
<b>Novice</b>	Requirements per Rule 4220	2:30 Maximum
<b>Junior</b>	Requirements per Rule 4210	2:40 +/- 10 sec
<b>Senior</b>	Requirements per Rule 4200	2:40 +/- 10 sec

## Adult Levels Free Skate

Adult Singles Free skating requirements are for the 2017-2018 Season. These requirements are available online at: <http://www.usfsa.org/content/2017-18%20Adult%20Singles%20WBP%20Chart.pdf>

Level	Requirements	Time
<b>Adult Pre-Bronze</b>	Passed Adult Pre-bronze and no higher than Pre-preliminary free skate. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4600	1:40 Maximum
<b>Adult Bronze</b>	Passed Adult Bronze test and no higher than Preliminary free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4590.	1:50 Maximum
<b>Adult Silver</b>	Passed Adult Silver and no higher than Pre-juvenile free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4580	2:10 Maximum
<b>Adult Gold</b>	Passed Adult Gold and no higher than Juvenile Free Skate Test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4570	2:40 Maximum
<b>Adult Masters Intermediate-Novice (combined)</b>	Passed Intermediate free skate and no higher than Novice free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4540	3:10 Maximum
<b>Adult Masters Junior-Senior (combined)</b>	Passed Novice free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 4510	3:40 Maximum







## Interpretive

Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply.

In the interpretive events the competitors will skate to music chosen by the Organizing Committee. Prior to each event the music for that event will be played for the competitors twice off-ice. During the on ice warm-up period, the music will be played two additional times. Following each warm-up group, the skaters will wait in an isolated room where they cannot hear the music until it is their turn to skate.

No props or costume changes are allowed.

All age requirements are accordance with the current Rulebook and as of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Level	Time	Event	Time
<b>Tumbleweeds through Pre-Juvenile</b>	1:00 approx.	<b>Adult Pre-Bronze and Bronze</b>	1:00 approx.
<b>Juvenile/ Open Juvenile, Intermediate, and Novice</b>	1:30 approx.	<b>Adult Gold, Adult Master Intermediate, Adult Master Novice</b>	1:30 approx.
<b>Junior and Senior</b>	1:30 approx.	<b>Adult Master Junior and Senior</b>	1:30 approx.

## Compulsory Moves

Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply. All events are skated without music.

**The elements may be skated in any order. Each element may be attempted only once.**

**Skaters may not add additional elements, and connecting moves are to be kept to a minimum.** There is no penalty for shorter durations.

Level	Required Elements	Time	Ice Surface
<b>Tumbleweeds</b>	1. Lunge 2. T-Stop either foot 3. Bunny Hop 4. Two-foot upright spin, min. 3 revolutions	1:00 Max	Full
<b>Roadrunners</b>	1. Forward Straight line Spiral on either foot 2. Waltz Jump 3. Half Lutz 4. One foot upright spin ,min. 3 revolutions (free leg position is optional)	1:00 Max	Full
<b>Valley of Fire</b>	1. Forward Spiral on an edge (either foot) 2. Salchow Jump 3. Toe Loop Jump 4. Forward Scratch Spin	1:00 Max	Full
<b>Red Rock</b>	1. Backward Spiral on an edge (either foot) 2. Loop Jump 3. Flip Jump 4. Sit spin	1:00 Max	Full
<b>No Test</b>	1. Backward Spiral on an edge (either foot) 2. 2 single jump combination (no Axels allowed) 3. Lutz Jump 4. Camel Spin	1:00 Max	Full



## Jumps Only Event (Full Ice)

Jump events will be skated on Full Ice and will be skated without music. Jumps will be performed in the order listed in this announcement. **Skaters may not add additional elements, and connecting moves are to be kept to a minimum** There will be one 5-minute warm-up period for all jumps for each group. Two marks will be given (6.0 system). The first mark for technical merit will break any tie. **Each skater may attempt each jump only once.** In judging the jump events, the judges will apply equal value to each jump. Short Program deductions (6.0 system) will be applied to errors and omissions in executing the jumps.

### Marking of the Jump Events

**In marking the Jump events the judges will consider the following in the first mark:**

- Difficulty of the jump combinations and sequences
- Speed of takeoff / Correct takeoff and landing edges
- Height in the air
- Sureness of landings

**The following will be considered in the second mark:**

- Takeoff and landing positions
- Creativity of entry steps and arm positions in the air
- Creativity of jump sequences
- Overall carriage and style

Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply unless otherwise noted. Levels will not be combined.

Level	Required Elements	Time	Surface
Pre-Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lutz</li><li>• Flip + Loop jump combination</li></ul>	1:00 Max	Full Ice
Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Axel</li><li>• Axel + Loop jump combination</li></ul>	1:00 Max	Full Ice
Pre-Juvenile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Salchow</li><li>• Combination of any double jumps with a Toe Loop</li></ul>	1:00 Max	Full Ice
Juvenile/Open Juvenile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Axel</li><li>• Double Loop</li><li>• Any 3 jump combo (Double jumps permitted)</li></ul>	1:10 Max	Full Ice
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Axel</li><li>• Double Flip</li><li>• Any 3 jump combo (At least one jump must be a double)</li></ul>	1:10 Max	Full Ice



## Spins Only Event

Spin events will be skated on Half Ice and will be skated without music. Spins will be performed in the order listed in this announcement. **Skaters may not add additional elements, and connecting moves are to be kept to a minimum** There will be one 5 minute warm-up period for all spins for each group. Two marks will be given (6.0 system). The first mark for technical merit will break any tie.

When counting spin positions in the spin events the following conventions will apply: change of position refers to a change of the basic spin position - upright, sit, or camel; variations within a basic spin position without leaving the basic spin position are not counted as a change of position and are permitted; changing position and then returning to a previous position is counted as two changes of position (e.g., sit to camel to sit has two changes of position). The upright position at the end is not treated as a change of position in a spin in one position as long as the skater does not try any difficult variations of the upright.

The Biellmann position will be counted as an upright position.

Spins may be attempted only **once**, and in the event of a fall the skater may not push into the spin a second time. Spins may be preceded and followed only by crossovers and/or stroking. The judges shall take a 0.2 deduction for each additional extraneous movement, pose or gesture that precedes or follows a spin (6.0 system).

**In judging the spin events the judges will apply equal value to each spin. Short Program deductions (6.0 system) will be applied to errors and omissions in executing the spins.**

### Marking of the Spin Events

In marking the Spin events the judges will consider the following in each mark:

#### First Mark:

- Speed of rotation
- Centering of spins
- Number of rotations
- Height of jump and air position in flying spins
- Difficulty and accuracy of positions

#### Second Mark

- Variety of positions
- Creativity of positions
- Carriage and style

Extraneous movements entering and exiting the spins will not be judged. In assessing the difficulty of positions, the difficulty standards from the new judging system will be used. The Biellmann position will be considered an upright position. A change of direction spin is only permitted when a change of foot is permitted. Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply unless otherwise noted. Levels will not be combined.

Level	Required Elements	Time	Surface
<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camel (at least 3 revs)</li> <li>• Sit spin (at least 3 revs)</li> </ul>	1:00 Max	Half Ice
<b>Preliminary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward Scratch to Back Scratch spin (at least 4 revs on each foot)</li> <li>• Camel / Sit combo spin (at least 3 revs in each position)</li> </ul>	1:00 Max	Half Ice
<b>Pre-Juvenile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flying Camel or Flying Sit spin (5 revs)</li> <li>• Spin combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot)</li> </ul>	1:00 Max	Half Ice
<b>Juvenile/ Open Juvenile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spin Combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and <u>no change</u> of foot (4 revs each position)</li> <li>• Flying Camel or Flying Sit spin (5 revs)</li> <li>• Spin with 1 position and <u>no change</u> of foot (no flying entry, min. 5 revs)</li> </ul>	1:10 Max	Half Ice
<b>Intermediate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spin combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot)</li> <li>• Spin with 1 position and no change of foot – may commence with a fly (5 revs in position)</li> <li>• Layback or sideways leaning spin (Ladies) or Camel or Sit Spin (Men) (6 revs – no change of foot, no flying entry)</li> </ul>	1:10 Max	Half Ice



## Footwork Program

For this event, eligibilities in Free Skate events apply. Skaters perform footwork sequences of their own design using various turns and connecting steps to music of their choice. Vocals may be used. The 1 minute program may contain ½ rotation jumps only and spins less than three revolutions.

Skaters will be judged on correctness of turns & edges as well as flow, variety of moves, and choreography.

Level	Test requirements	Time	Surface
<b>Valley of Fire and Red Rock</b>	Same as Free Skate Levels	1:10 Max	Full Ice
<b>No Test, Pre-Preliminary, and Preliminary</b>	Same as Free skate Levels	1:10 Max	Full Ice

## Pairs

Pair teams shall be comprised of a lady and a man. For the Novice Pair event through the Senior Pair events there will be a Short Program and a Free Skating Program. The Pair Skating events will be conducted in accordance with the current Rulebook, all errata and clarifications published on the U.S. Figure Skating web site prior to the start of the competition, and all requirements passed at the 2016 Governing Council as given in the 2016 Governing Council Report of Action. Free Skate and Short Program are separate events. In events with Short Programs, skaters shall skate the Short Program requirements for the 2017/18 season (requirements can be found online at [www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org)).

All Free Skating Programs must conform to the well balanced program requirements for the 2017/18 season.

All age requirements for all events shall be as stated in the current Rulebook, all errata and clarifications published on the U.S. Figure Skating web site prior to the start of the competition, and all requirements passed at the 2017 Governing Council as given in the 2017 Governing Council Report of Action.

Level	Requirements	Time
<b>Pre-Juvenile</b>	Both partners must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Pair test. Please see Rule 5250.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
<b>Juvenile</b>	Both partners must have passed the Juvenile Pair test. Please see Rule 5240.	2:30 +/- 10 sec
<b>Intermediate</b>	Both partners must have passed the Intermediate Pair test. Please see Rule 5230.	3:00 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:30 Max Short Program
<b>Novice</b>	Both partners must have passed the Novice Pair test. Please see Rule 5220.	3:30 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:50 Max Short Program
<b>Junior</b>	Both partners must have passed the Junior Pair Test. Please see Rule 5210.	4:00 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:40 +/- 10 sec Short Program
<b>Senior</b>	Both partners must have passed the Senior Pairs test. Please see Rule 5200.	4:30 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:40 +/- 10 sec Short Program





## Showcase Dramatic and Showcase Light (Single and Duets)

***Dramatic Entertainment:*** Showcase program utilizing intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

***Light Entertainment:*** Showcase program expressing a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

**Both Showcase Dramatic and Showcase Light will be competed under the identical lighting to that of the National Showcase. Two or more spotlights will be used with lights dimmed (page 16).** Skaters will warm up for a minimum of three minutes backstage (behind the curtain). Events are offered for each division. Skaters may enter either or both within their test level. Skaters who enter more than one showcase event must perform different programs in each showcase event they enter with different music, costumes and choreography for each routine. There will be no countdown of timing announced for Single skaters or Duets. If a competitor has any doubt concerning the safety of his/her performance, the Chief Referee should be consulted.

### **JUDGING AND MARKING:**

1. Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
2. 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.
3. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's marks.
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 reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, age appropriateness to skater, use of props and scenery, interaction (duets only). Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged.
6. The 6.0 judging system will be used. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.
7. Deductions will apply for negligence relating to: costumes, props, program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.

**MUSIC:** Any type of music may be used: vocal, instrumental, etc.

### **COSTUMES:**

1. Costuming and make-up for showcase/theatrical/interpretive 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/theatrical/interpretive skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
3. No bobby-pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken.
4. Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades.

### **PROPS:**

1. Props and scenery must be placed and removed: Unaided, by the Singles and Duets competitors within **one minute total on and off**.
2. General:
  - The inclusion of scenery and/or props is not mandatory.
  - All scenery will be portable and not require any mechanical means for transportation (i.e. forklift, etc.). Its movement will be the responsibility of the skater or duet.



3. A mandatory deduction of 1.0 may be applied by each judge as instructed by the referee for the following violations:
  - Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height.
  - For insurance reasons no propulsion devices will be permitted. This includes items such as cannons and trampolines. Apparatuses such as these, which could be used to assist skaters with jumping into the air are NOT permitted.
  - The use of smoke, fire, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may alter/harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted.
  - No projectiles
  - All props must be under the control of the skater; for example, remotely controlled images or objects.
  - No mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice.
  - People may not be used as props.

**SPECIFICS:**

1. There is no minimum time requirement for any event program.
2. Events will not be segregated by gender.
3. There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.
4. There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of maximum prop placement and/or prop break down time.
5. Timing starts with the first purposeful motion of the body and ends when motion stops.
6. Spotlights and curtains are not required for showcase events at nonqualifying competitions.

All age requirements are in accordance with the current Rulebook and as of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**The determination of level will be based upon test requirements at the entry deadline.**

**Skaters may compete at their test level or one level higher.**

\*\*\*Please note: **For ALL Duets, the Duet must compete according to the age and level of the highest test level of the two skaters. In order to qualify and compete at National Showcase, both skaters must have completed test minimum pre-requisites.**

**Non-Qualifying Showcase Competition Guidelines:**

*NOTE: Tumbleweeds through Pre-Preliminary Levels and Adult Pre-Bronze do NOT Qualify for National Showcase.*

Event (Singles and Duets)	Test requirements	Age	Time
Tumbleweeds	Not passed any Free Skating or Dance test	No age restriction	1:10 max
Roadrunners, Valley of Fire, Red Rock, and No Test	Not passed any Free Skating or Dance test	No age restriction	1:40 max
Pre-Preliminary	Not passed Preliminary Free Skate Test	No Age Restriction	1:40 Max
Adult Pre-Bronze	Not passed Preliminary or Bronze Free Skate Test	21 and Older	1:40 max





## Qualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines

**NOTE: Singles competitors in the following levels may qualify for National Showcase by placing first, second, third, or fourth in their event.**

Event (Singles and Duets)	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	Time
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
Teen	Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate or Intermediate Free Dance	14-17	2:10 max
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	2:10 max
Novice	Novice Free Skate or Novice Free Dance	Junior Free Skate or Junior Free Dance	No age restriction	2:10 max
Junior	Junior Free Skate or Junior Free Dance	Senior Free Skate or Senior Free Dance		2:40 max
Senior	Senior Free Skate or Complete Gold Dance			2:40 max
Event	Must meet requirements for	Must not have passed	Age	Time
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-Juv. Free Skate, Adult Silver Free Dance, Intern. Free Dance, Prelim. Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200) or 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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-Juv. Free Skate, Adult Silver Free Dance, Intern. Free Dance, Prelim. Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200) or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Adult Gold Free Skate, Juvenile Free Skate (on/after 10/1/94), Adult Gold Free Dance, Novice Free Dance, Bronze Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) or 4 <sup>th</sup> Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Gold	Adult Gold Free Skate, Juvenile Free Skate, Adult Gold Free Dance, Novice Free Dance or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Intern. Free Skate (on/after 10/1/94), Junior Free Dance, Silver Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) or 5 <sup>th</sup> Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
Masters	Intern. Free Skate, Adult Gold Free Dance, Junior Free Dance, Silver Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) or 8 <sup>th</sup> Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79)		21 and older	1:40 max



## Showcase Arena Information

ALL Showcase and Duet Showcase events will be competed under the similar lighting to that of the National Showcase Championships.

Two or more spotlights will be used with arena lights dimmed.

Performance (competition) surface is 175' x 85' (approx). The warm-up/performance surfaces will be laid out according to the below diagram (not to scale).

