

**2017 MIDWESTERN ADULT SECTIONAL
FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
QUALIFYING ANNOUNCEMENT**



Cincinnati, Ohio

**Goggin Ice Arena
Miami University
601 S. Oak Street
Oxford, OH 45056**

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2017 Adult Qualifying Competition Season

TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL

The 2017 U.S. Figure Skating adult qualifying competition season consists of four events, including three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) and the 2017 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. All four events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the 2016-2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website and this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions to the international judging system (IJS) made by the ISU.

Adult sectional championships and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships events are open only to current members of U.S. Figure Skating who meet the eligibility requirements in U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2210, all age and test requirements pertaining to the event they are entering, and the citizen and residency requirements as stated in Rule 2240.

Non-U.S. citizens who have already received a letter of permission from the Chair of the Competitions Committee and were accepted to compete in the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying system are eligible to register. All other non-U.S. citizens seeking eligibility must meet the requirements set forth in Rule 2240 and rule 2212.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must:

- Be declared by a skater at the time of the registration process with U.S. Figure Skating (Dec. 15, 2016 - Feb. 1, 2017)
- Be listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A-compliant for championship events and CER B for all nonqualifying events 2016-2017
- Successfully complete a background check
- Provide proof of Liability Insurance
- Be a current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Be a current member in good standing with the PSA (championship events only)

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>

Each local organizing committee (LOC) will be provided with 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 both U.S. Figure Skating and the PSA, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A compliance in CER, 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.**

For the 2017 competition season, the three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) will be held at the following locations:

2017 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships

March 10-12, 2017
North Jersey Figure Skating Club
Wayne, New Jersey

2017 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships

March 17-19, 2017
Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati
Oxford, Ohio

2017 Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships

March 10-12, 2017
Los Angeles Figure Skating Club
Burbank, California

The 2017 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships will be organized for all qualifiers:

2017 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships

April 18-22, 2017
Triangle Figure Skating Club
Wake Forest, North Carolina

EVENTS

ADULT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The adult sectional championships consist of the following qualifying championship events: championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs and championship adult dance.

All other events offered at the adult sectional championships are considered nonqualifying. Any additional events not listed in Rule 2055.A may be offered at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. Competitors will register directly with the Local Organizing Committee for these nonqualifying events. Please refer to the nonqualifying announcement for the events being offered and instructions on how to register.

U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships shall consist of the following events (See Rule 2055):

- A. Events which require qualification from sectionals:** Championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs and championship adult dance.
- B. Events which do not require qualification from sectionals ('NONQUALIFYING'):** Masters junior-senior free skate, masters intermediate-novice free skate, adult gold free skate, adult silver free skate, adult bronze free skate, masters pairs, centennial pairs, adult gold pairs, adult

silver pairs, adult bronze pairs, masters open dance, adult gold dance, adult pre-gold dance, adult silver dance, adult pre-silver dance, adult bronze dance, adult pre-bronze dance, adult centennial dance, masters dramatic entertainment, masters light entertainment, adult gold dramatic entertainment, adult gold light entertainment, adult silver dramatic entertainment, adult silver light entertainment, adult bronze dramatic entertainment, adult bronze light entertainment, adult gold solo dance, adult pre-gold solo dance, adult silver solo dance, adult pre-silver solo dance and adult bronze solo dance.

Skaters may enter a maximum of four events, including championship events. If qualifying for championship events puts a skater over the four-event limit, the skater may choose to withdraw from the event of his/her choice without financial penalty.

A full description of all events and requirements can be found at:

Singles, Pairs, Dance: <http://www.usfsa.org/story?id=84112>

Dramatic and Light Entertainment:

<http://www.usfsa.org/content/16-17%20Showcase%20Guidelines.pdf>

For a complete list of the 2016-2017 pattern dance selections, please refer to rule 6081 or:

<http://usfigureskating.org/content/2016-17%20ID%20PD%20Chart%2005-16-16.pdf>

For skater's choice dance timing and the number of sequences to be skated in pattern dance events, please refer to the following charts:

[2016-2017 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#)

[2016-2017 Skater's Choice Adult Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#)

RECENT CHANGES TO EVENTS (please refer to the 2016-2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook; this is not an all-inclusive list of changes):

Adult partnered dance events (pre-bronze through silver and centennial): Per rules 6550 – 6601 these events will consist of two dances for the initial round and, beginning this season, only one dance for the final round. Test qualifications for these events have also changed.

Adult and masters free skate events, including championship events (bronze through masters junior-senior): Per rules 4510 – 4590, a jump combination or sequence is no longer required.

Adult solo dance events (pre-silver through gold): See rules 6620-6650 for modifications to the test qualifications for these events.

Dramatic and light entertainment events: Free dance tests (solo, partnered, standard, adult or masters) now qualify adult athletes to compete in dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events. <http://www.usfsa.org/content/16-17%20Showcase%20Guidelines.pdf>

NOTE - As of May 1, 2017, pattern dance tests will no longer qualify adult athletes to compete in dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events. Athletes currently competing based on pattern dance tests will need to pass a qualifying free dance test (solo, partnered, standard, adult or masters) or free skate test to compete in adult dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events after April 30, 2017.

Adult Special Achievement Awards: U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards are pins given to adult athletes in IJS-judged qualifying events to encourage and reward high-quality elements, performances and skating. Pins are awarded in championship singles events at the adult sectional championships and championship pairs and dance

events at the U.S. Adult Championships. Details are available here – [Adult Special Achievement Awards](#).

Skate Forever Young Awards: U.S. Adult Championships Skate Forever Young Awards are medal-like awards given to all competitors who are 71 and older for their participation at the U.S. Adult Championships. Three levels of awards are available, based solely on age as of the close of entries (Feb. 1, 2017):

- 71 years to 75 years of age Bronze Skate Forever Young Award
- 76 years to 80 years of age Silver Skate Forever Young Award
- 81 years and older Gold Skate Forever Young Award

Yvonne M. Dowlen Trophy: The Yvonne M. Dowlen Trophy will be awarded annually to the oldest registered competitor who competes in an event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. A competitor is permitted to receive this award once every three years. If a competitor has won in the previous two years, then the next-oldest eligible competitor will be that year's recipient.

REMINDERS OF PAST CHANGES

Championship Adult Silver Free Skate: Per rule 2055, championship adult silver free skate has been added to the qualifying events at the adult sectional championships.

Club Award: Per TMR 6.01, there will be club awards for the U.S. Adult Championships. The point-scoring process will be consistent with the Intercollegiate Team Competition, as delineated in the Intercollegiate Handbook. Championship and final round events will both receive additional points in the same manner as the championship intercollegiate events. Two club awards will be given: A Large Club (175+ home club members registered with U.S. Figure Skating as of the prior season's published Membership Report) Team Award, and a Small Club (<175 members) Team Award.

REGISTRATION (OPENS Dec. 15, 2016)

A. METHOD

Online electronic registration (Required)

Online registration via www.usfsaonline.org is the ONLY method available for entry into the qualifying (championship) events at the 2017 adult sectional championships and **all** events at the 2017 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

To enter into the 2017 adult qualifying competition season, proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to www.usfsaonline.org.
- Input your username and password.
 - Your username is your U.S. Figure Skating membership number.
 - If you do not already have a password, go to www.usfsaonline.org first and follow the online instructions.

Registration for all nonqualifying events at the adult sectional championships will be completed directly through the Local Organizing Committee. A separate announcement specifically for the nonqualifying event will be posted by the local organizing committee. Refer to the local information for instructions on how to register for the nonqualifying events.

If you experience difficulty with online registration for qualifying events, please call the U.S. Figure

Skating main number at 719.635.5200, or e-mail U.S. Figure Skating member services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

B. DEADLINES

The entry deadline for the 2017 adult sectional championships is **11:59 p.m., Feb. 1, 2017**.

The entry deadline for the 2017 U.S. Adult Championships is **11:59 p.m., Feb. 1, 2017**.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Age requirements for the U.S. Adult Championships and adult sectional championships must be met by **Feb. 1, 2017**.

Test requirements must also be met by **Feb. 1, 2017**. Provisional entries based on passing a test after the closing date of entries will not be accepted. Please refer to U.S. Figure Skating Rules 2421, 2422 and 2423 for further testing information and guidelines. Skaters may NOT test the next higher level after the close of entries.

C. ELIGIBILITY

This event is open for participation to all eligible competitors who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating per rule 2212. For **championship** events at the U.S. Adult Championships and adult sectional championships, non-U.S. citizens must meet the requirements of rule 2243. "Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete" and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Chair of the Competitions Committee no later than Jan. 1, 2017. Forms are available on www.usfsaonline.org within step one of registration. Those entering nonqualifying events at adult sectionals and the U.S. Adult Championships are not subject to Rule 2241, but fall under rule 2212, which states that they must be legal residents of the U.S. and meet all other test, age and membership qualifications. Non-U.S. citizens entering nonqualifying events need only fill in the appropriate boxes on the nonqualifying entry form.

Skaters may not enter an adult level at a qualifying competition (adult sectionals/U.S. Adult Championships) and a standard level at a qualifying competition (regionals/sectionals/U.S. Championships) in the same kind of event, in the same competition season and vice versa. For example, a skater may not enter novice men free skate on the standard track and masters free skate on the adult track in the same season, but may enter novice men free skate on the standard track and masters pairs on the adult track.

Age and [test qualifications](#) as of entry deadline date will determine event eligibility and classification for all. Tests passed after close of entries and prior to the event will disqualify skaters if test exceeds maximum requirement for the event entered in this competition.

Skaters may compete in as many disciplines as qualified by test level but may compete in only one event per discipline (maximum total of four events). As an exception, a competitor who qualifies to enter a championship event through their adult sectional championships may also enter a nonqualifying event in the same discipline so long as they do not exceed the four event limit.

D. AGE CATEGORIES

Per rule 2552, there shall be age categories for all singles free skate, dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (does not include pair/partnered or solo dance events). For the 2016-2017 competitive season, the age categories at the U.S. Adult Championships are as follows:

Class I:	21 years through 35 years
Class II:	36 years through 45 years
Class III:	46 years through 55 years
Class IV:	56 years through 65 years
Class V:	66 years and over

All age classes will be combined in championship events at the adult sectional championships.

At the chief referee's discretion, age class events with fewer than six entries may be combined, after consultation with the national vice chair for adult competitions and the chair of the competitions committee.

Events with two skaters MAY be combined with the closest appropriate group and/or level if a skater withdraws from the event during the conduct of the competition. This ensures that the remaining skater has an event in which to compete.

Proof of age is required for all events. Acceptable forms of documentation include birth certificate, passport or similar proof. The LOC reserves the right to require additional information.

E. BYES

No medical byes will be considered. There will be no byes to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

F. FOUR OR FEWER

When there are four or fewer competitors in an adult sectional qualifying event (championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, championship adult dance), competitors may progress directly to the U.S. Adult Championships (if indicated at time of registration, see below). If there is only one competitor or team in an event, that person/team moves directly to the U.S. Adult Championships. See rule 2544. If, at the close of entries, there are four or fewer competitors registered for a qualifying event at an adult sectional championship, additional competitors from the same qualifying event in other sections shall be permitted to enter the U.S. Adult Championships to bring the number of competitors up to a maximum of 12 (or more if ties make it necessary). See rule 2544.

Competitors must state during the online registration process whether they will skate in their event at adult sectionals if there are four or fewer within their section or 12 or fewer in all sections combined. **The statement is binding.**

G. ENTRY FEES

All competitors entering the 2017 adult qualifying competition season must submit payment of the appropriate entry fee (amounts listed below) to U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors are required to pay both the entry fee into the qualifying competition season (for each event entered) and the administrative fee. All fees are nonrefundable.

2017 Adult Qualifying Competition Season Entry Fees

Entry Fee	Level/Discipline
\$175	Championship Events at Adult Sectional Championships
\$160	First Single Event at U.S. Adult Championships
\$160	First Dance Event per team (\$80 per individual) at U.S. Adult Championships
\$160	First Pairs Event per team (\$80 per individual) at U.S. Adult Championships
\$145	Each subsequent singles event at U.S. Adult Championships
\$10	Competition Administrative fee (All transactions subject to administrative fee)

U.S. Adult Championships Entry Fees

Those competitors advancing in the championship events from the three sectional championships will not have to submit an additional entry fee to compete in the same event at the 2017 U.S. Adult Championships. However, the championship events are not considered the "first singles event." Therefore, those wishing to enter another event must pay the "first singles event" fee. For example, if you want to enter adult gold free skate and masters dramatic at the U.S. Adult Championships, you would pay \$160 for the first singles event and \$145 for the subsequent singles event – a total of \$315, including the \$10 administrative fee. If you enter a nonqualifying couples dance event and wish to also enter a solo dance event, you would also pay \$315 (\$160 for the first dance event, \$145 for the subsequent singles event plus the \$10 administrative fee). Additional pair/dance events would be an additional \$145 for each event; subsequent singles events would be \$145 per event.

Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. There are no refunds for medical withdrawals. The chief referee reserves the right to combine, divide or cancel an event when necessary.

Your registration is not valid until all appropriate entry and administrative fees have been paid and all required forms have been completed online to U.S. Figure Skating. Please note, if payment has not successfully settled (NSF) by Feb. 10, 2017, the skater will be withdrawn from the 2017 Adult Qualifying Season.

H. PAYMENT

Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment. Once entries have closed, there are no refunds or entry fees. Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final. A competitor may not re-enter even if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline of Feb. 1, 2017.

*If you need to withdraw, you must send an email to Brett Mueller at bmueller@usfigureskating.org, with your name, U.S. Figure Skating membership number, event(s) in which you are entered and the competition from which you wish to withdraw.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

A. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

For the 2017 season, the international judging system (IJS) will be used for all championship singles events at adult sectionals except for championship adult silver free skate.

Championship adult dance and championship masters pairs events at adult sectionals will be judged with the 6.0 judging system.

At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, IJS will be used for the following events: all championship events (except championship adult silver), adult gold free skate, all masters-level free skate, masters pairs, adult gold pairs, and pre-gold partnered dance and higher. Light entertainment and dramatic entertainment events will be judged as specified in the nonqualifying competition showcase guidelines, posted on <http://www.usfsa.org/content/16-17%20Showcase%20Guidelines.pdf>. All other nonqualifying events and championship adult silver will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

B. AGE AND TEST QUALIFICATIONS

All age and test requirements can be found in the 2016-2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook available online at: http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2016-17_Rulebook_06-30-16.pdf. Adult singles test requirements can also be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website in the [Adult Singles Free Skating Event Eligibility Chart](#).

C. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84112>. As referenced earlier in this announcement, U.S. Figure Skating will incorporate all changes made by the ISU in regards to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this website for continuous updates.

D. COMPETITION PROFILE (“Skating Program”)

All competitors entering the 2017 adult sectional championships and U.S. Adult Championships are required to complete an online skating program which includes the following:

- Upload of each piece of competition music
- Music copyright information for all music
- Planned Program Content detailing the elements in the program (**IJS ONLY**)

Detailed information regarding submission can be found on the competition websites and member's only. For a video tutorial of this new feature, please click [here](#).

Please note that you do not have to complete this at time of entry although it is strongly encouraged. An athlete may update their skating program details at any time by logging into “Members Only” at www.usfsaonline.org. Athletes will not be allowed to make any edits to their skating program one week prior to the start of your competition as this time is used for event organizers to download your information and prepare for the event. If you need to make any adjustments within one week of the event, you will be required to do that onsite

Finally, you will not be allowed to receive your credential at registration until U.S. Figure Skating and the local organizing committee has received your skating program information.

****PAIRS AND DANCE TEAMS:** The team member who registers the team for the competition season will be the only individual able to submit and associate the team's skating program for the 2017 qualifying season.

MUSIC UPLOAD/SUBMISSION

For all qualifying competitions during the 2017 season, online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per File: One (1) – Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. free skate, free dance, pattern dance, etc.) per file is allowed.

File Format: mp3 – The uploaded file 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.

E. OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD

The official bulletin board will contain any announcements or changes, and it is the responsibility of the competitors to check it often for official notices. Please refer to the local portion of the announcement for further information regarding the bulletin board.

F. SCHEDULE

A tentative schedule for the U.S. Adult Championships will be posted on the event website as soon as possible, estimated to be late February 2017. This schedule will not include event times, only the days on which each event will be held. A schedule will not be finalized until after the completion of the three adult sectional championships in early March 2017. The tentative schedule is a preliminary schedule; therefore, skaters should NOT rely upon this schedule in making travel arrangements.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. QUALIFIERS

All competitors advancing to the 2017 U.S. Adult Championships will receive an email from U.S. Figure Skating within 48 hours of the conclusion of the sectional championships outlining the terms of advancement.

For every competitor, all information required to be sent to the 2017 U.S. Adult Championships local organizing committee (photos, practice ice requests, etc.) must be postmarked/ submitted no later than the **Tuesday (3/14/2017) following your sectional championship.** Any information postmarked after the Tuesday following your sectional championship will be accepted ONLY at the discretion of the local organizing committee.

B. ALTERNATES

Skaters placing in fifth and sixth place are not required to provide any information to U.S. Figure Skating or the local organizing committee. All competitors are required to download the event announcement from the competition website at the following link:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=89802&menu=adultskating> as they may be selected to compete up to 24 hours before their event. Response is required within 12 hours of receipt of the notice, or the next alternate will be contacted.

INSURANCE/LIABILITY

A. LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, the host club(s) and/or interclub association, the organizing committee, and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1600).

CONTACTS

For further information, requests should be addressed to:

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2017 MIDWESTERN ADULT SECTIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2017 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships will be held March 17-19, 2017 in Oxford, OH at the Goggin Ice Arena, located at 601 S. Oak Street on the Miami University campus. The championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati.

The 2017 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships consist of the following qualifying championship events: championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, and championship adult dance.

The entry deadline for the 2017 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships is **11:59p.m., Feb. 1, 2017. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Online registration via www.usfsaonline.org is the **ONLY** method available for entry into the qualifying championship events at the 2017 Adult Sectional Championships (and **ALL** events at the 2017 U.S. Adult Championships).

All other events offered at the adult sectional championships are considered nonqualifying and are held at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Competitors will register directly with the LOC for these nonqualifying events. Please refer to the separate nonqualifying announcement for the events being offered and instructions on how to register.

For additional information, check out the competition website at the following link:
<http://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com/>

After the close of entries, Feb. 1, 2017, there will be absolutely NO entry fee refunds, unless an event is canceled.

ARENA INFORMATION

Goggin Ice Arena (Main competition and practice ice)

601 S. Oak Street
Oxford, OH 45056

<http://www.ice.miamioh.edu/index.php?go=home>

- Two ice surfaces measuring 85' by 200' with rounded corners each.
- Light snacks and pre-made food items will be available for sale in the pro shop.
- There will be at least one locker room for women and one for men.

PARKING:

If you plan to have a vehicle (your own or rental) while in Oxford, you may wish to purchase a visitors parking permit online through the university's parking office: <http://miamioh.edu/parking/permits/index.html>. A visitors permit is \$3 per day and allows the visitor to park in any university surface parking area (red, blue, yellow, and white lots). Alternatively, you may park without a permit in the Campus Avenue Garage, which is located adjacent to the Goggin Ice Arena. Rates in the garage are \$1 for the first hour and \$0.50 for each additional hour.

REGISTRATION

All skaters are expected to be in the arena one hour prior to the scheduled start of their event. The registration desk will be located on the second-floor-mezzanine level of the arena overlooking the competition rink and will open daily one hour prior to the first practice-ice session. It will close following the start of the last practice-ice session of the day. Please check in promptly when you arrive at the arena.

BULLETIN AND NOTICES

The official bulletin board will be located at the registration desk. The official schedule of events will be posted on the official bulletin board and will supersede all other schedules. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the official bulletin board for all official information. Notices posted here are considered sufficient notice to all competitors and coaches. All skaters must check the official board frequently.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to athletes in first through fourth place in each championship event. Trophies will be awarded to the champion in each of these events. Awards will be presented at times designated on the official bulletin board.

ADMISSION

Admission to the 2017 Midwestern Adult Sectionals is free.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Professional photography will not be available.

Please note: Flash photography of the competition, including practice ice, is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.

VIDEOGRAPHY

Professional video will be available for purchase. The local organizing committee will make every attempt to ensure that the cost is reasonable.

Please note: Personal videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.

MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise will be available for purchase at the competition. More information is available in the merchandise section of the competition website: www.midwesternadultsectionals.com

SCHEDULE / GROUPS

A tentative schedule is provided below. This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the competition website and at www.skatecincinnati.org as soon as possible following the close of entries. (Entries close on Feb. 1, 2017.)

Friday, March 17 (ice from 3pm to 8pm)

- Championship Silver Ladies QR (if necessary)
- Championship Gold Ladies QR (if necessary)

Saturday, March 18 (ice from 8am to 7pm)

- Championship Gold Ladies CR
- Championship Gold Men CR
- Championship Masters Int/Nov Ladies
- Championship Masters Int/Nov Men
- Championship Masters Jr/Sr Ladies
- Championship Masters Jr/Sr Men
- Championship Masters Pairs
- Championship Dance Pattern Dances

Sunday, March 19 (ice from 9am to 4pm)

- Championship Silver Ladies CR
- Championship Silver Men CR
- Championship Dance Free Dance

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please identify the 2017 Midwestern Adult Sectionals when making your reservations to secure these rates or click on the link on the main page of the registration system to make your reservations online. All hotels listed below are within 2 miles of the rink:

Hampton Inn

375 S. College Avenue

Oxford, OH 45056

[513-524-2012](tel:513-524-2012)

Room Rate: 2 Queen Bed Room \$149 per night

Must phone for group rate. Group code is 2017 Midwestern Adult Figure Skating Competition

The Elms Hotel

75 South Main Street

Oxford, OH 45056

[513-524-2002](tel:513-524-2002)

Room Rate: 2 Queen Bed Room/Suite \$119.95

Must phone for group rate. Group code is 2017 Midwestern Adult Figure Skating Competition

Best Western Sycamore Inn

6 E Sycamore Street

Oxford, OH 45056

[513-523-0000](tel:513-523-0000)

Room Rate: 2 Queen Bed Room \$112.00

Must phone for group rate. Group code is 2017 Midwestern Adult Figure Skating Competition

TRANSPORTATION

Oxford, OH is located approximately one hour from Cincinnati /Northern Kentucky International Airport (www.cvgairport.com) and one hour from the Dayton International Airport (www.flydayton.com).

As a member of U.S. Figure Skating you are eligible to receive discounted flights to U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events on United Airlines. Book now by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 and receive up to 10% off the retail fare price by mentioning the designated discount code found in the Members Only section of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

Miami University's Transportation page lists several shuttle services that provide service between Cincinnati or Dayton airports and Oxford, OH: <http://www.miamioh.edu/parking/transportation/>

PRACTICE ICE

There are two (2) types of practice ice. Please be aware of the differences.

1. **"Official" practice** (for skaters in Qualifying events only) - \$20.00 for 25-minute session
 - Practice ice for skaters in qualifying (aka "Championship") events. Each skater registered for a Championship event is allowed to purchase one official practice-ice session. **The official practice-ice session is not included in registration costs.** Skaters will be scheduled into an official practice session by the chief referee – you will not choose your time. The skater's music will be played in its entirety during an official practice-ice session. The sessions will be leveled (e.g. Silver skaters will skate with Silver skaters, etc).
 - If the official practice-ice session is not filled (e.g. there are 15 spots available and only five register), the remaining spots will be made available for other skaters to register as unofficial practice ice.
2. **"Unofficial" practice** - \$15.00 for 25-minute session if pre-purchased online, or \$20 walk-on
 - Practice ice for skaters in any event. No music will be played for skaters purchasing these sessions. These sessions may be purchased online. You will receive an email with a PIN in order to access your account. From your account, you can select available practice-ice times. Skaters may also purchase these sessions at the registration desk during the competition for \$20.00 per session. Each skater may register for two practice-ice sessions per event.

There will NOT be any refunds after signing up for any unofficial practice-ice sessions or for missed practice sessions due to any reason.

Safety on the ice is the responsibility of the skater. **Practice ice will be leveled unless specified as "open," and a maximum of 15 skaters will be allowed on the ice for any given time slot (we will have official practice-ice and unofficial practice-ice sessions scheduled at the same time in order to maximize ice usage and will maintain the appropriate levels on the ice). A maximum of five couples will be allowed on the ice for Couples Dance and Pairs practice-ice sessions.**

Skaters are expected to follow usual rink etiquette. Coaching shall be from behind the side boards. Coaches are not permitted to be in the music box or on the officials' platform. Skaters who are not skating shall leave the ice surface to rest or converse. Only credentialed coaches and athletes will be permitted in the restricted areas with access to the ice.

The Goggin Ice Arena has two sheets of ice with identical dimensions. All official practice-ice sessions will be held on the main competition ice ("A Pad"). Unofficial practice-ice sessions may be held on the competition surface or on the practice ice surface ("B Pad").

COMPETITORS PARTY:

The competitors party will be held on Saturday night, March 18, 2017 from 8-10pm after events conclude. Cost to attend the party is \$10 if reserved in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. The party will be held at Cru wine bar, which is located on 105 W. Spring St., Oxford, OH 45056. Substantial appetizers will be served, and a full cash bar will be available. Cru is located in the same plaza as the Hampton Inn and within three blocks of the Elms Hotel (two of our host hotels). <http://www.cruwinebaroxford.com/>

NONQUALIFYING EVENTS:

This competition announcement is for Championship (Qualifying) events only. For all nonqualifying events, unofficial practice ice, merchandise, or competitors-party tickets, please go to www.skatecincinnati.org and follow links to the nonqualifying competition page.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact event chairs via email and allow up to 48 hours for responses to be provided.

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