

2017 WSC SUMMER SHOWCASE COMPETITION

**Non-Qualifying Competition
and
Compete USA**

**Wissahickon Skating Club
Saturday, June 3, 2016**

**550 W. Willow Grove Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118**

This is a Competition Announcement Only

Registration must be completed online at www.entryeeze.com

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The WSC Summer Showcase 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.

LOCATION: Wissahickon Skating Club
550 W. Willow Grove Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118
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www.wisskating.com

CHAIRPERSONS: Jill McGee and Kathryn Larkin
CHIEF REFEREE: Susan Miller
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT: Jim Kawano and Andi Shorin

ELIGIBILITY:

Events are open to skaters in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating. Events are available for children, teens and adults. Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: Light Entertainment Level Junior skater would not be allowed to skate Light Entertainment Junior and Senior). Required age and test qualifications must be in effect at the date entries are closed. Subsequent changes will not affect eligibility. Events can be for Single skaters, Duets, or Ensembles.

NATIONAL SHOWCASE 2017:

Singles competitors, Preliminary through Senior, Adult Bronze through Adult Masters, may compete at National Showcase, if they placed first, second, third or fourth (1) in a contested non-qualifying showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating event held in the United States from the close of entries for National Showcase in the current skating year back to the close of entries for National Showcase in the preceding year; or (2) in the immediately preceding National Showcase. Lower levels are not eligible to compete in National Showcase. Competitors who have entered a competition subsequently cancelled for lack of other entries may substitute a testimonial letter from the chair or the registrar to get a bye into National Showcase.

RULES:

The competition will be conducted according to the rules in the 2017 Rule Book except as stated herein. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events in this competition.

LIABILITY:

USFS and the Wissahickon Skating Club accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition; competitors assume the risk of competing in accordance with US Figure Skating rules.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be offered and available for purchase through Entryeze when you register for the competition. Practice ice times will be published after registration closes. Each Practice ice session is \$10.00 for 20 minutes.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the competition will be available through Entryeze and posted on the Wissahickon Skating Club website. The schedule will NOT be available by phone, mail, or email. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.

MUSIC:

Only CD's will be accepted. They must be clearly marked with competitor's name and event. Please submit CD's at the registration desk on arrival (at least one hour prior to scheduled event). Please pick

up CD's promptly after the event. The Wissahickon Skating Club assumes no responsibility or liability due to loss or damage to any CD's. All possible care will be taken. Competitors should have duplicate CD's with them at their scheduled event (in case of problems with the original music) and for practice sessions. No CD's in RW format.

RINK:

All events will be held at the Wissahickon Skating Club. The ice surface measures 185' x 85. No smoking at any time. No flash photography permitted during the events.

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented for First through Fourth places in each event.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

There will be a professional photographer on site with photos available for purchase.

DEADLINE:

You must enter this competition online by midnight April 16, 2017. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chair for an additional entry fee. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS after March 30, 2017 except for the cancellation of an event. Please note: The processing fee is not refundable for any reason.

ENTRY FEES:

1st Single Event, \$50.00; each additional event, \$35.00.

Duets, \$100, one member is responsible for the fee.

Mini and Production will be \$50 base fee plus \$10 for each participant.

Entering online with secure credit card payment is the only way to enter this competition.

All registrations are through Entryeze at <http://comp.entryeze.com/home.aspx?cid=536> or main home page of Wissahickon Skating Club (www.wissskating.com). A non-refundable processing fee will be charged. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or competition events.

EVENT CHANGE FEE:

Please review your application closely with your coach to ensure you have entered the correct events/levels. Once names have been submitted to the Chief Referee, no changes will be made except those due to an error by the LOC. After the tentative schedule is posted online, any change in registration because of an error on your application will result in a \$25.00 fee per change.

REGISTRATION:

Please arrive 1 hour prior to your scheduled event. Report to the Registration Desk where you will hand in your music and receive a skater's information packet. Competitors who arrive after their warm-up group begins will be allowed to skate at the discretion of the referee. If they do not skate, they will forfeit all fees for that event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained during the competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INSTRUCTORS/COACHES:

All coaches will be required to check in. If a coach/ instructor attempts to work at the event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

JUDGING AND MARKING:

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.

Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.

Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's/team's marks.

Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.

Theatrical elements evaluated will include are but not limited to:

- a) Reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program
- b) Projection
- c) Energy
- d) Timing
- e) Acting
- f) Skating skills that relate to the music
- g) Age appropriateness to skater
- h) Use of props and scenery
- i) Interaction (Duets and Ensembles only)
- j) Note: Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged

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 awarded.

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.

Deduction	Description
-0.1	Hair or accessory falls to ice
-1.0	Prohibited size or type of prop
-0.1	For each 10 seconds over maximum time

COSTUMES:

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.

Costume rules for competition free skate programs do not apply for showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.

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.

Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades. The blades must be sharpened to produce a flat to concave cross section without change to the width of the blade as measured between the two edges. However, a slight tapering or narrowing of the cross section of the blade is permitted.

SHOWCASE EVENTS:

Singles Events

- **Dramatic Entertainment:** Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. Props and Scenery ARE permitted.
- **Light Entertainment:** Showcase program should express 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.
- **Interpretive:** The program will be a performance choreographed by the competitor. Props may not be pre-positioned on the performance surface.

Duets and Ensembles events:

- Duets are theatrical performances by any two competitors. Props and Scenery ARE permitted. Skaters may enter only one duet, one mini production ensemble and one production ensemble each.
- Mini production ensembles are theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. Props and Scenery ARE permitted. Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production ensemble or production ensemble.
- Production ensembles are theatrical performances by eight or more competitors. Theater On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production event. Props and Scenery ARE permitted.

Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event.

Interpretive:

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events.

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

Judging Rules:

Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression. Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time:

Music Duration: Pre-Free Skate - No Test: 1:00 Max
Pre-Preliminary: 1:00 Max
Juvenile thru novice: 1:30 max
Junior and senior: 1:30 max
Teen and young adult: 1:30 max
All adult events: 1:30 max

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

EVENT LEVELS, AGES, TEST REQUIREMENTS AND PERFORMANCE TIMING

Except for Adult events, skaters must compete at the highest level for which they qualify.

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6/ Beginner/High Beginner/ Adult 1-6	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
No Test/ Pre-Preliminary/ Adult Pre-Bronze	3 jump maximum. No Axels or double jumps permitted.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary or Adult pre-Bronze free skate test.	Time: 1:30 max.

The following levels qualify for National Showcase

	Event	Must meet requirements* 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 or higher	Age	Time
Singles or Duets (Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters and both members of a duet must meet at least the minimum test pre-requisite.)	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

Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered, standard, adult, or masters track)	Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered; standard, adult, or masters track) or higher	Age	Time
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		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 Senior Free Dance			2:40 max
Adult Bronze	Adult Bronze Free Skate Preliminary Free Skate Juvenile Free Dance OR Complete Pre-Bronze Dance Test**	Adult Silver Free Skate Pre Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) OR Any Pre-Silver Dance**	21 and older	1:40 max
Adult Silver	Adult Silver Free Skate Juvenile FS (prior to 10/1/94) Pre Juvenile FS Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000) 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) OR One Pre-Silver Dance**	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile FS (On/after 10/1/94) Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance Bronze FD (prior to 9/2/2000) 4th Figure (prior to 10/1/77) OR Any Pre-Gold Dance**	21 and older	1:40 max

Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered, standard, adult, or masters track)	Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance Test (solo or partnered; standard, adult, or masters track) or higher	Age	Time
Adult Gold	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) OR One Pre-Gold Dance**	Intermediate FS (on/after 10/1/91) Junior Free Dance Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000) 5 th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) OR Complete Pre-Gold Dance Test**	21 and older	1:40 max
Masters	Intermediate Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Junior Free Dance Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000) 3 rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) 8 th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79) OR Complete Pre-Gold Dance Test**		21 and older	1:40 max
Mini Production	Open		Open	3:10 max
Production	Open		Open	6:15 max

* For the US Adult Championships and adult sectional championships, skaters must meet the test requirements for the level at which they want to compete; rules 2540-2552 apply,; and the same level must be chosen for all showcase events at the competition (for example, a skater may not compete in Masters Dramatic Entertainment and Adult Gold Light Entertainment events at the same competition). For all other competitions, skaters must compete at their test level or one level higher, per the above chart. For Basic Skills levels and events, please refer to the U.S. Figure Skating Compete USA Competition Manual for Showcase event levels, elements, qualifications, program lengths and descriptions. For events offered, refer to the competition announcement.

**IMPORTANT- As of May 1, 2017, Pattern Dance Tests will no longer qualify adult athletes to compete in Showcase Events. Athletes currently competing based on pattern dance tests will need to pass a qualifying free skate or free dance test (solo, partnered, standard, adult, or masters) to compete in showcase events after April 30, 2017.