

## **TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **GENERAL**

The 2018 U.S. Figure Skating adult qualifying competition season consists of four events, including three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) and the 2018 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. All four events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the 2017-2018 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, 2017 - Feb. 1, 2018) and/or updated within the EMS Skater Portal (available after registration is complete).
- CER Category A for Championship events and CER Category B for all open events
- Completed background check
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Current member in good standing with the PSA (Championship events only)

Additional information on coaches' requirements can be found here:

<http://www.usfsa.org/Story?id=84040>

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 required CERs (as referenced above), 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 2018 competition season, the three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) will be held at the following locations:

### **2018 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships**

<https://www.facebook.com/ASEasterns/>

March 9-11, 2018

Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society  
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

### **2018 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships**

<https://www.facebook.com/ASMidwesterns/>

March 9-11, 2018

ONYX-Suburban Skating Academy  
Rochester, Michigan

### **2018 Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships**

<https://www.facebook.com/ASPacificCoast>

March 9-11, 2018

Pasadena Figure Skating Club  
Pasadena, California

The 2018 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships will be organized for all qualifiers:

### **2018 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships**

<https://www.facebook.com/usadultchamps/>

April 10-14, 2018

Yarmouth Ice Club  
Marlborough, Massachusetts

## **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. Adult Competition Series events are also a part of the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships. 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 pattern dance, adult pre-gold solo pattern dance, adult silver solo pattern dance, adult pre-silver solo pattern dance, adult bronze solo pattern dance, adult gold solo free dance, adult silver solo free dance, and adult bronze solo free 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:**  
[Adult Skating Technical Information](#)

**Dramatic and Light Entertainment:**  
[2017-2018 Nonqualifying Showcase Competition Guidelines](#)

**Pattern Dance Selections, please refer to rule 6081 or:**  
[2017-2018 Pattern Dances](#)

**For skater's choice dance timing and the number of sequences to be danced in pattern dance events, please refer to the following chart:**  
[2017-2018 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered and Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#)

**RECENT CHANGES TO EVENTS (please refer to the 2017-2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook; this is not an all-inclusive list of changes):**

**Championship adult silver free skate event:** Per rule 1041, the International Judging System is used for this event at the adult sectional championships and the U.S. Adult Championships.

**Adult free dance events (championship adult, adult gold, adult pre-gold and masters open):** Per rule 6512, the well-balanced program requirement for dance lifts is one combination lift or two short lifts. One additional choreographic short lift may be executed. NOTE: The choreographic short lift is a dance lift performed after all the other required dance lifts. It does not matter what type it is or what the other types of lifts are before it. However, lifts are called in the order they are performed and teams are advised to execute their required lift(s) prior to their optional choreographic short lift.

**Partnered and solo pattern dance events (all levels):** Per rule 6075, the number of sequences to be danced in partnered and solo pattern dance competition are standardized with the

number of sequences required on tests. See the [2017-2018 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered and Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#) for specifics.

**Adult solo free dance events:** Per rules 2055 and 6700-6741, adult bronze, adult silver, and adult gold solo free dance events are included in the U.S. Adult Championships.

**Adult and masters free skate events, including championship events, judged with the International Judging System:** There is a level limit on spins in championship adult silver, adult gold and championship adult gold (championship adult silver – max level 2, adult gold and championship adult gold – max level 3). There are new specifications for all levels for the CoSp, CCoSp and spin in one position with a change of foot. See the [2017-2018 Calling Clarifications for Adult and Masters Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance Events Judged Under IJS](#) for specifics.

**Adult and masters pair events, including championship events, judged with the International Judging System:** The two juvenile/intermediate features for “ice coverage” apply to lifts; the juvenile/intermediate features apply to pair spins; and there are new specifications for the PCoSp, CoSp, CCoSp, and spin in one position with no change of foot. See the [2017-2018 Calling Clarifications for Adult and Masters Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance Events Judged Under IJS](#) for specifics.

**All championship events:** Those competitors advancing in the championship events from the three sectional championships **will have to submit an additional entry fee** to compete in the same event at the 2018 U.S. Adult Championships. If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.

**Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program:** The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program recognizes competitive adult figure skaters who have successfully demonstrated longevity in the sport through their ongoing participation in the U.S. Adult Championships. It defines the ultimate success in competitive adult figure skating as being physically able to skate competitively for a lifetime and rewards competitive adult figure skaters who manage their training in a way that makes this possible. The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program is open to all members of U.S. Figure Skating who compete at the U.S. Adult Championships. Additional details on the recognition program are available [here](#).

**Athletes must register to participate in the recognition program [here](#).**

**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, 2018):

- 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

**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](#).

**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

**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 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 pattern 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. Pattern dance tests no longer qualify adult athletes to compete in dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events (athletes who passed pre-bronze dance prior to 4/30/17 are grandfathered at the bronze level).

## ONLINE REGISTRATION (OPENS Dec. 15, 2017)

### A. METHOD

Online registration via [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) is the ONLY method available for entry into the qualifying (championship) events – this includes CHAMPIONSHIP (qualifying events) at Adult Sectionals and ALL events at the 2018 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

To enter into the 2018 adult qualifying competition season, proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://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](http://www.usfsaonline.org) first and follow the online instructions.
- Select Events on the menu bar followed by Registration/Administration
  - Competition Registrations – Event Registration and Information

**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, 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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).

## **B. DEADLINES**

The entry deadline for the 2018 Adult Qualifying Season (sectionals and championships) is **11:59 p.m., Feb. 1, 2018. 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, 2018.**

Test requirements must also be met by **Feb. 1, 2018.** 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 who have represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition 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. 25, 2018. Forms are available on [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) within step one of registration. Non-U.S. citizens who have never represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition may enter championship events if qualified by test level. It is not necessary to complete the "Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete".

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 with maximum total of four events (competitors are permitted to enter both light and dramatic entertainment 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 2017-2018 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. FOUR OR FEWER

When there are four or fewer competitors in an adult sectional qualifying event (championship junior-senior free skate, championship 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.**

## F. ENTRY FEES

All competitors entering the 2018 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, except as detailed in Rule 2401.B.3 (see below).

## 2018 Adult Qualifying Competition Season Entry Fees

Entry Fee	Level/Discipline
<b>\$175</b>	Championship Events at Adult Sectional Championships
<b>\$160</b>	First Singles Event at U.S. Adult Championships
<b>\$160</b>	First Dance Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships
<b>\$160</b>	First Pairs Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships
<b>\$145</b>	Each subsequent singles event at U.S. Adult Championships
<b>\$10</b>	Competition Administrative fee

### U.S. Adult Championships Entry Fees

Those competitors advancing in the championship events from the three sectional championships **will have to submit an additional entry fee** to compete in the same event at the 2018 U.S. Adult Championships. Instructions will be emailed to qualifying competitors after the Adult Sectionals have concluded.

Per Rule 2401.B.3, If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.

Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held, except as specified in Rule 2401.B.3. 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, 2018, the skater will be withdrawn from the 2018 Adult Qualifying Season.**

### G. 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, 2018.

\*If you need to withdraw, you must send an email to Mia Corsini at [mcorsini@usfigureskating.org](mailto:mcorsini@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 2018 season, the international judging system (IJS) will be used for all championship singles events at adult sectionals. 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, 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.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84078>. All other nonqualifying events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

## **B. AGE AND TEST QUALIFICATIONS**

All age and test requirements can be found in the 2017-2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook available online at: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>. 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 regard to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this website for continuous updates.

## **D. MUSIC AND PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)**

**All competitors** entering the 2018 adult sectional championships and U.S. Adult Championships are required to submit the following items via their EMS Skater Portal:

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

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, after registration is complete, by logging into "Members Only" at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) and selecting the blue EMS button. Athletes will not be allowed to make any edits to their skating program one week prior to the start of the competition as this time is used for event organizers to download your information and prepare for the event. If any adjustments need to be made within one week of the event, they will be required to do onsite at the competition.

Finally, you will not be allowed to receive your credential at registration until U.S. Figure Skating and the local organizing committee have both received your skating program information. Questions? Email [EMSsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:EMSsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**\*\*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 2018 qualifying season.

## **MUSIC UPLOAD/SUBMISSION**

For all qualifying competitions during the 2018 season, online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

## **File Format: MP3**

If you need assistance formatting your file to MP3, please consider the following free applications listed below. Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.

[Format Factory](#)

\*\*PC only, not compatible for Apple

[Audacity](#)

## **Copyright Information:**

U.S. Figure Skating, in compliance with BMI Licensing requirements, must collect the copyright information from each piece of music used in a skater's program. For assistance with this requirement, please click [here](#).

## **File Specifications:**

- Maximum File Size: 12MB
  - Sound Quality: Set up Medium or High!
- Maximum Running time: Five (5) minutes
- Maximum Leader/Trailer: The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music and the trailer is the silence between the end of the music and track. The Music Committee prefers that neither are included on the file but if necessary, are no more than two (2) seconds respectively.

## **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 2018. 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 2018. 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 2018 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.

## **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](#) 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).

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2018 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships will be held March 9-11, 2018 at the ONYX-Rochester Ice Arena located at 52999 Dequindre Rd. Rochester, MI 48307. The championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the ONYX-Suburban Skating Academy.

The 2018 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 pairs, and championship adult dance.

The entry deadline for the 2018 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships is **11:59p.m., February 1, 2018**. The home club will determine the entry deadline of 11:59p.m., February 1, 2018. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Online registration via [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) is the **ONLY** method available for entry into the qualifying championship events at the 2018 Adult Sectional Championships (and **ALL** events at the 2018 U.S. Adult Championships).

All other events are 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 nonqualifying announcement for the events being offered and how to register.

For additional information, check out the competition website at the following link:  
[www.midwesternadultsectionals.com](http://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com)

***After the close of entries, February 1, 2018, there will be absolutely NO entry fee refunds, unless an event is canceled. This includes withdraws due to medical or other reasons for practice ice, credentials, etc.***

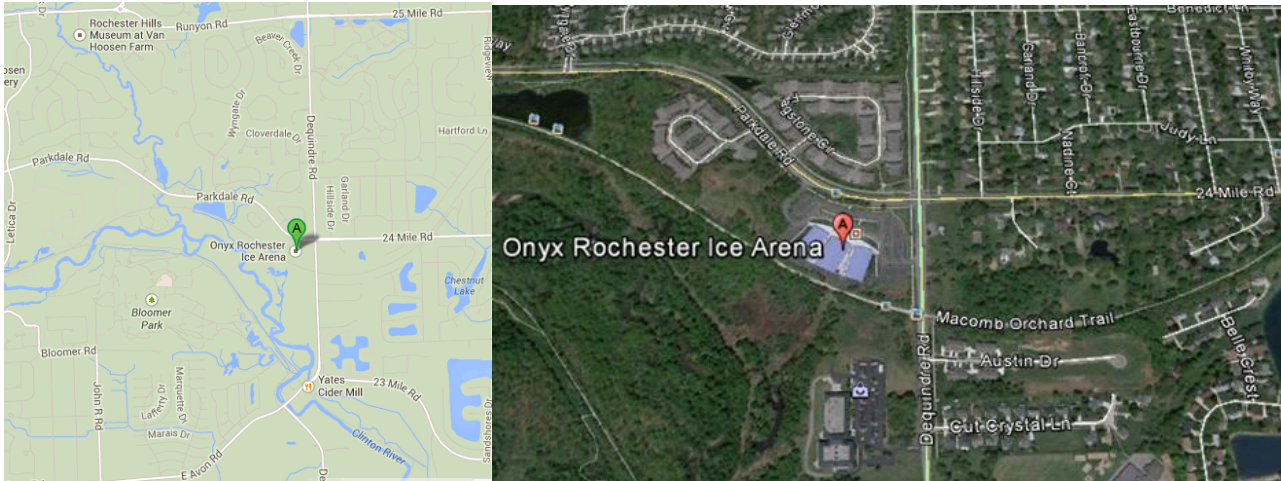
## ARENA INFORMATION

All 2018 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships events and practice will be held at the Onyx Rochester Ice Arena, located at 52999 Dequindre Road, Rochester, MI 48307. The ice arena is on the southwest corner of the intersection of 24 Mile Road and Dequindre Road.

This facility offers three NHL-sized rinks, measuring 200' x 85'. All 2018 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure

Skating Championships events are scheduled to be held in the center rink, which is Onyx's Rink #2. All practice ice will take place on Rink #1.

The Onyx Rochester Ice Arena offers free on-site parking, and a concession stand serving hot dogs, pizza, subs, French fries, popcorn, fruit, soda, coffee and various other healthy food and snack items. Within a 1-mile radius of the rink, there is an outdoor walking/biking trail, the Yates Cider Mill, a Kroger grocery store, a CVS Drugstore, and several fast food restaurants such as Subway, Big Apple Bagel, and Panera Bread. The rink is near downtown Rochester, Michigan, noted for its quaint downtown with many restaurants and shops.



## ADMISSION

Spectator tickets will be required and can be pre-purchased [here](#). Dates of pre-purchase will be released at a different date. Tickets will be required to watch all events Friday through Sunday. A 3-day pass can be purchased for \$24.00. Single-day tickets can be purchased for \$10.00/day. Ticket prices will remain the same for pre-purchase and walk-ups.

## CREDENTIALS

Each athlete will receive complimentary credentials for ONE designated approved coach and ONE chaperone.

The credentials are marked with the individual's name and are non-transferable. You must have credentials to enter ONYX-Rochester Ice Arena, the warm-up area and the locker rooms. Additional chaperone and coach credentials may be purchased [here](#) or at the competition registration desk for \$30.00.

At the time of registration, each competitor will receive their credential badges for themselves and their chaperone(s). The competitor's coach will pick up their credential badge separately at check-in.

**A photo ID must be shown by all chaperones and coaches when the credential is picked up.**  
BADGES are non-transferable!

Badges must be worn at all times while ONYX-Rochester Ice Arena. Any lost badges will be replaced for an additional charge of \$30.00. per badge.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography services will be available at the event site. Further information on photography services will be posted on the event website. **Please note: Flash photography of the competition, including practice ice, is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.**

## VIDEOGRAPHY

Video services will be available at the event site. Further information on video services will be posted on the event website. **Please note: videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you would you like your photo in the event souvenir program, email a photo to Kevin Zielinski [kevin@redcedarmedia.com](mailto:kevin@redcedarmedia.com), no later than February 1, 2018. Photos should be a "yearbook style" headshot in JPEG or PNG format with a pixel resolution of at least 600 x400 pixels. Detailed instructions with a link to the email address will be available on the event website [www.midwesternadultsectionals.com](http://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com). Photographs and media forms will be used for the program and publicity of the event. Submission of a competition entry automatically grants permission to use all accompanying information, including photographs, for publicizing these Championships. Programs can be purchased at the cost of \$10.00 per program. It is in your best interest to pre-purchase your program, as there will be a limited availability at the event.

## MERCHANDISE

Competition souvenirs will be available for purchase at the event. In addition, competitors may preorder merchandise [here](#).

## SCHEDULE / GROUPS

A tentative schedule will be posted on the competition website. This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the event website [www.midwesternadultsectionals.com](http://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com) as soon as possible following the close of entries. (Entries close on February 1, 2018).

## ACCOMODATIONS/TRAVEL

Please make your reservations early to guarantee you have the necessary room(s). All hotel information can be viewed on the competition website.

## PRACTICE ICE

### **OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE**

Each skater registered for a Championship event is allowed to **pre-purchase** one 25-minute Official practice ice session for \$20.00. **The Official practice ice session is not automatically included with registration.** Skaters will be scheduled into an Official practice ice session by the LOC – **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. If the Official practice ice session is not filled (e.g. there are 15 spots available and only 5 register), the remaining spots will be made available for other skaters to register as Unofficial practice ice. **Official practice ice can only be purchased in advance and will not be available for purchase at the event.**

### **UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:**

Unofficial practice ice will be available in 25-minute segments and can be pre-purchased [here](#).

Dates of pre-purchase and session selection will be released at a different date. Unofficial practice ice will be available Friday through Sunday. Music will NOT be played on unofficial practice sessions.

Unofficial practice ice will be \$15.00 for a 25-minute session if pre-purchased online before the due date, \$18.00 purchased online after the due date or \$20 walk-on.

**Please Note:**

There will **NOT** be any refunds after signing up for any official or 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 5 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 platform for the officials. Skaters who are not skating shall leave the ice surface to rest or converse. Only credentialed coaches and credentialed athletes will be permitted in the restricted areas with access to the ice.

**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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