

2018 Silicon Valley Open

Hosted by the Peninsula Skating Club



The 2018 Silicon Valley Open will be held at

Nazareth Ice Oasis
3140 Bay Road
Redwood City, California, 94063

August 4, 2018

Entry Deadline: July 14, 2018

Featuring
2018 National Solo Dance Series

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Online Registration Through www.entryeeze.com

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more details.



Silicon Valley Open General Rules

The Peninsula Skating Club is pleased to invite you to compete in this year's Silicon Valley Open Competition. The event is sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating and will be held on August 4, at Nazareth Ice Oasis, 3140 Bay Road, Redwood City, California, 94063. 2018 Silicon Valley Open is a Dance competition. All events will have normal house lighting. This competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, including any updates that are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or individual members in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to Rule 3060 in the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens. In addition, this competition has been granted a special competition sanction and will abide by Rule 3200. All participants are expected to abide by the code of ethics and conduct as described in GR 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the current Rulebook. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Reimbursement for Official's travel expenses will be made in accordance with GR 2.02.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2018 Silicon Valley Open has been selected and approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Program Development Committee as a designated, official 2018 National Solo Dance Series competition.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Please refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Handbook for entry rules, test requirements, and restrictions for all Solo Dance events.

Age restrictions/requirements: Please check individual event listings for age restrictions and/or requirements. Age as of the official entry deadline will be used for all age requirements.

Entries

All entries will be online only through EntryEeze. Please visit <http://www.peninsulaskatingclub.org> and click on the Silicon Valley Open link for online entry information.

For questions regarding registration, please email the Competition Registrar, Beth Bottos.

E-mail: registrar@peninsulaskatingclub.org

Entry fees shall be paid through online registration using Visa, MC, or Discover. Peninsula Skating Club will appear as the merchant name for these charges on the credit card statement. Entry fees are as follows:

Events	Applicable Levels	Event Price
National Solo Pattern Dance	All	\$110
National Solo Combined Dance	All	\$135
National Solo Shadow Dance	All	\$45 per skater
Critiques	Short and Free Dance only	\$25
Late Entry Fee	All	\$40
Late Fee for Critiques		Additional \$10 per critique

There will be no "Additional Event" or "Second Event" pricing for Silicon Valley Open 2018.

In the event of a credit card dispute, Peninsula SC reserves the right to charge a fee of \$15.00, in addition to the entry fee, to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in his/her events and is not refundable.

Complete the registration form on EntryEeze making sure that you identify all events in which you will participate. When entering multiple events, the event with the highest per-skater price will be considered to be the first event. Age eligibility will be verified on age restricted events. **ALL skaters must complete the online release of liability form.** In addition, all skaters must include their U.S. Figure Skating member number, home club and have their home club validate their eligibility through EntryEeze.

Entries must be received by Friday, July 14, 2018. Late entry requests may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. In addition to entry fees, a late fee of \$40 will be assessed at checkout.

Complete registration through EntryEeze is required.

Competitors redeeming scholarships need to complete registration, including payment, through EntryEeze and then contact the registrar after payment. Scholarship credits can only be applied by the registrar.

CRITIQUES: Critiques will be available for short and free dance only. Skaters will be critiqued by an official on the event's Panel of Officials. Critique sign-ups must be made in advance through EntryEeze. Critique requests made after the entry deadline, if accepted, will be assessed an additional \$10 per critique. The Chief Referee reserves the right to limit the number of critiques based on judge availability. Any critiques cancelled by the chief referee will be refunded. Critique location and times will be posted on the official bulletin board and will generally occur right after the event concludes.

SINGLE ENTRIES: During registration, each skater will be asked the following "survey" question: "If you are the only entrant in any of your events, which of the following options would you prefer: skate the event as the only entrant, or, withdraw from the event with a full refund of the entry fee for the withdrawn event." Your answer to this question will be considered final and binding and will help the Chief Referee to make the schedule as quickly as possible.

Exception: The remaining competitor in any event with only one competitor left due to withdrawal(s) occurring within 72 hours of start of competition will not be eligible for the withdrawal with refund option and will be expected to skate without refund. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF REFEREE WILL BE FINAL.**

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will only be refunded if the event is not held or is cancelled and to solo entrants in an event who decline the offer to skate as outlined above. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Exception: If there is a death in the skater's immediate family, a refund will be granted. At the discretion of the LOC, if an entry is withdrawn before the close of entries, the entry fee may be returned. All requests for entry refunds must be received by the Competition Committee no later than 30 days after the 2017 Silicon Valley Open Competition.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Nazareth Ice Oasis, 3140 Bay Road, Redwood City, CA 94063, (650) 364-8090. The rink is 184' x 83.5' with slightly rounded corners. There will be no admission charge to spectators of Silicon Valley Open. Outside food is not allowed, but there is a full-service restaurant on the second floor in addition to vending machines located in the main lobby.

MUSIC: All music must be submitted in **mp3** format through EntryEeze by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on July 20, 2018. Skaters will still be required to have a backup of their music on CD (*no CD/RW or DVD-R*) readily available at the competition.

Solo Dance Series Pattern Dance events and Shadow Dance events: Dance music selection for Solo Pattern Dances and Shadow Dances will be chosen from the standardized music for Solo Dance Series pattern dances, as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site: [Solo Dance Series Music](#).

For Juvenile through Novice Solo Combined Dance events, the selected pattern dance is skaters' choice music. For Skaters' choice music rules, see the reference section of the 2018 Solo Series Handbook and 6077B of the current Rulebook.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and Nazareth Ice Oasis accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. All entrants, their parents and guardians and officials agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and its officers, Nazareth Ice Oasis and its staff. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The modified IJS will be used for all solo dance events.

All competitors skating in Solo short and/or free dance events need to submit the planned program content form online in EntryEeze. The deadline to submit the form is July 30, 2018.

REGISTRATION: The Registration desk will be open one hour before the first event on each day of competition. The registration table will be located in the arena lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival. All skaters must check in with the registration desk at least 60 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

PRACTICE ICE: There is no official practice ice for this competition. Please contact Nazareth Ice Oasis, Redwood City, for public/freestyle session times at (650) 364-8090.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and will be strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. It is strictly prohibited to film any other skater. Persons found in violation may be asked to leave and/or be escorted off the premises. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.**

AWARDS: The judges will award medals for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places for all dance events. Pictures will be taken of the top four skaters in each event immediately following each event. In events with multiple rounds, 1st through 4th place medals, will be awarded at the end of the final round.

In the Solo Combined Dance events, ***when six or more skaters compete***, cash and/or scholarships will be awarded. First place will receive \$200, 2nd place will receive \$50 plus a \$100 scholarship, 3rd place will receive a \$100 scholarship, and 4th place will receive a \$50 scholarship. These scholarships may be used for future Peninsula Skating Club competition entry. ***All unused scholarships will expire August 1, 2019, are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.***

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Group Size: Each solo dance event will have only one group, regardless of the number of skaters entered. For all other events, group size is at the discretion of the referee.

Warm Up: Warm up times will be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of six minutes. Warm up groups may be increased and/or combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee. For Preliminary – Bronze solo pattern dance, the warm-up group size is at the discretion of the referee. For Pre-Silver – International, maximum number of skaters in a warm-up is 8. For all solo short and free dance, maximum is 6 skaters per warm-up. For Preliminary – Juvenile shadow dance, number of teams is at the discretion of the referee and for Intermediate – Senior, 5 teams max per warm-up. Warm-up groups may be adjusted up until the beginning of the event.

Competition Schedule: A tentative schedule of events for the competition will be posted on the EntryEeze website (www.entryeeze.com) approximately one week in advance of the competition. The official schedule and all other official notices will be posted in the rink lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check postings frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. While every attempt will be made to follow the posted schedule, events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the discretion of the referee.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

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

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation and will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

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

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:

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Local Hotels:

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25 Fifth Ave
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 366-5794

Holiday Inn Express
1836 El Camino Real
Redwood City, CA 94063
1-888-HOLIDAY

2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The 2018 Silicon Valley Open is a participating competition within the 2018 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172>. Please refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

Solo Pattern Dance Event: The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the Preliminary through International levels.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences) Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance (2 sequences) Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Bronze	Hickory Hoedown (3 sequences) Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	Foxtrot (3 sequences) Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
Silver	Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences) Tango (2 sequences)
Pre-Gold	Paso Doble (3 sequences) Kilian (4 sequences)
Gold	Viennese Waltz (2 sequences) Quickstep (3 sequences)
International	Rhumba (3 sequences) Silver Samba (2 sequences)

Refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172>

Solo Combined Event: The solo combined dance event is comprised of the following two events (as applicable by level):

1.) **Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice:** One of two solo pattern dances posted at the competition from the two designated solo pattern dances selected by U.S. Figure Skating, as listed below.

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown – Skater’s Choice Music

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Foxtrot and European Waltz – Skater’s Choice Music

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz and Tango – Skater’s Choice Music

Junior, Senior: One solo short dance

2.) **Juvenile through Senior:** One solo free dance

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels. Refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172> for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance: The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172> for the shadow pattern dance rules and events.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences)
Juvenile	Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Intermediate	Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Novice	Tango (2 sequences)
Junior	Blues (2 sequences)
Senior	Argentine Tango (2 sequences)