

2019 Silicon Valley Open

Hosted by the Peninsula Skating Club



The 2019 Silicon Valley Open will be held at

Solar4America Ice at San Jose
1500 South Tenth Street,
San Jose, California 95112

August 2-3, 2019

Entry Deadline: July 8, 2019

Featuring
International and National Officials
2019 National Solo Dance Series
2019 National Qualifying Series for Singles

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NQS Online Registration Through EMS portal

National Solo Dance and all non-qualifying events Online Registration Through EntryEeze.com

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Silicon Valley Open 2019 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.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

The Chief Referee's interpretation of the rules and decisions on all questions not covered by these rules is final.

Officials' travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with rule 2150 (as referenced in 3038).

SERIES INFORMATION: 2019 Silicon Valley Open has been selected and approved by the U.S. Figure Skating Program Development Committee as a designated, official 2019 National Solo Dance Series competition. This competition has also been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official NQS event. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by May 28th (separate from competition registration). Juvenile through Senior singles events will be included in the NQS.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. For Solo Dance Events, please refer to the 2019 Solo Dance Handbook for entry rules, test requirements and restrictions.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements.

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger

Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years older; Boys – 14 years or older

Intermediate must be under the age of 18

Young Adults must be 18-20 years, Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering Pre-Juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

NQS ENTRIES ONLY: NQS Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration closes at 11:59 pm (PDT), July 8, 2019. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

FOR ALL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING SOLO DANCE, registration will only be accepted at www.entryeeze.com.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available. The Official schedule will be posted in the warm area off the Main Lobby. It is the responsibility of the skater to check this schedule frequently for any event and/or time changes.

FACILITIES: 2019 Silicon Valley Open will be held at Solar4America Ice at San Jose, 1500 S. 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 279-6000. Each rink is 200' x 85' with slightly curved ends. Outside food is not allowed, but there is a full-service restaurant on the second floor in addition to a Snack bar and vending machines located in the main lobby.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Peninsula SC and Solar4America Ice at San Jose 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, Solar4America Ice San Jose and its staff.

This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the arena's main lobby (center rink). Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Locker rooms will not be available to competitors as dressing/changing rooms and changing in the restrooms is prohibited. We strongly recommend that all skaters come dressed and ready to compete. Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

PRACTICE ICE: There is no official practice ice for this competition. Please contact Solar4America Ice at San Jose (www.solar4americaiceatsanjose.com) for public/freestyle session times at (408) 279-6000.

PHOTO/VIDEO: Spectators are reminded that **flash photography is dangerous to skaters and is 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. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.**

A professional action photographer and a professional videographer will be onsite and action photos and videos will be available for purchase. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places at the conclusion of each event. Medals will be presented on the photographer's stand as soon as possible following the posting of results. In events with multiple rounds, 1st through 4th place medals will be awarded at the end of the final round.

In the Juvenile, Adult Gold and Masters Singles and Pairs Free Skate, the Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior combined (SP and FS) events, and Solo Combined Dance events, when six or more skaters compete, cash prizes and/or scholarships will be awarded. First place will receive \$150, 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 entries. For events with multiple segments, the final combined point totals will determine the prize winners and if any event is split into multiple groups, the overall point totals will be used to determine prize winners. *All unused scholarships will expire August 1, 2020, are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.*

Special Ernie Burden Award: To honor the memory of Ernie Burden, who was a long time skater, judge and member of Peninsula SC, the Burden family has created an annual award, the Ernie Burden Award. The award will be given to the

Novice or Junior Men competitor whose Free Skate program and choreography best fit the music of his program. This award is for the competitor to keep. If there is only one entrant, the trophy will not be awarded.

Special Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy: To honor the memory of Kayla Dopp, an enthusiastic and graceful skater, the Dopp family has created an annual award, the Kayla Dopp Memorial Trophy. The award will be given to the Pre-Preliminary Girls' competitor with the best technical performance.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the warm area next to the main lobby of Solar4America Ice, San Jose. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters in the Juvenile through Senior FS events that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Skaters must request their test credit packet prior to the start of the last IJS event of the day. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. There is a \$5 fee (payable in cash or check, no credit card/debit card accepted) for the test credit packet. Skaters: Please remember that your test credit packet needs to be submitted to your home club test chair for processing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal and/or through EntryEeze. All coach compliance will be verified.

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Local Hotels:

Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley
1350 North 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 453-6200

Hilton San Jose
300 Almaden Blvd.
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 287-2100

The Westin San Jose
302 S Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 295-2000

For those traveling by air, U.S. Figure Skating is proud to offer discounted fares to all sanctioned events through a partnership with United Airlines. Visit www.usfigureskating.org/United for more information.

Tentative schedule: For planning purposes, a provisional schedule would have short program/rhythm or pattern dance on Friday and Free Skate/Free Dance on Saturday unless qualifying and consolation rounds are necessary. For non-qualifying levels, a provisional schedule would have Free Skates on Friday and showcase events on Saturday.

For more information, please visit www.peninsulaskatingclub.org.

National Qualifying Series

NQS ENTRIES ONLY:

NQS Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration closes at 11:59 pm (PDT), July 8, 2019. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

ENTRY FEES FOR NQS EVENTS: All EMS registration fees can only be paid by credit card. An additional 3% processing fee will be added to the skater's total at check-out to cover credit card processing fees.

Event	Price
Juvenile Free Skate	\$105
Intermediate – Senior Singles Combined Event (SP & FS)	\$155

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition. This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page. All foreign skaters and coaches are required to provide a federation letter to support their participation in the competition through their respective EMS portals.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Select the “Registration/Administration” option under the Events tab.
4. Click “Event Registration & Information”
5. Choose Silicon Valley Open 2019 from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

EMS SKATER PORTAL:

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC upload as well as view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after July 8, 2019, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. If a refund is warranted, it may be paid by check instead of as a credit card refund. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Credit card processing fees are not refundable for any reason.

MUSIC UPLOAD:

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than 11:59 pm on July 12, 2019 (PDT). **Skaters who have not submitted their music by 11:59 pm on July 12, 2019 (PDT) will be charged a \$20 music late fee.** All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below. [CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO](#)

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file

- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

For music requirements, please refer to the most current Rulebook.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than 11:59 pm on July 19, 2019 (PDT). Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition. **Skaters who have not submitted their PPC by 11:59 pm on July 19, 2019 (PDT) will be charged a \$20 PPC late fee.**

[CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO](#)

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all NQS events.

EVENTS OFFERED

OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS:

[Juvenile Free Skate](#)

[Intermediate - Senior Combined Event \(Short Program + Free Skate\)](#)

All skaters will be judged and marked for all portions of all events. Intermediate – Senior singles events will consist of combined short program and free skate segments. A final round will be conducted if necessary

Conduct of Events

A. The final results of all NQS Singles events will be a "championship round," consisting of a combined short program and free skate score for intermediate – senior, and a free skate for juvenile. When there are 24 or fewer competitors entered, all competitors proceed directly to this championship round.

B. When there are more than 24 entries in an event, qualifying rounds will be held in accordance with Rule 2466. Qualifying rounds will consist of the free skate only.

Skaters not qualifying for the championship round will not have a Total Score entered in the NQS for that competition. Intermediate through Senior skaters may, however, compete their short program in a consolation round hosted by the competition. There will be no consolation round for the Juvenile competitors who do not qualify to the championship round.

Consolation Round (Intermediate – Senior only)

In the case of multiple groups, skaters who do not qualify for the championship round may compete their short program (SP) as a separate event. The SP score will not be combined with the qualifying round score and does not count towards the official NQS standings. Group size is at the discretion of the Chief Referee, but will not exceed 28 skaters. Skaters placing in the top 4 will receive their awards.

Athletes: Refer to the [NQS Athlete Handbook](#) for all details re: the conduct of events.

Juvenile level skaters will be offered a separate short program event. This event is not combined with the well balance free skate event and registration is online at www.entryeeze.com.

SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS AND ALL NON-NQS EVENTS

ENTRY FEES FOR ENTRYEEZE PROCESSED EVENTS:

Event Category	First Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Adapted Basic Skating	\$25	-
Beginner Excel – No-Test, Young Adult/Adult Pre-Bronze & Bronze Singles Free Skate	\$90	-
Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile, Open-Juvenile, Young Adult/Adult Silver – Masters Singles Free Skate Juvenile/Open Juvenile Short Program	\$105	\$50
SDS Pattern Dance Event	\$110	-
SDS Combined Event	\$135	-
SDS Shadow Dance Event	\$45/per skater	-
Pairs	\$52.50/per skater	\$25/per skater
Partnered Dance (All except SDS Shadow Dance events)	\$52.50/per skater	\$25/per skater
Showcase Singles (Basic)	\$55	-
Showcase Singles (Beginner and higher, all Adult levels)	\$90	\$50*
Showcase Duet	\$45/per skater	-

*The “2nd Event Price” for Showcase Singles will only apply if the skater also enters any NQS singles event, any Singles free skate event, Juvenile/Open Juvenile short program, or more than one Showcase Singles event.

All other “2nd Event Price” fees only apply within the event category.

Please Note: For skaters entered in an NQS singles event, 2nd event pricing cannot be automatically applied when entering an EntryEeze processed event (e.g., Showcase singles event). Please enter and pay for any Showcase singles and/or Juvenile Short Program through EntryEeze. Once registered into the second event, an appropriate refund will be issued to the credit card used for the EntryEeze-based entry/entries usually within one week. If you do not see a credit to your charge card after seven days and you believe you are eligible for a refund, please contact the registrar at registrar@peninsulaskatingclub.org.

Competitors redeeming scholarships received at 2017 OR 2018 Silicon Valley Open to pay for EntryEeze processed events need to complete registration through EntryEeze and then contact the Registrar after making any payment. Credits can only be applied by the Registrar. All previously issued scholarships have expired.

Singles/Pairs/Duets/Couples:

Complete the registration form on EntryEeze making sure that you identify all events in which you will participate. If you are skating in a partnered event, each partner must register and pay the per skater fee. You will need to include your partner’s name and US Figure Skating member number. Age eligibility will be verified on age restricted events.

For U.S. Figure Skating events, skaters must include their U.S. Figure Skating member number and home club. Entry eligibility will be confirmed with the skater’s home club and primary coach through EntryEeze. **All skaters must complete the online release of liability form.**

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by 11:59 PM (PDT), Monday, **July 8, 2019**. Late entries will be allowed at the discretion of the local organizing committee and a one-time late fee of \$35 will be assessed at checkout.

SINGLE ENTRIES: Two entrants are required to hold each event, except Solo Dance Series events and Adapted Basic Skating where only one entrant is allowable. 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, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender (Pre-Juvenile and lower free skate only), 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.

The remaining competitor in any event with only one competitor left due to withdrawal(s) occurring within 48 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 no competition exists; or the event 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 Spring Jubilee 2019 Competition is held.

Contested credit card charges will incur a \$25.00 fee. This fee is nonrefundable. Payment of all fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in his/her event(s).

GROUPS:

Adapted Basic Skating, all Solo Dance events, and Showcase events will *not* be divided by gender except at the discretion of the Chief Referee if appropriate. Adult events may not be divided by gender if necessary to create competition.

Juvenile/Open Juvenile singles Short Program and Open Juvenile Free Skate events will be divided by gender. For all lower singles events, free skate events will be divided by gender except when there is only one entry (see below).

Two entries are required for all events, except Adapted Basic Skating and Solo Dance events where only one entry is sufficient. For all other events, if only one eligible competitor/team enters, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition or, for pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender. In some instances, the Chief Referee may combine events to create competition.

- A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.
- B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.
- C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be cancelled.

Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile and lower singles events as well as all Excel and Showcase events will be divided into groups when more than 24 skaters are entered. Smaller groups, particularly for lower levels, are permissible at the discretion of the Chief Referee and consultation of the host club. **Solo dance will follow the National Solo Dance Guidelines with regards to groups.** There will be no final rounds for these events in the case of multiple groups.

MUSIC: All music must be submitted in mp3 format through EntryEeze by **11:59 pm on July 12, 2019 (PDT)**. 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. **Skaters who have not submitted their music by 11:59 pm on July 12, 2019 (PDT), will be assessed a \$20 music late fee.**

For Juvenile through Novice Pattern Dance events, couples may provide their own music for each dance in accordance with rule 8031-B.. Music for Solo Dance events will be in accordance with the 2019 National Solo Dance Handbook.

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. Warm-up groups may be adjusted up until the beginning of the event.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Technical Singles FS – Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Young Adult/Adult Silver through Masters
- Singles Short Program – Juvenile/Open Juvenile
- Technical Pairs* – Juvenile through Senior
- All Solo Dance events (Modified IJS)
- Juvenile – Novice Pattern Dance*
- Rhythm Dance* – Junior - Senior
- Free Dance* – Juvenile through Senior, Adult Pre-Gold, Gold, Masters

*Pending availability of required technical panel

All competitors skating in IJS events must submit the planned program content online through EntryEeze. The deadline to submit planned program content is 11:59 pm on July 19, 2019 (PDT). Skaters who have not submitted their PPC by this date will be charged a \$20 PPC late fee.

6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Low Beginner (Excel) – No Test FS
- Young Adult/Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze FS
- Pre-Juvenile Pairs FS
- Adapted Basic Skating
- All Showcase events
- Pre-Juvenile Free Dance

NON-QUALIFYING SINGLES TECHNICAL EVENTS:

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.

Event	Qualifications	Description	Duration (min:sec)
Adapted Basic Skating	None	Program set to music.	1:40 MAX
Excel Beginner	Must not have passed higher than LTS USA Free Skate 2	For program requirements, https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Excel_Free_Skate_Requirements_Final.pdf	1:40 MAX
Excel High Beginner	Must not have passed higher than LTS USA Free Skate 4	For program requirements https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Excel_Free_Skate_Requirements_Final.pdf	1:40 MAX
No Test	Open to skaters who have not passed any Free Skate tests.	Program as per rule 6490	1:40 MAX
Pre-Preliminary	Open to skaters who have passed no higher than the Pre-Preliminary FS test	Program as per Rule 6480	1:40 MAX
Preliminary	Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Preliminary FS test.	Program as per Rule 6470	1:30 +/- 10 sec.

Pre-Juvenile	Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Pre-Juvenile FS test.	Program as per Rule 6460	2:00 +/- 10 sec.
Juvenile SP / Open Juvenile SP & FS	Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test. Juvenile: Girls 12 & under, Boys 13 & under Open Juvenile: Girls 13 & older, Boys 14 & older	Program as per Rule 6452	SP: 2:10 MAX FS: 2:20 +/- 10 sec.
Young Adult/ Adult Pre- Bronze	Test and age requirements in accordance with Rule 6560. No tests are required.	Program as per Rule 6561	1:40 MAX
Young Adult / Adult Bronze	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6550.	Program as per Rule 6551	1:50 MAX
Young Adult/ Adult Silver	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6540.	Program as per Rule 6541	2:10 MAX
Young Adult/ Adult Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6530.	Program as per Rule 6531	2:40 MAX
Masters Int/ Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6520.	Program as per Rule 6521	3:10 MAX
Masters Junior- Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6510.	Program as per Rule 6511	3:40 MAX

PAIRS EVENTS:

Events offered:

Novice, Junior and Senior Short Program
Pre-Juvenile through Senior Free Skate

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook (7410-7460). Skaters may skate up to one level higher. **For Novice through Senior, the short and free skate segments are separate events and teams may enter one or both segments.** For Novice – Senior Short Program requirements, click [here](#) Pre-Juvenile – Senior FS program requirements, click [here](#). Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

DANCE EVENTS:

Events Offered:

Juvenile Pattern Dance: Hickory Hoedown, Ten-Fox
Intermediate Pattern Dance: American Waltz, Foxtrot
Novice Pattern Dance: Starlight Waltz, Quickstep
Junior and Senior Rhythm Dance
Pre-Juvenile through Senior Free Dance
Adult Pre-Gold. Gold and Masters Free Dance

Couples dance events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook (8410-8460). Couples may skate up to one level higher. **All Partnered Dance Events will be separate segments for PD/RD and FD respectively.**

Skaters may enter one or both segments. There will not be a combined final result. For qualifications, rules, music requirements, conduct of event, and Rhythm dance and Free Dance requirements, please check in the most current Rulebook.. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

2019 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

2019 Silicon Valley Open is a participating competition within the 2019 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=84172>. Please refer to the 2019 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

Solo Pattern Dance The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two pattern dances at each level. The results from both dances will be combined to create a final score and overall result. Points will be awarded to each skater based on the skaters' combined overall placement of the two pattern dances. Music will begin to fade out four measures after the last step of the dance. Please choreograph accordingly

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences) Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha (3 sequences) Swing Dance (2 sequences)
Bronze	Ten Fox (3 sequences) Willow Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	Foxtrot (3 sequences) Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
Silver	American Waltz (2 sequences) Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Pre-Gold	Blues (3 sequences) Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)
Gold	Viennese Waltz (2 sequences) Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)
International	Cha Cha Congelado (2 sequences) Ravensburger Waltz (2 sequences)

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

1.) **For Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice:** one of two solo pattern dances posted at the competition from the two designated solo pattern dances selected by U.S. Figure Skating.

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Ten Fox – Skater's Choice Music*

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate Fourteen Step and European Waltz – Skater's Choice Music*

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz and Rocker Foxtrot – Skater’s Choice Music*

One of the above dances will be drawn for each competition. The chosen dance will be posted on the starting order. It will not be published prior to the posting of the starting order.

For Junior and Senior: one solo rhythm dance

2.) For 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 toward the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the juvenile through senior levels. The points awarded in the combined event will be based upon the skaters’ combined overall point total from the pattern or rhythm dance (depending on the level entered) and the free dance.

Shadow Dance The shadow pattern dance event is comprised of one pattern dance at each level. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady’s steps as specified in the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Points will be awarded to each team based upon the team’s final placement of the pattern dance. The following levels will be offered:

Level	Requirement	Dance (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete preliminary dance test.	• Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-bronze dance test.	• Cha Cha (3 sequences)
Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete bronze dance test.	• Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-silver dance test.	• Fourteen Step (4 sequences)
Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete silver dance test.	• Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Pre-Gold	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-gold dance test.	• Killian (4 sequences)
Gold/International	Open.	• Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)

Showcase Events

For current guidelines, judging and marking, deductions, costume, scenery and props rules, go to:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84078>. NOTE: Singles competitors, Preliminary through Senior, Adult Bronze through Masters are permitted to enter the 2020 National Showcase if they place first, second, third or fourth at this competition. *Basic Skating through Pre-Preliminary and Pre-Bronze Adult events do not qualify for National Showcase.

Lighting/Curtain /Warm-up: House lights will be used and there will be no curtain or ‘backstage’ area. Warm-up times will be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Warm-ups may be combined at the discretion of the chief referee.

Rules of Events

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: event-Light Entertainment Level Junior skater would not be allowed to skate Light Entertainment Junior and Senior). Skaters may enter only 1 duet event.

Singles Showcase Events are as follows:

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. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness. Dramatic programs should not be depressing. Even if the emotion is sadness, there should be an enlivened feeling given to the audience. Props ARE permitted, scenery is not allowed.

LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. Props ARE permitted, scenery is not allowed.

Duet Showcase Event as follows: Theatrical performance by any two competitors. Props ARE permitted. Scenery is NOT allowed.

	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	Age	Time
	Basic Skating Showcase <i>this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>	No tests required	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field, Dance or Free Skate tests.	No element restrictions No min. age (Max age 20)	1:10 max
	Beginner, <i>this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>		Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:30 max

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 for Preliminary Free Skating or Adult Bronze Level.)	High Beginner <i>this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>		Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:30 max
	No Test <i>this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>		Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:30 max
	Pre-Preliminary <i>this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>		Preliminary Free Skate	No minimum age (max age 20)	1:30 max
	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	Under 13	2:10 max
	Teen	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	13-17	2:10 max
	Intermediate	Intermediate Free Skate OR Intermediate Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	17 and under	2:10 max
	Young Adult	Juvenile Free Skate OR Juvenile Free Dance	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	18-20	2:10 max
	Novice	Novice Free Skate OR Novice Free Dance	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	No Age Restriction	2:10 max
	Junior	Junior Free Skate OR Junior Free Dance	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance		2:30 max 2:40 max*
	Senior	Senior Free Skate OR Senior Free Dance			2:30 max 2:40 max*

* Per the 2019 Showcase Guidelines, the correct time for Junior and Senior Showcase event is 2:30 MAX. 2019 SVO is allowing 2:40 MAX. Skaters placing 1st through 4th, will be permitted to enter the 2020 National Showcase Competition where the duration may be different.

	Event	Must meet requirements* Must have passed Free Skate, Figure, or Dance Test (solo or partnered, standard, adult, or masters track)	Must not have passed Free Skate, Figure or Dance Test (solo or partnered; standard, adult, or masters track)	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 for Preliminary Free Skating or Adult Bronze Level.)	Adult Pre-Bronze <i>Note: this level does not qualify for National Showcase</i>	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	Adult Bronze Free Skate Adult Bronze Free Dance Preliminary Free Skate Juvenile Free Dance OR Pre-Bronze Dance Test (prior to 4/30/17)	21 and older	1:40 max
	Adult Bronze	Adult Bronze Free Skate Adult Bronze Free Dance Preliminary Free Skate Juvenile Free Dance OR Pre-Bronze Dance Test (prior to 4/30/17)	Adult Silver Free Skate Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
	Adult Silver	Adult Silver Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate (prior to 10/1/94) Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Adult Silver Free Dance Intermediate Free Dance Preliminary Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate (On/after 10/1/94) Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance Bronze Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) OR 4th Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
	Adult Gold	Adult Gold Free Skate Juvenile Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Novice Free Dance OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Intermediate Free Skate (on/after 10/1/91) Junior Free Dance Silver Free Dance (Prior to 9/2/2000) OR 5th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77)	21 and older	1:40 max
	Masters	Intermediate Free Skate Adult Gold Free Dance Junior Free Dance Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000) 3rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) OR 8th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79)		21 and older	2:10 max