16th Annual Winter Open



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Gardens Competitive Series Competition

Presented by Gardens Sports Limited



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The Gardens Ice House 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel MD 20707 www.thegardensicehouse.com **Eligibility Rules for Participants:** The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA Program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA /USFS Program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. For **Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-8**, NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. For the **Freeskate 1-6 and Well Balanced levels**, eligibility will be based upon highest free skate test level passed (moves in the field test level will not determine skater's competitive level).

Deadline Date: Entry deadline is **December 23rd, 2022**. Visit www.entryeeze.com to register. There will be **no refunds after the close of** entries except events canceled by the Local Organizing Committee (rule #3235).

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and may require an additional \$30.00 late fee. We reserve the right to combine groups when applicable and limit the number of entries on a first come, first served basis. Single entrants will be judged against the test standard. Walk in registration will not be accepted. Refunds will not be issued due to weather conditions.

Competition Information

Payment: Visa and MasterCard accepted

Entry Fees: \$55.00 first event

\$25.00 for each additional event.

There will also be a \$30.00 change of event fee if you need to alter your event after the close of entries.

Schedules: Will be posted on our page at http://www.entryeeze.com and at www.thegardensicehouse.com as soon as possible after the close of entries. Schedules will not be mailed.

Music: Music must be uploaded via Entryeeze 1 weeks prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of the skater to have a backup CD in your possession. Competition officials are not responsible for the condition of your CD.

Registration Desk: The registration desk will be open throughout the competition. Skaters MUST check in at least one hour prior to the event. It is not unusual for a warm-up for more than one event to be combined. In addition, events frequently run early, so BE READY with skates on before the event is called!

Awards: All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers. Awards Ceremonies will be held throughout the competition. Ceremony times will be posted on the competition schedule

Gardens Competitive Series: This competition is a part of the 2022-2023 Gardens Competitive series. All competitors will receive points for their respective placements which will be complied for their respective team/clubs. Point totals will be announced at the conclusion of each competition in our series with a Team Trophy being awarded at the end of the season to the team with the highest cumulative point totals for the series. (Please note: At the request of Clubs/Programs operating out of the same facility, team points will be combined.)

Practice Ice: Will be provided, if time allows and will be determined after the close of entries and announced on the website.

Applications: Applications may NOT be mailed. All entries must be made through out competition page at www.entryeeze.com.



Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements

THERE ARE TWO FORMAT OPTIONS FOR THE ELEMENTS EVENT:

- 1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
- 2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography) Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.
 - To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
 - No music
 - Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
 - All elements must be skated in the order listed.

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:00 max	 March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
BASIC 1	1:00 max	 Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 2	1:00 max	 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 3	1:00 max	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward slalom Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
BASIC 4	1:00 max	 Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
BASIC 5	1:00 max	 Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward outside three-turn, right and left Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:00 max	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left Mohawk, right to left and left to right Bunny hop Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position T-stop, right or left



Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program with Music

FORMAT: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music
- The skater may use elements from a previous level
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS	
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	 March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row 	
BASIC 1	1:10 max	 Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row 	
BASIC 2	1:10 max	 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row 	
BASIC 3	1:10 max	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward slalom Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot 	
BASIC 4	1:10 max	 Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions 	
BASIC 5	1:10 max	 Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward outside three-turn, right and left Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions Hockey stop 	
BASIC 6	1:10 max	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left Mohawk, right to left and left to right Bunny hop Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position T-stop, right or left 	



Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory

FORMAT: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on half-ice
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:15 max	 Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position, minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka – right or left Waltz jump
FREE SKATE 1	1:15 max	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes Backward outside three-turn, right and left One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop Half flip jump
FREE SKATE 2	1:15 max	 Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis Backward inside three-turn, right and left Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 3 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump
FREE SKATE 3	1:15 max	 Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 4	1:15 max	 Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump
FREE SKATE 5	1:15 max	 Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Waltz jump-loop jump combination Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:15 max	 Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving



Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6Program with Music

FORMAT: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS	
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:40 max	 Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka, right or left Waltz jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump 	
FREE SKATE 1	1:40 max	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop jump Half flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination 	
FREE SKATE 2	1:40 max	 Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on acontinuous axis Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination 	
FREE SKATE 3	1:40 max	 Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop jump combination 	
FREE SKATE 4	1:40 max	 Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow jump combination 	
FREE SKATE 5	1:40 max	 Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Waltz-loop jump combination Lutz jump 	
FREE SKATE 6	1:40 max	 Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving 	

COMPETITION MANUAL



Excel Compulsory

FORMAT: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on half-ice
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
EXCEL BEGINNER	1:15 max	 Waltz Jump Salchow jump One-foot upright spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER	1:15 max	 Loop jump Salchow-toe loop jump combination Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRE- PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Flip jump Loop-loop jump combination Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Lutz jump Flip-loop jump combination Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence

Well-Balanced Levels Compulsory

FORMAT: To be skated on half-ice

- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
NO TEST	1:15 max	 Loop jump Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) Upright spin with change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence
PRE- PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Lutz jump Single jump-single jump (no Axel) combination Spin with one change of position and no change of foot, minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence
PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Axel jump Single jump-single jump (may not include Axel) combination Spin with one change of foot and one change of position, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence



Excel Free Skate

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a well-balanced free skate event and an excel free skate event at the same competition
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed; skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed or skate up to one level higher

EXCEL BEGINNER — 1:30 +/- 10 SECONDS Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required					
JUMPS					
Maximum 4 jump elements: • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only • Eulers (half loops) are not allowed • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. Combination jumps permitted • Waltz jump/toe loop and/or • Salchow/toe loop Sequence permitted • Waltz jump/ waltz jump (no turns or hops in between)Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: Two upright spins No change of foot No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutionsMax Level:	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) • Must use one-half of the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence			

EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 +/- 10 SECONDS				
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JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES		
 Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half loop), loop Flip, Lutz, and Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Maximum 2 of any same jump 	Maximum 2 spins: Both spins must be in a single position No change of foot No flying entry Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel Permitted back spins: upright Minimum 3 revolutionsMax Level: Base Both spins may be of the same character	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) o Must use one-half of the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence		

COMPETITION MANUAL



EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:30 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test *means required element

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JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
 Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double or higher jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position with nochange of foot* One spin may change feet or position, but not both No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) • Must use one-half of the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiralsequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test *means required element

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
 Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double or higher jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position* One spin may change feet and/ or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) o Full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL PRELIMINARY PLUS — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test *means required element

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required		
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
 Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, including single Axel No double or higher jumps allowed Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels) Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences All single jumps, including the single Axel, are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. 	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position* No change of foot No flying entry One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutionsSpins must be of a different character Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) o Full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence
	Max Level. 1	



Well-Balanced Free Skate Program

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a well-balanced free skate event and an excel free skate event at the same competition
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed; skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed or skate up one level higher.

NO TEST — 1:40 MAX		
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps allowed except single Axel No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump (waltz jump)	Max 2 Spins • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence o Must use one-half the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX						
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES				
 Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or combination (maximum of 2 single Axels) Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence o Must use one-half the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence				

PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS		
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
 Max 5 Jump Elements 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop)o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed o An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	Max 2 Spins • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence o Choreographic step sequence full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but willnot be countedas elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence



Adult 1-6, Beginner-Bronze Compulsory

- The skating order of the elements is optional; elements may only be attempted once
- To be skated on half ice in simple program format with limited connecting steps
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level

ADULT 1 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Forward marching
- · Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- · Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet

ADULT 2 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- · Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- · Backward skating
- · Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

ADULT 3 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Backward snowplow stop, right and left

ADULT 4 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- · Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- · Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Hockey stop, both directions
- · Backward one-foot glides, right and left

ADULT 5 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left

ADULT 6 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- · Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- · Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Mazurka
- Waltz jump
- Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
- Forward moving inside open mohawk (right and left) heel to insten
- Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Waltz jump
- ½ flip
- Forward upright spin minimum 3 revolutions
- · Backward outside three-turn, right and left
- Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of half revolution jumps (½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, waltz), toe loop, or Salchow

 maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Forward upright spin minimum 3 revolutions
- Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise

ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Single Salchow
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of ½ revolution jumps and/or full revolution jumps (no Lutz or Axel) – maximum 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Solo spin with no change of foot (min. 3 revolutions)
- Backward inside three-turn, right and left
- · Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)- must change edge or foot



Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- The skating order of the required elements is optional
- The elements are not restricted to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated; connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program
- · To be skated on full ice
- Skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element missing and for those elements performed from a higher level

ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- · Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop two feet or one foot

ADULT 4 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- · Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- · Hockey stop, both directions

ADULT 2 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Forward skating across the width of the ice
- · Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

ADULT 5 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- · Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin

ADULT 3 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left

ADULT 6 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)



Adult Beginner - Bronze Free SkateProgram with Music

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice; vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description; revolutionsmust be in position.

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX			
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements • Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump • Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps • Max. 2 of any same jump	Max 2 Spins Two forward uprightspins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests

ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX						
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS			
 Max 4 Jump Elements: Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	Max 2 Spins: Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests			

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:40 MAX								
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS					
Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and theother may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (half flip and half lutz are permitted) No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	 Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E) Min 3 revs Spins with a flying entry are not permitted A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin 	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate					

ADULT BRONZE — 1:50 MAX			
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and theother may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) Min 3 revs total if no change of foot Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot Min 2 revs in each position No flying spins are permitted	Max 1 Sequence: 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals) Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary FreeSkate



Spin Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- · Spins may be skated in any order
- Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration when scoring
- · Spins may not be repeated; only required elements may be included
- · All events are skated on half-ice
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses

BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright back spin (3)
- Sit spin (3)

HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (4)
- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)

NO TEST — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (3)

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Camel / Sit (6)
- Backward sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (4)

PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)
- Sit spin with change of foot (min 3. each foot)
- One position spin, skater's choice (upright, sit or camel)
 (4)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Pivot
- Upright two-foot spin (2)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright two-foot spin (3)

ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3 revs.)
- Solo spin with no change of foot (3 revs.), must be different from the upright spin may not fly



Jumps Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted
- · To be skated on half-ice

BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Half flip or half Lutz
- · Single Salchow

HIGH BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- · Single Salchow
- Jump combination: waltz jump-toe loop

NO TEST — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single loop
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Single toe loop
- Single flip
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single flip
- Single Lutz
- Jump combination: Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Mazurka or ballet jump
- Waltz jump

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Toe loop jump
- Half flip, half Lutz or half loop

ADULT BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single Toe loop
- Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)



Solo Pattern Dance

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- · Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances
- The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30–July 2), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the second quarter).
- Skaters will complete both dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the chief referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dance groupings.

PRELIMINARY			
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31
Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango	 Rhythm Blues Dutch Waltz 	 Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues 	1.Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz

PRE-BRONZE			
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31
 Swing Dance Cha-Cha 	1 Fiesta Tango 2 Swing Dance	 Cha-Cha Fiesta Tango 	 Swing Dance Cha-Cha

ADULT PRELIMINARY

 $\textit{Qualifications:} \ \ No \ higher than \ one \ pre-bronze \ dance \ test \ (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult \ 21+or \ adult \ 50+/masters)$

SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Dutch Waltz (2)

Canasta Tango (2)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Qualifications: The complete preliminary dance test and no higher than one bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)

SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Rhythm Blues (2)

Swing Dance (2)

COMPETITION MANUAL



Showcase Events

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	Must not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level	Time: 1:00max
PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6/ BEGINNER/HIGH BEGINNER/ADULT 1-6/ ADULT BEGINNER/ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	3 jump maximum. Half- rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps:Salchow and toe loop	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate or free dance tests	Time: 1:30max
NO TEST	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must not have passed pre-preliminary free skate or any free dance tests	Time: 1:30max
PRE-PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test	Time: 1:30max
ADULT PRE-BRONZE	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than adult pre- bronze free skate test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults	Time: 1:40max
PRELIMINARY/ADULT BRONZE	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate or adult bronze free skate or free dance test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults	Time: 1:40max

Interpretive

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a sound-proof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels: Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately

Judging Rules: Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression

Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6: 1:00 max

Beginner – Preliminary: 1:00 max

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



Team Compulsory

FORMAT: The designated skater from each team will perform their chosen element in sequence on full ice with no music and will follow this format:

- 1. Minimum of three to four skaters on a team; each skater will do at least one required element
- 2. Teams will be directed to find a "base" for their team along the boards on the ice where they will stay for the remainder of the event
- 3. The announcer, referee or judge-in-charge will call the first element (e.g. jump or stop) to be performed
- 4. The team member performing the element will step forward and execute the skill, with the element first being performed by the skater on team one, then team two, then team three and so on
- 5. Once all the teams have had their skaters complete the element, the next element will be called
- 6. Judging is done with one mark for each element (skater) for total team points

LEVEL	JUMPS/STOPS	SPINS/TURNS/GLIDES	SKATING SKILLS
SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 3, HOCKEY 1-4	Wiggles, two-foot swizzles forward or backward (4-8 in a row) Snowplow stop (one or both feet) or hockey stop (with skid)	Curves, glide turns or hockey turns (right and left, forward) March then glide on two feet or forward one-foot glide on left and right foot (one-time skater's height, forward)	Forward half-swizzle pumps or forward C-cuts on a circle (right and left, 6-8 consecutive)
BASIC 4 – BASIC 6	Side toe hop, bunny hop, ballet jump or mazurka -Waltz jump	Forward inside pivot or two-foot spin (min. 3 revs.) One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position (min. 3 revs.)	Moving forward to backward two-foot turns on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise (from Basic 3)
PRE-FREE SKATE AND FREE SKATE 1 – 6 LEVELS	Single jump (no Axel) Jump combination or jump sequence (no Axel allowed)	Solo spin (scratch spin, layback, camel or sit, min. 3 revs., no flying entry) -Combo spin: one change of foot, change of position optional (min. 3 revs. on each foot)	Spiral sequence (from Free Skate 2)
ADULT 1-6	Forward snowplow stop Lunge	Forward swizzles, 4-6 in a row Backward one-foot glide, right and left	Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
ADULT BEGINNER/ ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	Bunny hop Waltz jump	Beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers Backward inside three-turn, right andleft	Alternating right and left forward outside edges across width of the rink
ADULT PRE- BRONZE/ ADULT BRONZE	Half Flip Salchow jump	Forward upright spin Backward upright spin	Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise



Aspire Synchro

The Compete USA competition program is for Learn to Skate USA-level skaters who are interested in a first competition experience while taking the Synchro 1-4 badges to the next level.

In order to safely practice and compete, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level in which they are skating.

SNOWPLOW	SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO — 2:10 MAX							
5 Elements Number of Required Holds: None Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters 13 years of age and younger	One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must contain a forward glide on an inside or outside edge on one or two feet Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction not permitted	One Line Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward skating only Pivoting and change of configuration not permitted	One Block Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward skating only Pivoting and change of configuration not permitted	One Wheel Element Forward skating only Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction not permitted	One Intersection Element Must be two lines facing each other One or two foot glide(s) only through the point of intersection	Additional Items for Snowplow Sam Synchro Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented. Elements higher than Basic 6 not permitted Some common elements above Basic 6 are: mohawk, mazurka, half flip, waltz jump		

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5 Elements Number of Required Holds:

Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters

16 years of age and younger

One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted

Must contain a forward glide on an inside or outside edge on one

Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction not permitted

One Line Element Must cover at least 1/2 ice

Forward and backward skating permitted Pivoting and change of configuration not

permitted

One Block Element

Must cover at least ½ ice Forward and

backward skating permitted Pivoting and change of configuration not permitted

One Wheel Element

Forward and backward skating permitted

Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction not permitted

Intersection Element

Must be two lines facing each other One or two foot

glide(s) only the point of intersection

Additional Items for Aspire Beginner

Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. <u>Judges</u> will evaluate first element type presented

Elements higher than Basic 6 not permitted

Some common elements above Basic 6 are: mohawk, mazurka, half flip, waltz jump

ASPIRE PRE-PRELIMINARY — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements Number of Required Holds: 2 different holds shown by the whole team for any length of time

Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters

17 years of age and younger

One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted

Must contain a backward glide on an inside or outside edge on one foot

May contain one feature

- Choice of: · Change of direction
- Change of configuration
- Travel

One Line Element

Forward and backward skating permitted Must cover full ice

May contain one feature

Choice of:

- Change of direction Change of
- configuration Pivoting not permitted

One Block Element

Forward and backward skating permitted Must cover full ice

May contain two features

Choice of:

- Pivoting
 - Change of configuration

One Wheel Ele-

Forward and backward skating permitted May contain one

feature Choice of:

- Change of direction
- Change of configuration
- Travel

One Intersection Element

through

Must be two lines facing each other

Forward skating through the point of intersection.

- Choice of:
- Upright two foot glide Upright one
- foot glide Forwar dlunge

Additional Items for Aspire Pre-Preliminary

Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented

Elements higher than Free Skate 2 not permitted

Common elements above Free Skate 2 are:

- · Alternating backward crossovers to back outside edges
- Waltz three-turns
- Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence
- Forward power three-turns Split, stag, falling leaf permitted.

ASPIRE PRELIMINARY — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements

Number of Required Holds: 2 different holds shown by the whole team for any length of

Any type of holds permitted

5-20 skaters

17 years of age and vounger

One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted

Must contain one feature Choice of:

- · Change of direction
- Change of configuration
- Travel

One Line Element Must include forward and backward skating Must cover full ice

Must contain one feature

- Choice of: • Change of direction
- Change of configuration
- Pivoting

One Block Element Forward and backward skating permitted

Must cover full ice Must contain one feature

Choice of:

- Change of configuration
- Pivoting

Element Backward skating only Must contain one

One Wheel

<u>feature</u>

- Choice of:
- Change of direction
- Change of configuration
- Travel

OneIntersection Element

Items for Aspire Preliminary Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted.

Additional

<u>Judges will</u> evaluate first element type presented.



Adaptive Skating - Special Olympics and Skate United

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BADGE 1-12

Competition hosts can use the skills listed below to create either an elements event or program event for Special Olympics competitors. If doing a program, music can be used and will be 1:10 max.

BADGE 1

- · Stand unassisted for five seconds
- · Sit on ice or fall and stand up unassisted
- · Knee dip standing still unassisted
- · March forward 10 steps assisted

BADGE 2

- · March forward ten steps unassisted
- Swizzles, standing still three repetitions
- · Backward wiggles or march assisted
- · Two-foot glide forward for distance of at least length of body

BADGE 3

- Backward wiggles or march
- Five forward swizzles covering at least 10 feet
- Forward skating across the rink
- Forward gliding dip covering at least length of body (R and L) $\,$

BADGE 4

- Backward two-foot glide covering at least length of body
- Two-foot jump in place
- One-foot snowplow stop (R and L)
- Forward one-foot glide covering at least length of body: (R and L)

BADGE 5

- · Forward stroking across rink
- Five backward swizzles covering at least 10 feet
- Forward two-foot curves left and right across rink
- Two-foot turn front to back, in place

BADGE 6

- Gliding forward to backward two-foot turn
- Five consecutive forward half-swizzles on circle (R and L)
- Backward one-foot glide length of body (R and L)
- Forward pivot

BADGE 7

- A) Backward stroking across the rink
- B) Gliding backward to forward two-foot turn
- C) T-stop (R and L)
- D) Forward two-foot turn on a circle (R and L)

BADGE 8

- Five consecutive forward crossovers (R and L)
- Forward outside edge (R and L)
- Five consecutive backward half-swizzles on a circle (R and L)
- Two-foot spin

BADGE 9

- Forward outside three-turn (R and L)
- Forward inside edge (R and L)
- Forward lunge or shoot the duck at any depth
- Bunny hop

BADGE 10

- Forward inside three-turn (R and L)
- Five consecutive backward crossovers (R and L)
- Hockey stop
- Forward spiral three times length of body

BADGE 11

- Consecutive forward outside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Consecutive forward inside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Forward inside mohawk (R and L)
- Consecutive backward outside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Consecutive backward inside edges minimum of two on each foot

BADGE 12

- Waltz jump
- One foot spin, minimum of three revolutions
- Forward crossover, inside mohawk, backward crossover, step forward — step sequence should be repeated clockwise and counter clockwise
- Combination of three moves chosen from badges 9-12