

THE SKATING CLUB OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Presents the

33rd ANNUAL SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

To Be Held at
HOLIDAY TWIN RINKS
Cheektowaga, New York

Sanctioned by:
United States Figure Skating
Skate Canada

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2024

OR

When the maximum capacity of **300 skaters** has been reached

Events Include:

Freeskating, Adult Events, Compulsory Moves, Compulsory Spins, Jumps, Solo Dance, Shadow Dance, Footwork, Showcase, Interpretive

FOR INFORMATION E-MAIL:
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Applications available online at: www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org

Register on Entryeze at:
<http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=647>

The Spring Skate Festival Competition is open to all eligible skaters who are members in good standing with US Figure Skating or Skate Canada.

US Figure Skating rules for non-qualifying competitions, as set forth in the 2023-2024 US Figure Skating Rulebook, shall apply. All events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

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ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event’s level. A skater’s singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete’s competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

This event will follow program requirements for the **2023-24** [January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024] season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$85	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$85	\$40
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Interpretive	6.0	\$85	\$40
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	NA
Theme Event	6.0	\$85	\$40
Inflatables	6.0	\$85	\$40
Mini Production Ensemble	6.0	\$85	NA
Production Ensemble	6.0	\$85	NA

SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$85	\$40
Solo Open Pattern Dance	6.0	\$85	\$40
Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$85	\$40
Shadow Dance	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$85	\$40
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$85	\$40
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$50	\$30
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$50	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$50	\$30
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$50	\$30
No Test – Preliminary Free Skate (*offer if LTS only)	6.0	\$50	\$30
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$50	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$50	\$30
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$50	\$30
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$50	\$30
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$50	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$50	\$30
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$50	\$30
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$50	\$30
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$50	\$30
Compete USA – Team Compulsory	6.0	\$50	NA
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$50	\$30

SOLO DANCE SELECTIONS

OPEN	KILLIAN	Open
INTERNATIONAL	RHUMBA	Passed Gold or International
GOLD	QUICKSTEP	One or more Gold Dances must be passed
PRE-GOLD	PASO DOBLE	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Gold dance test
SILVER	ROCKER FOXTROT	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Gold or Skate Canada Sr. Silver dance test
PRE-SILVER	14 STEP	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Silver or Skate Canada Jr. Silver dance test
BRONZE	TEN FOX	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Silver of Skate Canada Sr. Bronze dance test
PRE-BRONZE	CHA CHA	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Bronze or Skate Canada Jr. Bronze dance test
PRELIMINARY	CANASTA TANGO	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Bronze or Skate Canada Jr. Bronze dance test

Shadow Dance

The shadow pattern dance event is comprised of one pattern dance at each level.

A team may be comprised of two skaters of any gender. Solo Dance Steps will be used as outlined in Appendix A; Pattern Dance Diagram Material.

Music is Skater's Choice and must be provided by the skaters, see page 7.

The following levels will be offered:

Level	Standard Track Test Requirements	Dance (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Preliminary dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Bronze dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Cha Cha (3 sequences)
Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Bronze dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete PreSilver dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14-Step(4sequences)
Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Silver dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tango (2 sequences)
Pre-Gold	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Gold dance test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paso Doble (3 sequences)
Gold/International	Open.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Waltz (1 sequence)

OUR COMMUNITY

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

COACHES:

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

MANDATORY ATHLETES:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. *

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee. Secure online registration and credit card payment is available with Entryyeeze at www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org

**All registration will be online through Entryyeeze.com The link to register is <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=647>

Please be sure you have checked the correct boxes while registering. If you incorrectly mark a box that results in the event needing to be changed, you will be assessed a \$20 fee per changed event.

Please Note: There will be a service charge assessed of \$35 for all credit card disputes.

Registration Deadline: 4/1/2024 at 11:59pm ET OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 SKATERS HAS BEEN REACHED. If space permits, applications may be accepted after this date with the chairperson's approval only and a \$30 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED. *The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees are as follows:

\$85.00 for first event
\$40.00 for additional event
\$50 for Compete USA events
\$30 for additional Compete USA event
\$85.00 per pair/couple

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

All events requiring music must be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the deadline of April 15th, 2024 @ 11.59pm

- File Format: MP3
- 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Skating Club of Western New York and Holiday Twin Rinks accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

COMPETITION DETAILS**ADMISSION:**

Admission to all events is free.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at **Holiday Twin Rinks, 3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga, New York** (a suburb of Buffalo). Events will be conducted on a 85' x 200' rink. Snack bar and dressing rooms are available. Directions to the rink are available at: www.holidayrinks.com.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

The Official Website is www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org. Updates will be posted on Entryeze and emailed to the coaches & skaters. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the Entryeze Competition Home page frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

RESULTS:

Results will be available at the registration event after each event for \$0.25 per copy for 6.0 events. A QR Code will be available and posted around the facility for live results online.

SCHEDULE:

As soon as possible after the entry deadline, a TENTATIVE SCHEDULE will be posted on the Skating Club of Western New York web site: www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org. No scheduled times will be given out over the phone. No event conflicts will be adjusted prior to the event. If your skater has a conflict, please let the convenor know one hour before your event.

PRACTICE ICE:

Unofficial Practice ice will be available on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th at 7:00 a.m. There will be 2 – 25 minute practice ice sessions available at a cost of \$15.00 per session. One session will be for No-Test through Pre-Juvenile and one session will be for Juvenile through Adult. No music will be played during practice ice. Number of skaters per session is limited. Practice Ice can be purchased through Entryeze, <http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=647>.

REGISTRATION:

Check-in will open at 6:30am Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th. The registration desk will be located at the main entrance to Holiday Twin Rinks and will be open throughout the competition. Competitors should register promptly upon their arrival.

NOTE: Skaters must be at the rink – and **READY TO SKATE** - at least **1 HOUR BEFORE** their scheduled event time. Events will not be delayed for late arriving skaters. This is a non-qualifying competition and events may run ahead or behind schedule.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th and 5th places. Awards will be available immediately after the event has been posted and can be picked up at the awards table. There will also be award ceremonies throughout both days. The times will be listed at the registration table and throughout the rink.

VIDEO/PHOTO:

Personal videotaping may only be done from the stands with handheld cameras. No lights, tripods or taping permitted at rink side. **For the safety of the skater – NO FLASH PHOTOGRAHY WILL BE PERMITTED.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Listed below are various hotels close to the ice rink:

- HAMPTON INN – 1745 Walden Avenue (Exit 52), Phone 716-894-8000
- COURTYARD BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4243 Genesee Street, Phone 716-633-2700
- FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4271 Genesee Street, Phone 716-633-2488
- HILTON GARDEN INN BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4201 Genesee Street, Phone 716-565-0040
- TOWNEPLACE SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4265 Genesee Street, Phone 716-839-1880
- HOLIDAY INN BUFFALO AIRPORT - 4600 Genesee Street, Phone 716-634-6969
- DAYS HOTEL BY WYNDHAM – 4345 Genesee Street, Phone 716-631-0800
- HAMPTON INN & SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 133 Buell Avenue, Phone 716-631-0200
- HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 131 Buell Avenue, Phone 716-631-8700
- MILLENNIUM HOTEL – 2040 Walden Ave. (Exit 52), Phone 716-681-2400
- HOMEWOOD SUITES – 760 Dick Road, Phone 716-685-0700
- COMFORT SUITES – 901 Dick Road, Phone 716-633-6000
- GARDEN PLACE HOTEL - 6615 Transit Road, Phone 716-683-7990

Get more information on hotels and area attractions from the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.visitbuffaloniagara.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition website: www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org.

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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