



# San Diego Sweetheart Classic

February 10-11, 2024

## COMPETITION FOR SINGLES

*Hosted by:*

*All Year Figure Skating Club*

*Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating*

**Entry Deadline: January 21, 2024**

**The Rinks Poway ICE**

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# Competition Information

Welcome to the 2024 San Diego Sweetheart Classic!

## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The San Diego Sweetheart Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted in the Members' Only portal 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. Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating club, Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

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## II. ELIGIBILITY

### **AGE RESTRICTIONS/ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

All competitors must be eligible persons and members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating by the close of entries. Qualifying tests and ages for all events are as of close of entries Friday, January 21, 2024.

All levels may skate one level higher than that for which they are qualified but may not skate more than one level in each discipline, except as specifically noted below. Age restrictions apply as follows:

#### Age Requirements/Restrictions – Singles Discipline (ALL ages are as of January 21, 2024):

Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements:

- No Test through Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile: Women – 13 years of age or older; Men – 14 years of age or older
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering beginner through pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age at the discretion of the referee. If necessary, the referee will combine events as needed based on entries.

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR “LEARN TO SKATE USA” / “COMPETE USA” PARTICIPANTS**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of 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 a Learn to Skate USA Program or member club.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this must be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Skating Skills Tests (formerly known as Moves in the Field) or individual dances.

For the Aspire 1-4, Excel, Well Balanced, and Adult levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed. Skating Skills test level will not determine skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at the highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same discipline type event at the same competition.

#### **Additional Information:**

- Events will be held in accordance with the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association per the 2024 Rulebook and per the 2023-2024 Competition Rules contained therein, except as otherwise stated herein and/or modified at the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council Meeting, U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications for the appropriate discipline, ISU Communications for Juniors and Seniors and as otherwise stated herein.
- Ages for entrants are as of close of entries January 21, 2024.
- An event must have a minimum of two entries prior to the close of entries to be scheduled, and a minimum of two competitors to be held. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6, and all Showcase events may be combined, depending on the number of entries. If events are combined, the allowed time for the free skating event will be as for the actual event entered.
- Results will be available online, through a link that will be provided at the competition, at the end of each event. Additionally, results will be available on the All Year FSC website ([www.allyearfsc.com](http://www.allyearfsc.com)) as soon as possible after the competition.

#### **EVENTS OFFERED**

- **USFS EVENTS**
  - Program requirements for USFS Events listed below can be found [here](#).
  - **NOTE:** Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.
- **COMPETE USA EVENTS**
  - Program requirements for Compete USA Events listed below can be found [here](#).
  - **Snowplow Sam- Basic 6 Program with Music**
    - 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.
- **Aspire 1-4 Program with Music**
  - 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.
- **Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)**
  - 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.
  - Skaters may not enter both a well-balanced free skate event and an excel free skate event at the same competition.
- **SHOWCASE EVENTS**
  - Program requirements for Showcase Events listed below can be found [here](#).
  - **Singles**
    - Skaters may enter any or all events for which they are qualified by test level at non-qualifying competitions. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: an Emotional Performance Junior level skater would not be allowed to skate Emotional Performance Junior and Senior level events at the same competition). The following events are the only Singles Showcase events being offered:
      - See guidelines link for more details for the following Showcase events:
        - Emotional Performance
        - Choreographic Artistry

- Lyrical Pop
- Character Performance
- Comedic Impressions
- **Duets**
  - Duets are theatrical performances by any two or three competitors. Lip Synching, Props, and Scenery ARE permitted. Skaters may enter only one duet, one mini production ensemble and one production ensemble each. Spotlights will not be used at San Diego Sweetheart Classic. When entering events, the skater with the higher technical achievement shall prevail as the level for the duet to enter.
- **Props**
  - Props are permitted for Duets, and Singles (Emotional) only. Further information will be provided regarding which doors to use for entry and exit as well as set up and brief holding area.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$80
Well Balanced Short Program (Open Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$80
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$80
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Emotional. Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$90	\$80
Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$90	\$80
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$90	\$80
Showcase (Basic 1 – Preliminary, Adult 1 – Adult Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$90	\$80
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$90	\$80

## JUDGING SYSTEM

- **The International Judging System (IJS)** will be used for the following events:
  - *Well Balanced Free Skate:*
    - *No Test – Senior*

- *Adult Silver – Adult Masters Jr/Sr*
- *Well Balanced Short Program:*
  - *Open Juvenile – Senior*
- *Excel Free Skate:*
  - *Pre-Preliminary – Senior*
- *All competitors skating in these events must submit their planned program content (PPC) online through Entryeze.*
- **The 6.0 Judging System** will be used for the following events:
  - *Compete USA Events:*
    - *Snowplow Sam – Basic 6*
    - *Aspire 1-4*
  - *Excel Free Skate Events:*
    - *Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus*
  - *Showcase Events (Solos & Duets):*
    - *Basic 1 – Preliminary*
    - *Adult 1 – Adult Pre-Bronze*
    - *No-Test – Senior*
      - *Emotional*
      - *Choreographic Artistry*
      - *Lyrical Pop*
      - *Duets*

## **DRAW FOR SKATING ORDER**

The skating order will be determined by closed draw prior to each segment. Draw for skating order will be a closed draw, drawn in accordance with Rule 2725.

## **QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

The 2024 San Diego Sweetheart Classic will not hold any Qualifying Rounds for any level of any event. If there are sufficient entries, Pre-Juvenile and below may be split by age; Juvenile and above will be seeded per current US Figure Skating seeding rules. There will not be any Final Rounds.

## **COMBINATION OF GENDERS**

In the following events both genders may be combined in the same event at the discretion of the referee: all Learn to Skate (Basic Skills) events; Adult Bronze and below Free Skating events; For Beginner through Pre-Juvenile Free Skating events, where only one skater has entered their single gender event and has agreed to skate in the combined gender event.

## **TEST CREDIT**

Skaters entered in an event that would meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Reminder – Test Credit is only available for Excel Juvenile-Senior levels (Rule 4200). Forms requesting a TEST CREDIT packet must be filled out and submitted to the Registration desk, along with a **\$10 fee, prior to the start of their Free Skate event**. Once the

event is over, only a skater who achieves a test "pass" will receive the full packet from the accounting room.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION: ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA ENTRYEEZE**

Entries must be submitted online via Entryeeze ([www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com)) by midnight (PDT) January 19, 2024. All Year FSC requires "online" entry. Entries will be accepted online via Entryeeze with credit card only. Each transaction includes a credit card fee. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the event is canceled or the team withdraws before close of entries. For questions or concerns, please contact Kristen Perdue for assistance ([kperdue@therinks.com](mailto:kperdue@therinks.com)).

Credit Card Disputes: All Year FSC reserves the right to charge an additional fee of \$40.00, in addition to the entry fee to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge.

**Registration Deadline:** January 21, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT

### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after January 21, 2024, unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

### **ADMISSION**

No admission will be charged to the general public for viewing the competition.

### **CREDENTIALS**

- One coach per Competitors will receive a credential at no charge
- One coach per skater will receive a credential at no charge (credential must be requested during entry process on Entryeeze)
- One additional coach credential per skater may be purchased for \$10 (credential must be requested during entry process on Entryeeze). Can be purchased online only no later than January 28, 2024.
- Chaperones - No charge.

*Please note: during the competition, only one coach per skater will be allowed at the boards during warm-up and competition.*

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD**

Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the Entryeeze system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "Competition" tab and then selecting "My Music." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate!

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone or flash drive and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector (AUX input), 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.

The LOC, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling personal cell phones or flash drives, however, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any music playing device. The LOC is not responsible for devices not picked up by the end of the competition.

- **Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music**

- The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional charge, up to \$35.00 per event segment, if the competitor/team: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess a penalty, the competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

**MUSIC:** January 28, 2024, 11:59pm EDT \*LATE FEE: \$35 will apply

#### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD (FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY)**

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit PPC via Entryeze no later than **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**; 11:59PM PDT. After this date, skaters will be subject to a \$35 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not meet this requirement by the deadline.

**PPC DEADLINE:** January 28, 2024, 11:59pm EDT \*LATE FEE: \$35 will apply

#### **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS:**

##### **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at the The Rinks Poway ICE, 12455 Kerran Street, Suite 100 Poway, CA 92064. The ice surface is approximately 85' x 200', slightly rounded at the corners. The arena has restrooms, a cafe, a pro shop and free parking. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena.

##### **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email and on Entryeze and on the AYFSC website links (<http://www.allyearfsc.com>). This will be considered sufficient notification of the scheduled events.

##### **PRACTICE ICE**



Depending on the number of applicants, practice ice for the competition may be offered. If offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to competitors through Entryeze. (Approximate Sales opening date: January 29, 2024) Music will not be played on Practice Ice.

**Practice Ice Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. For questions regarding practice ice, please contact Kristen Perdue – [kperdue@therinks.com](mailto:kperdue@therinks.com)**

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces. All doors to the available locker rooms must be kept open at all times and are used for storage of skates, equipment and props only.

**Please click [here](#) to review SkateSafe Locker Room and Change Area Policy.**

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

An official posting area will be maintained inside the lobby area of the arena. The official schedule of events will be posted on Entryeze and the All Year FSC website ([www.allyearfsc.com](http://www.allyearfsc.com)). It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board and websites listed above frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. During the competition, updates will be posted through the online portal and will supersede all other schedules. Notices posted on the All Year FSC website will be considered sufficient notice to all skaters. No schedules will be mailed. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted as noted above prior to the competition.

**Online results will be available during the competition. A QR code for access, will be provided and posted throughout the building.**

### **ONSITE CHECK-IN**

Check-in will open on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at approximately 10:30am and will be located outside the main entrance to the ice arena.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented for the first four placed skaters in each event level/group. There will be no Final Rounds at this event.

Compete USA Awards will be presented for the first through sixth place skaters in each level/group.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

Coronado Video (<http://coronadoproductions.tripod.com>) will be the official videographer. Cynthia Slawter Photography is the professional photographer (<http://cynthiaslawterphotography.com>) for award and action photographs at the rink. All

other videotaping and photography are restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is allowed.

Solicitation by any photographer, or agent, of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE EVENTS IS ALLOWED.

*NOTE: per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own team is strictly prohibited.*

## **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

The Official Hotel for 2024 Sweetheart of San Diego Classic is the Hampton Inn & Suites San Diego-Poway. A group rate of \$165 per night has been negotiated. Click [HERE](#) for booking link.

## **AIR TRAVEL**

Airport: San Diego International Airport [SAN Official Site | Welcome to San Diego International Airport](#)

## **V. 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 received, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current [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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

## **SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE**

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the

U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: [www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe).

## 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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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 who have completed their compliance requirements are advised to have a copy of their membership and compliance cards with them at all sanctioned activities and events. Click [here](#) for full chart.

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.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at this competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing. For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach/coach-compliance> Click [here](#) for full chart.

## MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs) 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 SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## 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](#).

## LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, All Year FSC and The Rinks Poway ICE 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.