Bellingham Blades Invitational



Bellingham Sportsplex Skating Academy 1225 Civic Field Way Bellingham WA, 98229 April 14th & 15th 2017

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR 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 the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES -All entries must be postmarked no later than March 18^{th} 2017 and are limited to the first 150 applications received. Late entries will be accepted only if the limit has not been reached, at the discretion of the organizers. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$45.00 and each additional event is \$15.00. NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled by BSSA.

AWARDS – Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places. ALL other places will receive ribbons. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Will be posted on the official bulletin board no later than April 10th 2017. Information regarding groups and skating times will be available online after April 10th 2017.

PRACTICE ICE – 30 minute practice ice sessions will be available on Friday April 14th and Saturday April 15th based on entries. Times to be announced. Sign in and pay \$5.00 at the front office. You may sign up for NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS on a first-come, first-served basis.

MUSIC - The music for all free skating programs and showcase must be provided on CDs by the skater. CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds.

COMPETE USA COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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Learn t	o Skate USA Number	H	Highest Level Passed		
Prograi	m/Club Affiliation				
Directo	or's/Instructor's Name				
Please	check the event(s) you are	e entering:			
	Basic Elements:		Basic Free Skate Prog	gram:	
	Snowplow Sam		Snowplow Sar	m	
	Basic 1	Basic 4	Basic 1		Basic 4
	Basic 2	Basic 5	Basic 2		Basic 5
	Basic 3	Basic 6	Basic 3		Basic 6
	Free Skate Elements/Co Pre-Freeskate Free Skate 1	Beginner	Test Track Free Skat	ry Test	<u>n:</u>
	Free Skate 2 Free Skate 3	High_Beginner No Test	Preliminary T	est	
	Free Skate 3	Pre-preliminary	,		
	Free Skate 4	Preliminary			
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	Well Balanced Free Skat	e Program:	Additional Events:		
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The completed entry form, with fees, must be postmarked no later than March 24th 2017.

Make check or money order payable to **Bellingham Sportsplex**Pay online at www.BellinghamSportsplex.com or www.EntryEeze.com
For additional information call: **Keri Ferguson 360-676-1919 ext 106 or kerif@bellinghamsportsplex.com**

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELED. Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the (NAME OF PROGRAM/ CLUB/ARENA) harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition, and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Competitor Signature	Date
Instructor/Coach Signature	Date
Program Director/Club Officer	Date

COMPETE USA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING/ENTRY FORM p. 1

Date of Competition

ENTRY FORM 1: Team Information

Team name:		U.S. Figure Sk	ating #:	
Club (if applicable):			l .	
Team contact person:				
Daytime phone number:		Email:		
Address:		City:		State/ZIP:
Primary coach:			U.S. Figure Sk	ating #:
Daytime phone number:		Email:		
Number of skaters:		Number of alterna	ites:	
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E ntry Fee: Enclosed is				
for Compete USA e for competitors	vents \$50 per t	eam/Learn to Skate	USA event	
S for competitors	\$ 5 per skater/	Learn to Skate USA e	event	
Checks should be made payable to:	Your ev	vent or skating	g club	
Please send all forms and fees to:	Con	npetition addr	ess	
All fees and entry forms must be Received by:	E	ntrv Deadline		

Compete USA teams may choose to represent either a full member club or a U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA school/program.

COMPETE USA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING/ENTRY FORM p. 2

Name of the club or program represented:							
TEAM ROSTER (Pleas alternate).	e list skaters in alphabetica	al order. It is n	ot necessary to indicate who is an				
Skater's name	Membership #	Age	Signature of skater/parent if under 18				

Name of the team:

COMPETE USA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING/ENTRY FORM p. 3

ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver	/Certification by	V Club Officer
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Team name:	Leve	el:
J.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organized njuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As their entries or participation therein, all entro deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury connected with, the conduct and management claims which they may have against any officend and against its officers, and their entries shal	is a condition of and in consideration of the a nts, their parents and guardians and official to their person and property resulting from, nt of the competition, and to waive and relect ials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the	occeptance of Is shall be caused by or ase any and all
Skaters' names in alphabetical order:	Skater signature or parent/guardian	(if skater is under 18
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Print Name: Signature:

Title:
Club or Learn to Skate USA program name:

MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater.

For further information on skating, Learn to Skate USA skating programs, membership, events or any questions about the materials presented in this manual, please contact:

<u>info@learntoskateusa.com</u> <u>memberservices@learntoskateusa.com</u>

(877) 587-1400

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR 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 those who 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 Learn to Skate USA or a member club. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event and all six should receive an award.

Eligibility and Test Requirements:

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 Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the **Pre-free skate, free skate 1-6, test track and Well Balanced levels**, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at 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 type event at the same competition.

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 discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. Please be sure to check for the director/instructor's signature confirming the level of the skater.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INSTRUCTORS/COACHES

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the U.S. Figure Skating credentials of each coach/instructor who plans to work on-site at the event. You can verify the status of coaches/instructors by checking the lists on the U.S. Figure Skating website. This report can be found on www.usfigureskating.org by going to the "Coaches" page and clicking on the "Information for Clubs" or "Learn to Skate USA Instructor Registration" pages.

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action. Please consult the Coach Compliance Toolkit for further information and the forms to report the violation.



EVENT: Basic Elements: SNOWPLOW SAM - BASIC 6

Format choice of the host: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee or have the option to perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps). Referee driven format examples: 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.
- No music.
- All elements must be skated in the order listed.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:00 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:00 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide, either foot
Basic 2	1:00 max.	Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3	1:00 max.	• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle
		Backward one-foot glides, right and left
Basic 4	1:00 max.	Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise
		Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions
		Beginning two-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions
		Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions
Basic 5	1:00 max.	Advanced two-foot spin, 4-6 revolutions
		Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:00 max.	Bunny Hop
		Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry
		T-stop, right or left



EVENT: Basic Program: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

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.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:10 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:10 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide, either foot
Basic 2	1:10 max.	 Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3 1:10 max. • Forward ½ swizzle pumps		• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle
		Backward one-foot glides, right and left
Basic 4	1:10 max.	Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise
		Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions
		Beginning two-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions
		Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
	1:10 max.	Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions
Basic 5		Advanced two-foot spin, 4-6 revolutions
		Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:10 max.	Bunny Hop
		Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry
		T-stop, right or left



EVENT: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 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 ½ ice.
- No music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 max

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Level	Time	Skating rules/standards			
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max	 Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R) 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, clockwise and counterclockwise 			
		 One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions 			
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		Waltz jump Torward no year stroking. 4.6 consequitive strokes.			
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	 Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes Backward outside three-turns, right and left 			
Tree Skate 1	1.13 1118X.	Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions			
		Toe loop			
		Half flip jump			
		 Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets) 			
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	Backward inside three-turns, right and left			
		Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions			
		Half Lutz			
		Salchow jump			
		 Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right 			
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	Waltz three-turns, clockwise and counterclockwise			
		 Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, min 3 revs 			
		Loop jump			
		Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination			
		 Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left 			
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	Sit spin - minimum three revolutions			
		Half loop jump			
		Flip jump			
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	 Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions 			
		Camel spin - minimum three revolutions			
		Waltz jump-loop jump combination			
		Lutz jump			
		Forward power pulls, right and left			
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	Split jump or stag jump			
		Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total			
		Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence			
		Axel jump			



EVENT: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 Program

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.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

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, clockwise and counterclockwise One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions Mazurka Waltz jump
Free Skate 1	1:40 max	 Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions Toe loop jump Half flip jump
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	 Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets) Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump
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, min 3 revs Loop jump Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	 Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin - minimum three revolutions Half Loop jump Flip jump
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	 Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions Camel spin - minimum three revolutions Waltz-loop jump combination Lutz jump
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	 Split jump or stag jump Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence Axel jump



EVENT: Introductory Levels 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 ½ ice.
- No music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels.
- 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 their free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		Waltz jump
Beginner	1:15 max.	• ½ jump of choice
		 Forward two-foot or one-foot spin - minimum three revolutions (free
		leg position optional)
		Forward or backward spiral
		Toe loop jump
High Beginner	1:15 max.	Salchow jump
		 Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions
		Forward or backward spiral



EVENT: Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

General event parameters:

- 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.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions
 must be in
 position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Max. 2 jump sequences Max. 2 of any same jump 	Max. 2 spins: • Two upright spins, 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 tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences 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 tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests



EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters:

- Elements skated on ½ ice
- Elements may be performed only once
- Music is not allowed

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) Solo spin - sit or camel spin - minimum three revolutions Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.
Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Toe Loop jump Jump combination: single/single (no Axel) Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Lutz jump Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions Forward inside spiral

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EVENT: WELL BALANCED PROGRAM FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying 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.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No-Test	1:40 Maximum	 Max. 5 jump elements: Single jumps, with the exception of the single Axel, are allowed No single Axels, double jumps or triple jumps Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is permitted Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	Max. 2 spins: Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a fly Minimum 3 revs. Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)	Step sequence* Must use one-half the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements. Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Pre- Preliminary	1:40 Maximum Vocal music permitted	 Maximum of 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, as part of a jump combination or jump sequence. (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 sequences Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 jumps is permitted. Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	Maximum of 2 spins: Spins may change feet and/or position. Spins may start with a fly. Minimum of 3 revolutions These spins must be of a different character (For definition see Rule 4103 (E)	One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface. Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted, but will not count as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Preliminary	1:40 Maximum Vocal music permitted	Maximum of 5 jump elements:	Maximum of 2 spins: Spins may change feet and/or position. Spins may start with a fly. Minimum of 3 revolutions	One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface. Moves in the field and spiral sequences are

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	 Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is permitted. Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	These spins must be of a different character (For definition see Rule 4103 (E)	permitted, but will not count as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
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EVENT: Test Track Free Skate

General event parameters:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- 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.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
- The following deductions will be taken:
- 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
- 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 max.	Maximum of 5 jump elements:	Maximum of 2 spins: • Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry (Minimum 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test.
Preliminary 1:40 max	Maximum of 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels) Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences Maximum 2 of any same type jump	Maximum of 2 spins: One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Minimum 3 revolutions) One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test.

Adult Events



ADULT EVENTS: This event can be used as a Compulsory or Program Event Adult 1-6 Free Skate, Pre-Bronze and Bronze:

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.

- Vocal music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:30+/-10 sec unless otherwise noted

Adult 1		Adult 4
•	Falling and Recovery Forward Marching Forward two-foot glide Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row) Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot	 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 • • • • •	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 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	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 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
pre-bron Time: 1:4 Refer to	re-Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult lize free skate test or pre-preliminary free skate test. 40 maximum the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4600 for requirements.	Adult Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult bronze free skate test or the preliminary free skate test. Time: 1:50 maximum Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4590 for specific requirements.

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Hockey Events

HOCKEY EVENTS: Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Competition

Invite the Hockey 1-4 participants plus members of the local hockey association by creating fun and challenging skills competition. Ages should be divided by 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, and adult. These age groups may be combined based upon number of entries.

Hockey 1-4 Elements: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. The following elements have been chosen for the skaters to perform. Format choice: 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
- All elements must be skated in the order listed
- Time: 1:00 or less

- Proper basic hockey stance, forward and backward
- March forward across the ice, 8-10 steps
- Two-foot glides and dips from forward marching
- Forward swizzles / double C-cuts (4-6 in a row)
- Stationary Snowplow Stop

Hockey 3

- Forward C-cuts (1/2 swizzle pumps) on a circle, both directions
- Forward outside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis
- Forward inside edges on half circles, alternating feet on the axis
- Backward C-Cuts on a circle, both directions
- Backward snowplow stops, one foot and two feet V-stop

Hockey 2

- Forward strides using 45 degree V-Push, focus on good recovery and alternating arm drive
- Forward C-cuts: single leg and alternating feet in a straight line
- Backward hustle or march, then glide on two feet
- Backward swizzles / double C-cuts (4 − 6)
- Two-foot moving Snowplow stop

Hockey 4

- Quick starts using forward V-Start
- Backward one-foot glide, right and left
- Forward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Hockey stops (to right and left, with speed)

Hockey Skills Challenge: Have skaters complete each of the five following skills competitions. Set up each station according to the descriptions below. Skaters earn points upon placement in each station (First place - 5 points, second place - 4 points, third place - 3 points, fourth place - 2 points, fifth place - 1 point). Highest combined total wins.

- 1. Shooting: Using a "shooter tutor," give each skater 10 pucks to shoot into the five holes. Alternate each shot into the different holes in the tutor. Most number of hits wins.
- 2. Fastest Skater: Starting at the center red line, have skaters complete one lap around all of the dots and behind the nets. Set up cones on each red dot to outline to course. 2-4 skaters can race at a time at different sides of the red line. Use stop watch. Fastest skater wins.
- 3. Stick Handling: Place two rows of staggered cones down the length of ice. Have skaters stick handle through the cones down one length and back again. Shortest time wins. A missed cone is a 5-second penalty.
- **4.** Agility: Set up an obstacle course with cones for forward and backward skating, turns and stops. Fastest skater wins.
- **5.** Passing: Set up stationary targets (i.e. cones, bucket, mini-net) 25 feet away from starting line. Give each skater 10 pucks to try to hit each target. Highest number of hits wins.

LEARN TO USA

Showcase Events

SHOWCASE EVENTS:

Showcase events are open to skaters in Basic, Free Skate, Limited Beginner through Preliminary and Adult Bronze. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher. Vocal music is permitted.

Show costumes are permitted, as long as they do not touch or drag on the ice. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.2 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each five seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice.

6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of Showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying Showcase Guidelines posted on www.usfigureskating.org.

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up
- Dramatic entertainment: Showcase program utilizing intense emotional skating quality to depict choreographic theme.
- Light entertainment: Showcase program emphasizing such choreographic expressive qualities such as comedy, love and mime while incorporating skating skills.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by any competitors.
- Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors.
- Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. Theater On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production event.

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6/	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
Beginner/High Beginner/ Adult 1-6	jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	rigure skatting free skatte tests.	
No Test/ Pre-Preliminary/ Adult Pre-Bronze	3 jump maximum. No Axels or double jumps permitted.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary or Adult pre-Bronze free skate test.	Time: 1:30 max.
Preliminary/ Adult Bronze	3 jump maximum. Axels are permitted, but no double jumps allowed.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze test.	Time: 1:40 max.



Spins Challenge

EVENT: Spins Challenge

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	 Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright two-foot spin (3) Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	 Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright two-foot spin (3) Sit spin (3)
No Test	1:30 max.	 Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright two-foot spin (3) Sit spin (3)
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	 Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright back-scratch spin (3) Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	 Forward scratch to back scratch spin (3) Combination spin with no change of foot (4) Sit spin (3)



Jumps Challenge

EVENT: Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- To be skated on ½ ice

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
		Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
Beginner	1:15 max.	2. ½ flip or ½ Lutz
		3. Single Salchow
		 Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
High	1:15 max.	2. Single Salchow
Beginner		3. Jump combination – Waltz jump-toe loop
		1. Single toe loop
No Test	1:15 max.	2. Single loop
		3. Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
		1. Single toe loop
Pre –	1:15 max.	2. Single flip
Preliminary		3. Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
		1. Single flip
Preliminary	1:15 max.	2. Single Lutz
		3. Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)



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 30th July 2nd), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the 2nd quarter).
- Skaters will complete both of the 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 dances groupings.

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Preliminary	1.	Dutch Waltz	1.	Rhythm Blues	1.	Canasta Tango	1. R	hythm Blues	
	2.	Canasta	2.	Dutch Waltz	2.	Rhythm Blues	2. [Outch Waltz	
		Tango							
Pre-Bronze	1.	Swing Dance	1	Fiesta Tango	1.	Cha-Cha	1.	Swing Dance	
	2.	Cha-Cha	2	Swing Dance	2.	Fiesta Tango	2.	Cha-Cha	

Synchro Skills



LEARN TO SKATE USA SYNCHRO SKILLS 1 - 3

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating. (See program requirements.)

Eligibility Rules: All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the Learn to Skate USA program. All Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating and have a team number.

In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than a preliminary test (moves in the field, freestyle or dance). The skaters' test level is as of the competition entry deadline.

No skater may compete on multiple Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams.

Age/Number of Skaters: Varies based on the level. The ages for Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams are as of the preceding July 1. If the majority of team is younger than the listed age, consider skating "up" to the level that best meets the skaters' skill levels.

Each team may have between 8-16 skaters. Teams may have a total of four athletes on their roster in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

Costume Rules: Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams should follow **Rule 7022 Clothing and Equipment** (U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) when selecting their clothing for competition.

Coach Compliance: Coaches bringing their Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating team to a Compete USA competition should have, at a minimum, the Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and complete the Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification.



Synchro Skills

LEARN TO SKATE USA SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3

The synchronized competition program is also part of the Learn to Skate USA program. The Compete USA competition program is for Learn to Skate USA level skaters who are interested in a first competition or "team" experience, taking the Synchro 1-4 badges a step further. Synchro Skills teams compete at Learn to Skate USA competitions and nonqualifying synchronized skating competitions around the country.

Required elements – Each level has specific required elements that must be completed:

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
SYNCHRO SKILLS 1 8-16 skaters, majority under 9 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide. Stroking from backward to forward is permitted.	cover half ice to full		One wheel, choice of 4- spoke or 3 spoke with backward pumps.	
SYNCHRO SKILLS 2 8-16 skaters , majority under 12 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a forward 3-turn and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.	must cover full ice and may include	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	One wheel of the team's choice with backward pumps and chasses.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
SYNCHRO SKLLS 3 8-16 skaters, majority at least 12 years old Maximum 2 minutes 40 seconds Minimum of two different hand holds		Line element, which includes a change of configuration (1 line to 2 lines or 2 lines to 1 line), and must cover full ice and must include forward and backward skating.	configurations.	Wheel element of the team's choice with backward pumps, chasses, or crossovers.	lines facing each other, 1-foot glide or forward

The emphasis of the Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating competition is on mastering the Synchro Skills of synchronized skating:

- Unison of body alignment, and learning to guide with the head.
- Control of rotation in wheels and circles.
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections.
- Learning how to transition within elements with ease and clarity.
- Incorporating skills from Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1 to strengthen skating skills.
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels.
- Demonstrate ability to recognize and skate to the tempo of the music.

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 1 & 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder and choo-choo holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
 - Lines may not pivot.
- Synchro Skills 1 teams may not do steps higher than Basic 5, with the exception of forward chasses.
- Synchro Skills 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 1, with the exception of forward chasses.

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 3:

-No traveling within elements (change of configuration and rotational direction are allowed).

Restrictions in all levels: All of the synchronized skating "illegal elements" found in Rule #7160 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Please reference http://usfsa.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized for most up-to-date Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating rules

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SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO

We are piloting this competitive event at Compete USA competitions. This will not be offered at synchronized

skating nonqualifying competitions this season.

LEVEL	LEVEL CIRCLE		BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
Snowplow Sam Synchro 5-12 skaters, majority under 7 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a forward inside or outside edge 1 foot glide. May have backwards skating.	One line, skated forward, which must cover half ice to full ice.	,	One wheel, skated forward, in any shape.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.

Backwards skating is allowed, but not required, in the circle and is not permitted in any other elements

transitions. No additional elements are allowed.

7270 Preliminary Synchronized Skating

- A. Test qualifications as of the closing date for entries: None
- B. Requirements as of the preceding July 1: 8-16 skaters who are under age 12 with the majority of skaters under age 10

PRELIMINARY SYNCHRONIZED WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Must contain the following five elements in any order		
BLOCK	One block element	
CIRCLE	One circle element	
INTERSECTION	One intersection element (forward only)	
LINE	One line element	
WHEEL	One wheel element	

STANDARDS

- A minimum of two different clearly recognizable holds are required. These holds may be done in elements or transitions and must be shown by the whole team for three seconds or more.
- All elements must meet general criteria and basic requirements in order to be counted (see rule 7150).
- Other elements may be incorporated into the free skate and will be judged in the program component mark.
- Creative innovations and variations are permitted in the transitions and required elements, and will be reflected in the program component mark.
- The team must predominantly act as one unit. Division of the team into several units is allowed during the creative element and transitions. Additionally, several units can be used as short transitions if the element following the transition so requires, such as preparation for an intersection or the beginning of a creative element. Excessive division into small groups without the reasons mentioned above is not according to the requirements.
- Features and additional features are optional. Step sequences are permitted in non-step sequence elements and may also be used during transitions.
- Turns and linking steps may be used during elements.
- · Mirror image pattern is permitted in elements and transitions.
- Syncopated choreography may be used.
- For illegal and non-permitted elements, see rules 7160 and 7170.
- Definitions of general terms, steps and turns, features and requirements and additional features/extra features can be found in rules 7110-7140.

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Theatre On Ice



Theatre On Ice

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating. (See program requirements.) Props, scenery and theatrical makeup are not allowed.

Eligibility Rules: All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Program. It is strongly suggested that teams register with U.S. Figure Skating, but this is not required.

Members of other organizations are eligible to compete, but must be registered with a Learn to Skate USA program or as full members of U.S. Figure Skating.

In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than the pre-preliminary Moves in the Field or adult pre-bronze test in any discipline.

Age/Number of Skaters: Skaters may not have reached 18 years of age as of September 1 of the current skating season. Teams should be comprised of 8 - 16 skaters.

Program Duration: Teams will skate a program to music of their choice (vocals are allowed) 1 ½ min. +/-10 sec. There are no restrictions or requirements on music choice but each level has a different THEME, CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS and MOVEMENT or GESTURE (see program requirements).

Judging Notes: The main emphasis of each level is mastering the Learn to Skate USA of Theatre On Ice and showing control in the skating skills from the badge levels required. The focus is not difficulty, but the performance and expression of the three required elements.

When possible, judges should be selected from those who have participated in a U.S. Figure Skating or PSA seminar where Theatre On Ice has been discussed, or have some familiarity with the discipline of Theatre On Ice.



EVENT: Theatre On Ice (TOI) Events

Format: The competitive programs shall create a story based on the theme while demonstrating the choreographic process and gesture or movement.

- Programs should contain skating skills from the Learn to Skate USA program levels listed.
- Elements from higher levels are not allowed.
- Elements from lower levels are encouraged.
- Coaches should refer to the U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Instructor's Manual for further details on the elements.
- Props, scenery and theatrical makeup are not allowed.

Please refer to the Learn to Skate USA Instructor's Manual for more detailed information on Theatre On Ice 1-4.

Learn to Skate USA Theatre On Ice Levels

Level	Program Length	Test, Team Size and Age Requirements
		• Theme: Joy (emotion)
TOI/CE 1	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Repetition
		Movement or gesture: Allegro (fast movement)
		Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Learn to Skate
		USA program levels 1 through 4.
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.
		Theme: Body as an instrument
TOI/CE 2	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Canon
		Movement or gesture: Soft movement (fluid and light)
		Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Learn to Skate
		USA program levels 5 through 6
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.
		Theme: Traveling through space
TOI/CE 3	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Mirroring
		Movement or gesture: Unison
		Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Learn to Skate
		USA Free Skate 1 through 3.
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.