

**24th Connecticut Synchronized Skating Classic
Hamden Figure Skating Association
February 11, 2018**

The 24th CONNECTICUT SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLASSIC will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons, as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series Participation in this series is open to all, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

ENTRIES: Online entry with secure credit card payment is available at:

<http://www.TeamEsprit.com>

Online entry must be completed by midnight on January 12, 2018.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Nonqualifying Competition



For all events, please register each team separately and pay for that team (and all team members) in the online system. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- i. "Team contact" - primary individual responsible for team information
- ii. "Team Name" - official name used on the skating orders and in the program
- iii. number of team members, including alternates
- iv. Team Roster - please provide for each team member:
 - a. Skater first and last name
 - b. Skater date of birth
 - c. Skater highest test passed for free skate and MIF
 - d. Skater USFS number
 - e. Email address of skater (if over age 18) or skater's parent/guardian email address, so they can accept the liability waiver for that skater

The entry fee is \$325* per event plus \$30 per competitor, including alternates.
The entry fee for Synchro Skills 1-3 is \$50 ** per team plus \$10 per skater.

***Entry fee includes all Pictures and videos as well as live stream if available.**

**** Synchro Skills teams will need to purchase their video and pictures separately in the merchandise section.**

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to "skate-up" one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after January 12, 2018 unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for nonsufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$75 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the Spurrier-Snyder Rink within the Freeman Athletic Center at Wesleyan University, 161 Cross Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06459, (860) 685-2690, <http://www.wesleyan.edu/athletics/deptinfo/facilities.html>. The rink is 85' by 200', is average temperature and the arena holds up to 1,500 people. Eight Locker Rooms will be available. There is a Wesleyan University run snack bar serving snacks, lunch and beverage items. Adequate Free Parking is available in designated university lots next to and across from the arena.

MUSIC: Competition music for all events MUST be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the music deadline of January 25, 2018 at midnight.

After you have paid for your events, you will be prompted to upload music for each event that requires music. You may login to your account at a later date and upload music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music".

Your music must meet the following criteria:

- 1) File format: MP3 - the online system will automatically check this
- 2) Bit rate: 192 kbps or higher - this will be checked by the music chairperson, who will

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request a corrected file, if necessary

3) Sample rate: 44,100 kHz - this will be checked by the music chairperson, who will request a corrected file, if necessary.

4) Leaders and trailers (the silence before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed 2 seconds. We prefer NO leaders or trailers.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their music on CD, as a back up. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Hamden Figure Skating Association, Inc. cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, (Hamden Figure Skating Association), and (Wesleyan University) 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

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

- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate
- Collegiate
- Adult

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Synchro Skills 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Masters
- Open Adult
- Open Masters
- Open Collegiate

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin February 11, 2018 at the start of practice ice and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located at the Cross St. entrance lobby of the Freeman Center. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION:

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Competitors, coaches and two chaperones per team will be provided passes.

Admission fees for spectators will be as stated below on day of competition:

\$15 for adults

\$10 for seniors or children age 5-12

Children 5 and under are free

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PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice is **mandatory** for teams competing under the IJS – Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Collegiate, and Adult teams. Non IJS teams are welcome to purchase practice ice

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| ● Practice ice must be purchased online at time of team entry at http://www.TeamEsprit.com by the deadline of January 12, 2018. |
| ● Practice ice fees are \$100/10 minutes and are non-refundable |
| ● Practice Ice may occur either on Saturday, February 10, 2018 or Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Spurrier-Snyder Rink within the Freeman Athletic Center at Wesleyan University, 161 Cross Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06459. Rink Surface is 200' X 85' with rounded corners. |
| ● Assignment of practice ice is on a first come, first served basis. Scheduling is at the discretion of the Chief Referee, with mandatory practice ice taking priority. |
| ● Practice ice schedule will be posted as soon as available on http://www.TeamEsprit.com |

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Snap Shot Sports Media is the official photographer for the Connecticut Synchronized Skating Classic. Professional photographs and videos will be taken of teams during the competition. Synchro Skills 1-3 must purchase the photography/videography package separately. Team photos will only be taken of medalists. Teams who do not medal will not be photographed as a group, outside of those taken during their complete skate. Included in your entry fee each team will receive all photos and videos and a link will be provided prior to the event for live streaming should it be available

AWARDS: Award ceremonies will be held throughout the event in a designated area. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. A trophy will be given to the 1st place team within each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the rink: It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.**

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating non qualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Completed an annual background screen
- ✓ Completed the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance
- ✓ If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and instructor certification is

sufficient.

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for 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. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of compliance, and a photo I.D. at check in. **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 – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: www.teamesprit.com
For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Elaine Sangiovanni	ctsynchronskatingclassic@gmail.com	(203)641-2568
	Shari Hough	ctsynchronskatingclassic@gmail.com	(203)592-2372
Chief Referee:	Laura Days	lekdays@gmail.com	
Practice Ice:	Elaine / Shari	ctsynchronskatingclassic@gmail.com	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ADVERTISING: Visit our website www.TeamEsprit.com for information about advertising in our program book.
SOUVENIRS: Vendors selling skating merchandise, including competition logo wear will be available in lobby.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Teams are encouraged to make arrangements as soon as possible.

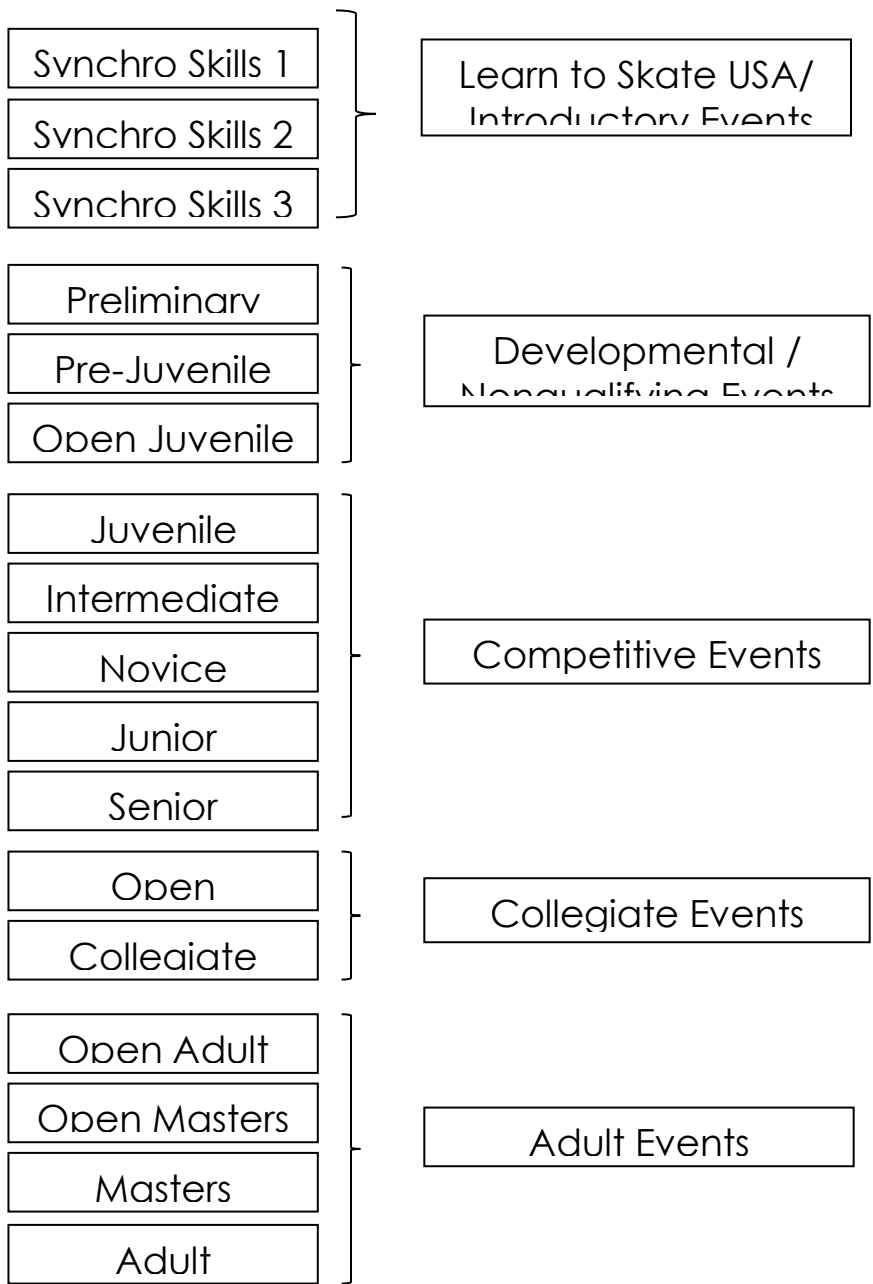
- * Fairfield Inn Wallingford, 100 Miles Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492 203-284-0001
- * Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450 203-238-2380
- * Courtyard by Marriott New Haven/Wallingford, 600 Northrop Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492 (203) 284-9400

COMPETITION SCHEDULE: The competition schedule will be emailed to the team contact and posted at www.teamesprit.com when made available by the chief referee.

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



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- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 40 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.

Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210

- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

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Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X	X	X	X							
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	