2017 Cannon Texas Open



Compete USA July 8-9, 2017

RULES, CONDUCT and ELIGIBILITY:

The purpose of the event is to promote a fun introduction to the competitive sport of figure skating for the beginner skater. This competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U. S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the Official 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, the U.S. Figure Skating Learn To Skate USA Competition Manual. The competition is open to all (1) LEARN TO SKATE USA skaters who are currently eligible (ER 1.00) members of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating.

Learn To Skate USA: The competition is open to all beginner skaters who are either enrolled in a class program or receiving private instruction at the beginner level. Skaters who have passed the USFS Pre-Preliminary test or higher are NOT eligible. All Snowplow Sam and Learn To Skate USA Skaters Levels 1 through 8 must skate at the highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including MIF or individual dances. Skaters in all other categories/events may compete at their current level or at one level higher (skate up), but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. If a skater competes at a non-qualifying competition in a "Beginner" or "No Test" category, then the skater must compete at the equivalent or higher level in a Basic Skills approved competition. Basic 1-8 and FreeSkate 1-6 divisions will be divided by age into groups no larger than six skaters. All events will be final rounds.

Note: Skaters may join as a Lone Star Figure Skating Club Learn To Skate USA member for a nominal fee.

ENTRIES: Registration due via ENTRYEEZE by 9:59pm CST on June 2, 2017.

NOTE (Skaters/Parents/Coaches): There will be a **\$30.00 change fee** assessed for each change to an event or level after the closing date of entries. Cancellations made for any reason prior to May 28, 2017 will be assessed a **\$50.00 cancellation fee**.

Notification of competition and practice ice times, schedules and announcements will be sent to your email through EntryEeze. Listing a **VALID** email address when you register is essential!

Event Type	Comments	Fee
First Basic Skills event		\$60 or \$30/skater (pair)
Additional Basic Skills event		\$20 or \$10/skater (Pair)
Change Fee	Any change made to events AFTER entry deadline May 28, 2017	\$30
Cancellation Fee/ Contested Charges	No refunds will be made after May 28, 2017. Convenience fees will not be refunded	\$50

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after June 2, 2017 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$50.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

<u>FACILITIES</u>: The competition will be held at Dr Pepper StarCenter – Farmers Branch, a northwest suburb of Dallas, at 12700 N Stemmons Frwy, Farmers Branch, TX 75234, approximately ¼ mile from LBJ (I-635) and Stemmons Frwy (I-35). The arena has two ice surfaces, each 200' X 85', a full service grille and pro shop.



MUSIC:

A. UPLOAD/SUBMISSION-Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. The uploaded program MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. Short Program, Free Skate, etc.) per file is allowed.
- The uploaded file must be an **MP3** File. Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate of 192 kbps or higher is requested.
- The file should not contain any ID3 metadata (tags). Especially NO embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be **NO leaders or trailers** at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

After you have registered and paid for your events in EntryEeze, the 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 logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "My Music".

See EntryEeze announcements on the main page for music submission deadline date and time.

B. BACKUP MUSIC AT EVENTS (CDs)

Competitors must submit their music online. In addition, all competitors MUST have at least one (1) backup CD rink side at practice sessions, where program music will be played, and during the actual competition event. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- Clearly marked with a permanent marker with the skater's first and last name, event, and music length.
- Only one (1) music track. Any disk with more than one track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable CDRW disks.

The LOC is NOT responsible for damage to or loss of CDs. CDs not picked up by the end of the competition are NOT the responsibility of the LOC and will be destroyed.

C. PENALTY FOR INCORRECT MUSIC OR FAILURE TO UPLOAD MUSIC

The LOC may assess each competitor an additional charge of \$25 per event if the competitor

- fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission,
- submits files that do not correspond to the specifications above, or
- submits either the incorrect music or needs to make changes to their music after the close of online music submission.

Competitors may NOT receive their credentials at registration until they pay the \$25 per event charge and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

<u>LIABILITY:</u> U.S. Figure Skating, Stars Figure Skating Club of Texas and Dr. Pepper StarCenter 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 6.0 closed system of judging will be used for all Basic Skills events.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Thursday, July 6, <u>one hour before first event or practice</u> and end on July 9. On competition days, registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located at the skate counter. Please register promptly upon arrival. Skaters must check in with the Ice Monitor <u>at least one hour prior</u> to event ice time.



PRACTICE ICE: Compete USA practice Ice will begin July 8 and will be available with limited availability each day of the competition. Practice Ice will be sold through EntryEeze until Registration opens. Then Practice Ice will be sold at Registration, in person, for cash only. Practice ice will continue to be sold until sessions are full.

After close of entries, and by June 25, you will receive an email in order to access your practice ice record and select your session(s) via EntryEeze.

Maximum of 1 Practice Ice sessions may be requested per skater per eligible event. Basic Skills Practice Ice will be 15 minutes in length and is available for Free Skate, Compulsory and Showcase events. Music will NOT be played on Basic Skills practice sessions. Practice sessions will be organized according to level, whenever possible, and limited to 24 skaters. We reserve the right to cancel or change any practice session that has fewer than 5 skaters. All practice ice will be selected by skater. We will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$14.00 per session after the schedule has been posted and once those that pre-register for sessions have had time to select their sessions. PRACTICE ICE SESSIONS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER CLOSE OF ENTRIES.

Learn to Skate/Compete USA	On or before June 2	June 25-July 5 (space permitting)	July 6-9 (space permitting)
15 minutes	\$12	\$14	\$18

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Video service and awards photos will be provided by Kevin Devine. The official photographer will be available to take group and individual photographs. The host committee reserves the right to restrict personal video recording to your skater's events only. Photography will be provided for action and podium photos. Personal cameras will be permitted in the bleachers only and may not be plugged into arena outlets. No flash photography during the warm ups or events. Video recording for personal profit is not allowed. Skaters are encouraged to participate in all group award photographs and award presentations, in skating costumes and skates.

<u>AWARDS</u>: Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place in all events. Ribbons will be awarded to fourth, fifth and sixth place. All awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's within one hour after each event.

<u>OFFICIAL NOTICES:</u> An official bulletin area will be maintained at Dr Pepper StarCenter. Competitors and coaches are responsible for periodically checking this area for schedule changes and special announcements.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C, or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Basic Skills ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant 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. 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. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation, which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to: http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf



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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

<u>HOST HOTEL:</u> Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West at 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX (972) 869-4300 located less than 3 miles east of the arena. To reserve by phone call 1-800-THE-OMNI or 1-800-842-6664. Mention "Cannon Texas Open" to receive the rate of \$115.00 per night plus tax for Double/Double up to four people per room. Reservations MUST be made by: 5:00pm, June 19, 2017 to receive the Cannon Texas Open special rates,

<u>AIRPORT INFORMATION:</u> DFW Airport is served by several major airlines. Dallas-Love Field is served by Southwest, United and Delta. Both airports are within close proximity to Farmers Branch Dr Pepper StarCenter.

<u>COMPETITION PROGRAMS:</u> For program advertising opportunities please contact: Debbie Page <u>StarsFSCVicePresident1@gmail.com</u>

GATE ADMISSION: No admission fee will be charged for spectators.



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	Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row
Sam max.		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:00	Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
	max.	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	Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot
	max.	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	 Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive
	max.	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	Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise
max. • Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions		
Beginning two-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions		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	Advanced two-foot spin, 4-6 revolutions
	max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Hockey stop
_		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:00	Bunny Hop
	max.	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 of ward two foot officeroo, 2 of it a for				
Sam	max.	Forward snowplow stop			
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row			
		Forward two-foot glide and dip			
Basic 1	1:10	Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row			
	max.	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	Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot			
	max.	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	 Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive 			
	max.	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	Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise			
	max. • 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			
D . E	1:10	Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions			
Basic 5	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 1:10 • Bunny Hop max. • Forward spiral on a straight line right or left					
	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: COMPULSORY: Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 6

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

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate Free	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 Mazurka Waltz jump Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes Backward outside three-turns, right and left
Skate 1	max.	 Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions Toe loop Half flip jump
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	 Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets) Backward inside three-turns, right and left Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	 Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Waltz three-turns, 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
Free Skate 4	1:15 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	1:15 max.	 Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions Camel spin - minimum three revolutions Waltz jump-loop jump combination Lutz jump
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	 Forward power pulls, right and left Split jump or stag jump Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence Axel jump



EVENT: PROGRAM: Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 6

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



ADULT EVENTS: This event can be used as a Compulsory or Program Event

EVENT: ADULT FREE SKATE: Adult 1-6, Pre-Bronze, 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 outside edge on a circle, right and left 		
Forward Marching	 Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left 		
Forward two-foot glide	 Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise 		
Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)	Backward one-foot glides, right and left		
 Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot 	Hockey stop, both directions		
Adult 2	Adult 5		
 Forward skating across the width of the ice 	Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left		
Forward one-foot glides	Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left		
Forward slalom	Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise		
Backward skating	Forward outside three-turn, right and left		
Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row	Beginning two-foot spin		
Adult 3	Adult 6		
 Forward stroking using the blade properly 	 Forward stroking with crossover end patterns 		
 Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, 	Backward stroking with crossover end patterns		
clockwise and counterclockwise	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left 		
 Backward skating to a long two-foot glide 	T-stop		
 Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and 	Lunge		
counterclockwise	Two-foot spin into one-foot spin		
 Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left 	·		
Adult Pre-Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult pre-	Adult Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult bronze		
bronze free skate test or pre-preliminary free skate test. Time: 1:40	free skate test or the preliminary free skate test.		
maximum	Time: 1:50 maximum		
Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4600 for specific	Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4590 for		
requirements.	specific requirements.		



EVENT: SHOWCASE

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/ Beginner/High Beginner/ Adult 1-6	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
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.

