



The 22nd Annual Cape Cod Synchronized Skating Classic

Hosted by:

Bourne Skating Club

December 9-11, 2016

The 22nd Annual Cape Cod 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, 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. This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met, with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Learn to Skate USA level.

ENTRIES: All Entries **MUST BE** received by: midnight October 25, 2016. Early applications have a deadline of September 30, 2015. *Late entries will be reviewed and accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee.* All applications should be entered on <http://comp.entryeeze.com> Synchro Skills 1-3 events should be run in accordance to the 2016-17 Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

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 **October 25, 2016** unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit

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



card charges will be assessed a **\$25.00** fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. All applications should be entered on <http://comp.entryeeze.com>

Entry Fees: Synchronized Skating-Early applications earn a \$30 discount off team entry fee

1. \$275/team plus \$30/skater including alternates (\$35/skater **NOT** staying in a preferred hotel)*
2. Combined fee for Junior and Senior teams entering both the short and long programs: \$300/team plus \$30/skater, including alternates. (\$35/skater **NOT** staying in a preferred hotel)*
3. The entry fee for Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills 1-3 is \$50 per team plus \$5 per skater.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held the John Gallo Ice Arena, 231 Sandwich Road (Route 6A), Bourne, MA 02532, www.galloarena.com. John Gallo Ice Arena has an ice surface of 200' x 85'. Please see diagram on the BSC website. www.bourneskatingclub.com. The temperature of the Gallo Arena is average. There is a snack bar on-site. Locker rooms will be assigned by the referee.

MUSIC: The music supply must be on a standard compact disc. No other format shall be accepted. 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 Bourne Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.**

*****PRACTICE ICE CD's ARE HANDED TO THE MUSIC VOLUNTEER AT ICE LEVEL AT TIME OF PRACTICE*****

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Bourne Skating Club and John Gallo Ice Arena 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

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



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.usfsonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin September 10, 2016 and end at midnight on October 25, 2016. The registration table will be located inside the Competitor's Entrance to the tent and will be open at all times during the practice ice and competition. Teams need to register no later than two hours in advance of their competition event and submit their competition music. At the time of registration, teams will pick-up their registration packets containing competition information, badges, final schedules, etc. The Official Bulletin Board will be located at registration. It is the responsibility of each team to periodically check this board for any updates. Team Manager 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: Each team will receive a credential for each skater, two (2) registered coaches, as well as two (2) chaperones. *All other* entry is paid by general admission. Admissions prices are \$15 per day or \$40.00 for a 3 day all event pass, and a one day pass of \$10.00 for senior citizens and military with a valid ID. Children under age 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

PRACTICE ICE: All practice ice is at John Gallo Ice Arena, which has an ice surface of 200' x 85'. Practice ice will be available from Friday through Sunday at Gallo Ice Arena. Practice ice is strongly recommended for teams competing in the IJS events. Your ice will be assigned in a block format by level by the LOC. Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior teams will have their practice ice monitored by the IJS system, and will be grouped together for practice ice purposes. Practice ice will be sold in blocks of 10 minutes @ \$115.00 per block or 12 minutes @ \$125.00 per block. Practice ice will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Practice Ice will not be scheduled without full payment and completion of the team registration forms. Practice Ice sessions will be confirmed by email.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: : The event will be filmed and photographed. Photographs and videotapes will be available for order.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to each skater on teams placing first through fourth in each division. A first place award will be given to the first place team in each division. The Junior and Senior Short and Long programs are judged and awarded as separate events. Medals will not be awarded for exhibition events. Results will be posted on the concourse. Please check bulletin board at the registration desk for time and location of the presentation of awards. Teams will enter from the Zamboni doors at the snack bar end of the rink for on ice awards.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Registration Desk. 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.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

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



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

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. If coaches are **ONLY** coaching a Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills 1-3 team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check is sufficient. If the coach is coaching any other level team(s) at a nonqualifying event, then he/she must have at least CER B for the current season
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%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 Category A or B 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:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition web site: www.bourneskatingclub.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals @ capecodsynchroclassic@gmail.com:

Vendor Chair: Sharon Nance

Officials Chair: Laura Scena

Registration Chair: Anne-Marie Siroonian

CCC2016 Co-Chairs: Anne-Marie and Sharon

Chief Referee: Daren Patterson

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There will be a trade show in the tent, including our usual line-up of vendors – sweatshirts, t shirts, video tapes, action photos, food, skating-related items, competition pins, program books and results. Competition pins and programs may also be pre-ordered

Transportation: If you need bus transportation for your team while you are here on Cape Cod, please contact Chris or Denise at the Plymouth & Brockton Bus Company at (508) 746-4795 or (508) 746-0411.

Please make sure to inform your bus drivers that there is absolutely no bus parking in the Gallo parking lot. Buses are allowed to drop off and pick up their teams only. Buses must be parked at the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School parking lot located diagonally across the street from the rink.

Parking: In the event that the Gallo parking lot is full, additional parking for the general public

is available at the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School located diagonally across from the rink.

Restrooms: We must insist that there be no changing of clothing or applying make-up in the restrooms.

Skate Bag Room: The skate storage room will be clearly marked. After a team has finished competing, they will be required to either return their bags to their bus or store their skate bags in this room. There will be fulltime security at all times for this room.

Judge's Stand: The Judges and Technical Panel will be located on the opposite side of the rink from the bleachers. Please refer to rink diagram on the BSC website.

Critiques: Critique officials will be assigned to each event. Due to scheduling limitations, there will be limited time and we must adhere to the following:

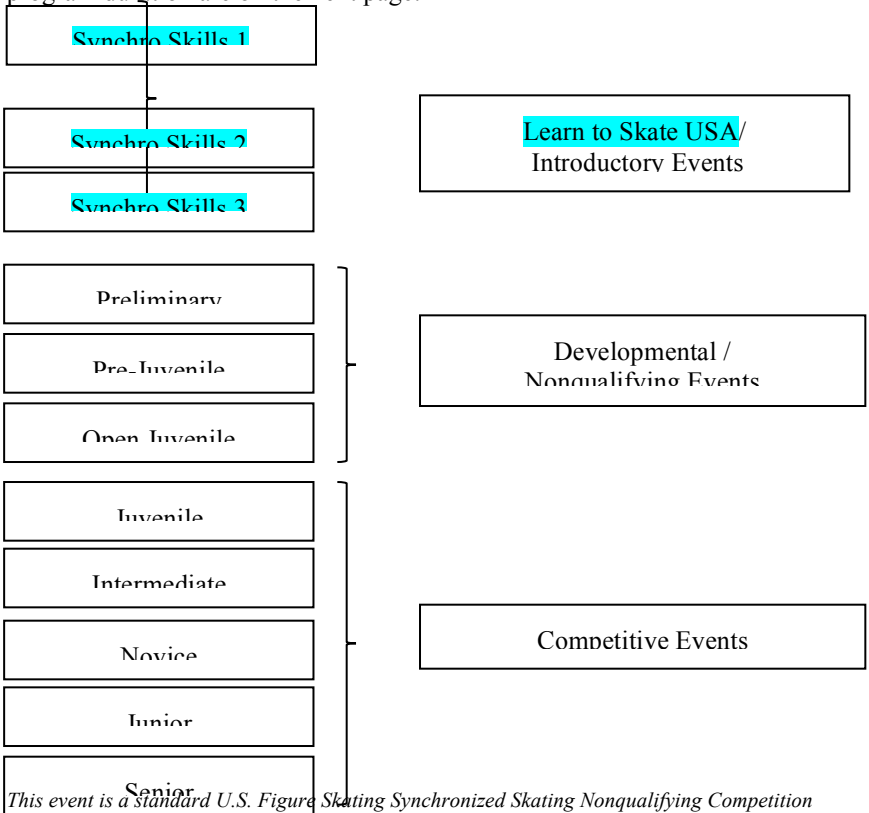
Critiques will occur approximately 10 minutes after each event, in a designated critique area close to the officials room. They will occur on a first-come-first-serve basis, and for as long as time permits. If time does not permit for critiques, the coach may communicate via email with the officials from the competition to solicit feedback.

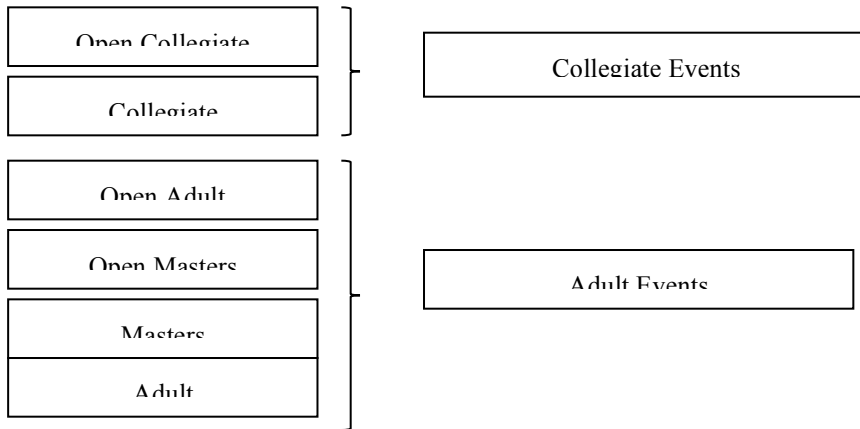
EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

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





A. Synchro Skills 1:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test, ~~and the majority of the team must be no test.~~

Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

B. Synchro Skills 2:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9-11 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test, ~~and the majority of the team must be no test.~~

Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

C. 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. ~~and the majority of the team must be no test.~~

Program duration: 2 – 2 ½ minutes.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

D. 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

E. 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

F. 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

G. Juvenile:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.

Program duration: 3 minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7240

H. Intermediate:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.

Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7230

- I. 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 juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- J. 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 intermediate 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
- K. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice 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
- L. 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
- M. 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
- N. 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
- O. 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
- P. 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
- Q. 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:

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



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.

	S y n c h r o S k i l l s 1 , 2 o r 3	P r e l i m i n a r y	P r e - J u v e n i l e	O p e n J u v e n i l e	J u v e n i l e	I n t e r m e d i a t e	N o v i c e	J u n i o r	S e n i o r	O p e n C o l l e g i a t e	C o l l e g i a t e	O p e n A d u l t	O p e n M a s t e r s	M a s t e r s	A d u l t
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	