



The 22nd Annual Chesapeake Open June 22 - 25, 2016

Sponsored by The Baltimore Figure Skating Club; Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating.

The Chesapeake Open is pleased to have been chosen by U.S. Figure Skating as a designated, official 2016 National Solo Dance Series competition.

- LOCATION:** The Gardens Ice House
13800 Old Gunpowder Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707
(410) 792.4947
http://thegardensicehouse.pointstreaksites.com/view/thegardensicehouse_new/where-skating-is-always-in-season
- RINK:** The competition will be held at The Gardens Ice House. The IJS competition will be held on an ice surface that measures 100' x 200' with rounded corners, and an additional surface measuring 85' x 200' will also be used.
- DIRECTIONS:** Directions to the Gardens Ice House can be found by using the following link:
http://thegardensicehouse.pointstreaksites.com/view/thegardensicehouse_new/the-gardens-6/directions-and-locations-6
- WEBSITE:** www.baltimorefigureskatingclub.com
- CHAIR:** *Barbara Leonard* CO-CHAIR: *John Cole* CHIEF REFEREE: *John Cole*
- DEADLINE:** *Secure Online Registration and credit card payment at <http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293> no later than midnight May 15, 2016. Checks will not be accepted.*
- ADMISSION:** No admission fee will be charged for spectators.
- RULES:** The Chesapeake Open 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 website. **This competition will be using the 2016-2017 Well Balanced Program Requirements for all Singles, Pairs and Dance events.** Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the sole responsibility of the participants and their coaches. **This competition will not be offering Final Rounds.**
- ELIGIBILITY:** This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.
- BASIC SKILLS ELIGIBILITY:** This competition will follow the most current rules of eligibility as published in the Basic Skills Competition Manual. Please refer to the following link for more specific information.
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/About%20Us/Forms/Basic%20Skills%20Competition%20Manual.pdf>
- TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Where applicable, all age and test requirements will be according to the current USFS Rulebook. **All test and age requirements must be met at the date entries are closed. Entrants may skate up one level but may not skate down one level. Skaters are allowed to only compete in one level per type of event.** Skaters entering the Beginner to Pre-Juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group. Skaters are allowed to skate up one level but may not skate down one level.
- JUDGING SYSTEM:** The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all Singles, Pairs and Dance events at the Juvenile and higher levels. All other events will use the 6.0 Majority Judging System.
- CRITIQUES:** Critiques will be offered for all Singles Short Program events, Solo Dance Free Dance events and any Ice Dance couple competing in a Free Dance event who is not staying for the accompanying USFS Ice Dance Camp.



SCHEDULE: Individual group assignments and a tentative schedule of events will be posted at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293>. PLEASE CHECK FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES PRIOR TO TRAVELING TO THE COMPETITION.

ENTRIES: Secure Online Registration and credit card payment will be available at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293>. All applications must be processed through the online registration system. Online entry must be completed by midnight on May 15, 2016. No Paper Entries will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES:

Singles Events:	First IJS Event - \$145; each additional IJS event \$100 First Non-JS Event - \$115.00; each additional event \$80.00 Jump, Spin and Compulsory Moves events only: \$45 per event
Couples Dance Events:	First IJS Event - \$145 per team; second IJS event \$100 per team First Non-IJS Event - \$115 per team; each additional event \$80
Solo Dance Events:	First Solo Dance Event - \$125 Second Solo Dance Event - \$105 Shadow Event - \$125 per team
Basic Skills Events:	First Event - \$50 Second Event - \$40
Mini Production & Production Ensembles:	\$100 per team plus \$35 per skater

If a skater is skating both an IJS and a 6.0 event, the first event is priced as an IJS event (\$145), the second event is priced as a second 6.0 event (\$80).

In the event that a skater is entering two events such as a Team event and a solo event, the skater is to pay the first event fee for both events.

REFUNDS: NO REFUNDS will be granted after the Entry Deadline for any reason, including medical withdrawals, unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled by the Chief Referee.

LATE ENTRIES: At the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), late entries may be accepted, subject to a \$60.00 fee.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice will be available for purchase on June 1st after the competition schedule is posted. Practice sessions will be assigned where possible in competition groups. Groups not scheduled will be refunded once the Competition and Practice schedule is posted

COACHES: INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:
U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

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:

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 proper registration 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>



MUSIC: Competitors must provide music for all events. All competitors should submit their music online, following the process below.

Competition music must be submitted electronically via the on-line registration system (<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293>) by the music deadline of 6/15/16 at 11:59 p.m.

After you have paid for your events, the on line 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".

Your music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and obtain a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

Music 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 and they may request you upload a corrected copy).
- 3.) Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file).

Leaders and Trailers: While we prefer there be NO leaders or trailers (the silence or dead space before and or after the actual start and end of the program music), we are requesting a **MAXIMUM** of no more than two (2) seconds if one is needed. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties.

PLANNED PROGRAM

CONTENT FORMS: If you are registering for an IJS event, you are required to complete the Planned Program Element form in the online competition registration system at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293> (go to your account and click the Planned Program Content tab) by June 12, 2016.

REGISTRATION: A registration desk will open approximately thirty minutes before the first practice session of each day and close 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event of the day. The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the arena. All competitors should register one hour before their event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk area. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. The latest schedule of events will be posted on this board.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each event. Award Ceremonies will be held throughout the competition. Ceremony times will be posted near the Registration desk.

The skater(s) and dance couple(s) with the highest point total will be awarded with the following trophies: The Chesapeake Open Trophy for the Intermediate Men's and Ladies Short Program, the Allan Trophy for the Novice Ladies Long Program, and the President's Cup Trophy for the Intermediate Free Dance.

LIABILITY: U. S. Figure Skating, The Baltimore Figure Skating Club and the Gardens Ice House undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, the USFSA, The Baltimore Figure Skating Club, The Gardens Ice House and against their Officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition. (See Rule 1600).

**PHOTOGRAPHY/
VIDEOGRAPHY:**

Vision Photo & Video, LLC will offer service throughout the entire competition. The vendor will be located in the lobby of the arena for convenience to view photos and ordering of their services. To preorder video, please go to <http://www.visionphotovideo.com/dvd2014skatingcomp.htm>

TRAVEL: Three major airports serve the Baltimore Washington area. Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport is the closest at approximately 20 miles away. The other 2 airports, Washington-Dulles International (40 miles) and Ronald Reagan International (25 miles) are both a reasonable driving distance from the arena and surrounding hotels.

HOTEL:**PREMIER SPONSOR AND OFFICIAL HOTEL PARTNER: Sheraton College Park North**

4095 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md. 20705

1-301-937-4432

<http://www.sheratoncollegeparknorth.com>

Please ask for the group rate associated with the Chesapeake Open Competition. There are a limited number of rooms reserved under this block at this rate. To obtain the special competition rate, please book your reservation **by May 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm** Eastern by using the following link: [Click here to reserve the special Chesapeake Open rate at the Sheraton College Park North](#)

MERCHANDISE**PRE-ORDER:**

Do not forget to order your Chesapeake Open T-Shirt. **It is included in your entry fee.** These brightly colored shirts are collected by our competitors each year as we change the color annually. All of the competitors' names are included on the back of the t-shirt. Can you find your name? Complete the order form on the Entryeeze website <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=293> for our competition.

CONTACTS:

All inquiries should be submitted to info@baltimorefigureskatingclub.com. We will respond to your inquiry within 48 hours of submission of your question.

COMPOSITION OF IJS EVENTS

IJS Singles Short Program and Free Style – Events will be offered from Juvenile through Senior, and Adult Gold, Masters Intermediate-Novice and Masters Junior-Senior. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2015-16%20Singles%20SP%20Chart%20final.pdf>. In addition, please refer to the 2016 Rulebook for General Rules related to the discipline of Singles skating.

IJS Dance Events - Pattern Dance (Juvenile – Novice), Short Dance (Junior and Senior) and Free Dance (Juvenile – Senior) events will be offered. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49341>. In addition, please refer to the 2016 Rulebook for General Rules related to the Discipline of Ice Dance.

COMPOSITION OF 6.0 EVENTS

Singles Free Skating – The following Levels will be offered: Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49337>. In addition, please refer to the 2016 Rulebook for General Rules related to the discipline of Singles skating. Click on the Well Balanced Program requirements link.

Introductory Free Skating Programs – The following Levels will be offered: Beginner, High Beginner and No-Test. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49337>. Click on the Introductory Levels Free Skate Programs link.

Adult Free Skating - The following events will be offered: Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze, and Adult Silver. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49349>. Click on the Adult Singles Elements link. In addition, please refer to the 2016 Rulebook for General Rules related to the discipline of Adult Singles skating.

Competitive Test Track – The following levels will be offered: Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49337>. Click on the Test Track link.

Basic Skills Free Skate - The following events will be offered: Basic Program Event: Snowplow Sam through Basic 8 and Free Skate 1-6 Program Event. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/About%20Us/Forms/Basic%20Skills%20Competition%20Manual.pdf>

Couples Dance - Pre-Juvenile Pattern Dance and Free Dance will be offered at this competition. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49341>. In addition, please refer to the 2016 Rulebook for General Rules related to the Discipline of Ice Dance. Dance selections for Pre-Juvenile Dance: Rhythm Blues and Canasta Tango.

Solo Dance – This competition is an approved participating competition within U.S. Figure Skating's National Solo Dance Series. The Pattern Dance Event, the Combined Dance Event and the Shadow Dance Event will be offered at this competition. Please refer to the link below for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2016%20Solo%20Series%20Complete%20Handbook.pdf>

COMPOSITION OF 6.0 EVENTS

Compulsory Moves – Age and Test requirements are the same as free skating levels. The categories to be competed will include Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Categories. The Beginner through the Juvenile and Open Juvenile categories will be skated on ½ ice. All other categories will be skated on full ice. Please refer to the following link for specific event requirements & restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49338>.

Basic Skills Compulsory Moves - The events to be competed will be those under the Basic Program Event Snowplow Sam through Basic 8 and Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Event. Please refer to the following link for specific event requirements & restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49338>.

Jumps Only – Test and age requirements are the same as free skating levels. Entry based upon highest Freestyle test passed. The categories to be competed will include Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Categories. Please refer to the following link for specific event requirements & restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49339>. Click on the link for Jumps Challenge.

Spins – Test and age requirements are the same as free skating levels. Entry based upon highest Freestyle test passed. The categories to be competed will include Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Categories. Please refer to the following link for specific event requirements & restrictions: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=49339>. Click on the link for Spins Challenge.

Showcase Events - The following events will be offered: Dramatic Entertainment, Light Entertainment, Mini Production and Production. Dramatic Entertainment and Light Entertainment will be competed in the Beginner through Masters categories. Please refer to the following link for specific event requirements & restrictions: http://www.usfsa.org/content/2015-16%20Nonqualifying%20Showcase%20Guidelines_Final.pdf



2016 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The 2016 Chesapeake Open is a participating competition within the 2016 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2016 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. Please refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

You do not need to be a registered participant in the 2016 Solo Dance Series to participate in these events.

2016 SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS BEING OFFERED:

Solo Pattern Dance Event:

The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold, gold and international levels. All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance test. The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level. Test level may be either standard or solo dance. Adult dance, adult solo dance, master's dance and master's solo dance do not fulfill the testing requirements for this event.

Level		Dances
Preliminary	No Test or passed Preliminary	Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues
Pre-Bronze	Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance Fiesta Tango
Bronze	Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze	Willow Waltz Ten Fox
Pre-Silver	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver	Fourteenstep European Waltz
Silver	Passed Pre-Silver or Silver	Tango Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold	Killian Blues
Gold	Passed Pre-Gold or Gold	Quickstep Argentine Tango
International	Passed Gold or International	Cha Cha Congeldo Silver Samba

Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>

Solo Combined Event:

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance test. The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level. The solo combined dance event is comprised of both of the following:

1.) **JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE:** One solo pattern dance chosen by the referee out of two possible dances as selected by U.S. Figure Skating. This dance will not be posted until the starting order is posted at the competition.

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Fourteenstep and Foxtrot

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz and Killian

JUNIOR, SENIOR: One solo short dance

2.) One solo free dance



The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels. Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the combined event rules, level requirements and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance:

The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2016 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the shadow pattern dance rules and event details.

Level	Requirements	Dances
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Bronze Dance test.	Dutch Waltz
Juvenile	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Silver Dance test.	Hickory Hoedown
Intermediate	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Silver Dance test.	Foxtrot
Novice	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Gold Dance test.	Tango
Junior	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Gold Dance test.	Paso Doble
Senior	Open	Westminster Waltz

Solo Dance Series Participant Number:

Each skater who registers with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2016 Series will receive a Solo Dance Series Participant number upon successful payment and registration. This registration and number is required to enter your competition as a Series participant and accrue points. This is a great method of ensuring skaters registered for the Series and will receive points for placement.

