



Hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club

Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10, 2017

Entry Deadline: October 9, 2017

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>

Email: saso@richmondsynchro.com

SkateNation Plus
4350 Pouncy Tract Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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

The South Atlantic Synchro 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 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: Teams will register for the competition, pay entry fees and practice ice fees via EntryEeze at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>
Entry deadline is Monday, October 9, 2017 at 11:59 PM.

IJS events will not be offered at this competition.

Non- IJS Divisions; Entry fee \$500

Synchro Skills 1, 2 and 3 entry fees are \$50 per team plus \$10 per skater (including alternates).

Synchro Skills 1 – 3 events will be run in accordance with the 2016-17 Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of six teams per group).

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee and will incur a \$50 late fee,

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they will 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 will be allowed).

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after Monday, October 9, 2017 unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$35.00 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 SkateNation Plus, 4350 Pouncy Tract Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 364-1477. More information about the rink is available at www.richmondskating.com and click on the menu for SkateNation Plus.

The South Atlantic Synchro Open is hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club. The competition rink is a 200' x 85' oval. The temperature is generally very cold so blankets or

throws to sit on are advised. There is a restaurant in the facility (www.faceoffcafe.com) and there are numerous restaurants within walking distance.

MUSIC: All music must be submitted electronically through the online registration system <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333> no later than Friday, November 17, 2017 at 11:59 PM. Online music submission is the only acceptable method to submit program music. After you have have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music. The uploaded music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file: One (1) piece of competition music per file is allowed.

File format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.

Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).

Maximum file size: 10 MB

ID3 Metadata [tags]: None – The LOC strongly requests that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the team, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!

Maximum leader: The LOC requests that there be NO leader. The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music.

Maximum trailer: The LOC requests that there be NO trailer. The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track.

****Backup music at event (CDs):** In addition to submitting the music online, all teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event segment or official practice.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Richmond Figure Skating Club and SkateNation Plus 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 majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

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

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin Saturday, December 9 at noon and end at the close of competition. The registration table will be located in the lobby of SkateNation Plus. Registration will be open two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Three chaperone credentials will be issued for Synchro Skills teams and two credentials will be issued for Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile teams. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: There is no admission fee for the competition. Bleacher seating is available. Upon arrival, coaches should pick up credentials at the registration desk.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available at SkateNation Plus on Saturday, 12/9 and Sunday, 12/10. Practice ice reservations must accompany the team's EntreyEeze competition entry. Practice ice will be sold in 15-minute increments for \$100 each and will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

The Chief Referee will determine the practice ice schedule after the registration deadline. Ice time has been reserved late Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: There will not be a professional photographer or videographer offered. Videotaping and photography with **NO FLASH** will be allowed. Spectators are asked to use discretion in taping on photographing when teams are on the ice. Organizers have the option to request that individuals stop recording/photographing if an individual's presence is deemed distracting or intrusive.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all members of the top four placing teams in each event. Award ceremonies will be held off ice, upstairs in the Caldwell Room at the conclusion of each flight.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: The official start orders and results will be posted upstairs in the Caldwell Room and also at the registration table. 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:

For competitions being held before January 1, 2018:

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
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. 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. 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 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: <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>
For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Catherine E. Curran	cjcurran1@verizon.net (804) 614-5052
Chief Referee:	Mary Ann Wilcox	wilcoxmh@aol.com (801) 597-5597
Practice Ice:	Catherine E. Curran	cjcurran1@verizon.net (804) 614-5052

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

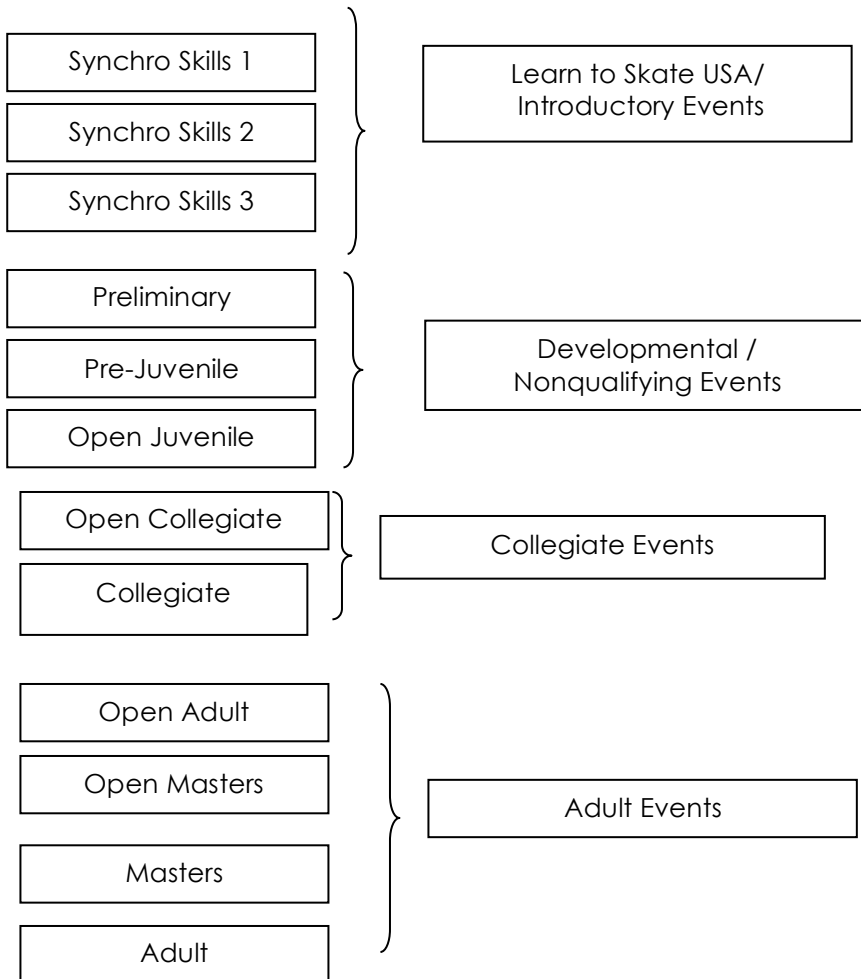
Hotels less than a 5 minutes drive from the rink.

- **Host Hotel:** Hilton Homewood Suites - Richmond West End Innsbrook. 4100 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.237.6003
- Hilton Hampton Inn, 10800 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.7777
- Hilton Garden Inn, 4050 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.521.2900
- Short Pump Hilton Hotel and Spa, 12042 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23233 804.364.3600
- Hyatt Place, 4100 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.9644
- Marriott Courtyard, 3950 Westerre Parkway, Richmond, VA 23233 804.346.5427
- Comfort Suites, 4051 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.217.9200
- Homestead Studio Suites, 10961 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.8898

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:



A. Snowplow Sam Synchro

A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 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=synchro nized>

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=synchro nized>

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

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.

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