



**The 17th Annual
Magic City Compete USA Competition
February 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2018**

MAYSA Sports Arena
2501 Burdick Expressway West
Minot, North Dakota

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWFLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the Test Track and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher but not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.

ENTRIES: Online registration is now available via secured credit card transaction at www.magiccityskate.com, serviced by **Entryeeze**. Upon receiving your application online an email will be sent to the skater's coach to verify accuracy of entry. An official at the skater's home club will also be notified to certify the skater's standing with the club. The chief referee will email a preliminary grouping of all entrants, which will be sent to ALL registered coaches. Coaches will have 48 hours to make any changes without penalty. After the 48 hours, changes can be made, but a penalty would apply. Mail in paper registration is also available (mail in form available on www.magiccityskate.com). The entry fees must accompany the registration form. All forms sent via mail must have both certifications from the coach and the home club included. Mail check and registration form to Barb Kohlman, 3417 15th St. SW, Minot, ND 58701. **Entry deadline is January 1st, 2018**

NOTE: In the event that a skater is signed up for the incorrect level or event, the Chief Referee must approve all changes. A \$25 CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR CORRECTING ANY MISTAKE MADE. READ THE RULES and DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ONCE THE COMPETITION SIGN IN PROCESS BEGINS.

Fees will be as follows:

\$40 first event (per competitor)

\$20 for each additional event (per competitor)

LATE ENTRIES: Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 late fee.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after **January 1st, 2018** 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 \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available online at www.magiccityskate.com

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the MAYSA Sports Arena, 2501 Burdick Expressway West, Minot, North Dakota. The facility has three ice surfaces, each 85 x 200 feet, with modest seating capacity. The rink has fair temperatures but observers may want to bring warmer clothing. There is adjacent parking available. The arena has a snack bar that will be open during the competition hours and vending machines. Locker rooms will be assigned to all competitors upon check in.

MUSIC: 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. **Only standard format CDs will be accepted.** CDs are the only acceptable media. CDs must be: clearly marked with name (last name, first name), event entered and the music time/ length. Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on rerecordable "CD-RW" discs.** Each CD must be in a paper CD sleeve with a see through window (obtainable at any office supply store), also labeled with the skater's name and event. Standard hard plastic jewel cases or other CD holders are no longer acceptable. **CDs NOT properly identified will NOT be accepted. Separate CDs for each event.** Music must be turned in for ALL EVENTS at time of registration. No exceptions. 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 Magic City FSC cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Magic City FSC, and MAYSA 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 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events. This is a non-qualifying competition

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on February 22nd at 6:00pm and end at 9:00pm. The registration table will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the main lobby of MAYSA. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available for purchase online via **Entryeeze** or at the Practice Ice Desk once competition registration is open. Pre-paid practice ice is available for a cost of \$12 for each 20-minute session. All sessions must be paid in advance. Additional practice ice will also be available once the competition registration desk is open at a cost of \$14 per session. **NO Refunds for unused practice ice sessions.**

PHOTOGRAPHY: A photographer will be available during the competition. Pictures will be taken of the top 4 in each group as soon as possible after awards are posted. Other shots may be taken for purchase.

AWARDS: Awards will be given to all skaters in each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and 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. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:
Barb Kohlman @ barb.kohlman@gmail.com

OFFICIAL HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

****Official Competition Hotel****

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
1605 35th Ave SW
701-837-7900
\$79.00 + tax
(Mention Magic City FSC)

COMPETITION MERCHANDISE - Competition merchandise will be available to preorder online.

WEBSITE – Our website is www.magiccityskate.com. Check it often for updates!



ILLUSTRATION OF THE PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LEVELS OF U.S FIGURE SKATING

Singles athletes begin with the Learn to Skate USA program, then progress to the "introductory levels," and finally choose whether to follow the test track or Well Balanced program category. Athletes may choose to move between test track and Well Balanced program at any point.

LEARN TO SKATE USA PROGRAM

Competition levels for skaters within Compete USA include:
 Snowplow Sam
 Basic 1-6, Adult 1-6, Hockey 1-4
 Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6

Skaters may begin or advance to the "introductory levels," which are an introduction to competitive figure skating.

Once skaters have competed at the introductory level, and begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they may then choose whether to enter the "Test Track Free Skate" or "Well Balanced Free Skate" program. Test requirements for both categories are the same, it is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow.

Beginner

High Beginner

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INTRODUCTORY LEVELS

TEST TRACK FREE SKATE

- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

WELL BALANCED PROGRAM FREE SKATE

- No-Test
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile/Open Juv.
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

Skaters may choose, at any point, which track to follow. They may *not*, however, enter both events at the same competition. They may also move between the tracks at different nonqualifying competitions

SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 ELEMENTS

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 order listed below (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 |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| Snowplow Sam | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March followed by a two-foot glide and dip • Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row • Forward snowplow stop • Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row |
| Basic 1 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward two-foot glide and dip • Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row • Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot • Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row |
| Basic 2 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward one-foot glide, either foot • Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot • Moving snowplow stop • Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward • Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row |
| Basic 3 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade • Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward slalom • Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot • Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle |
| Basic 4 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward one-foot glides, right and left • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise • Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions • Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 2-4 revolutions • Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only |
| Basic 5 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions • Advanced two-foot spin, maximum 4-6 revolutions • Forward outside three-turn, right and left • Hockey stop |
| Basic 6 | 1:00 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • Bunny Hop • 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 |

SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

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. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.

| Level | Time | Skating rules/standards |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| Snowplow Sam | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March followed by a two-foot glide and dip • Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row • Forward snowplow stop • Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row |
| Basic 1 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward two-foot glide and dip • Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row • Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot • Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row |
| Basic 2 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward one-foot glide, either foot • Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot • Moving snowplow stop • Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward • Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row |
| Basic 3 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade • Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward slalom • Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot • Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle |
| Basic 4 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward one-foot glides, right and left • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise • Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions • Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 2-4 revolutions • Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only |
| Basic 5 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions • Advanced two-foot spin, maximum 4-6 revolutions • Forward outside three-turn, right and left • Hockey stop |
| Basic 6 | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • Bunny Hop • 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 |

PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6 COMPULSORY

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. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum

| Level | Time | Skating rules/standards |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| Pre-Free Skate | 1:15 max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
| Free Skate 1 | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes • Backward outside three-turns, right and left • Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions • Toe loop • Half flip jump |
| Free Skate 2 | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Beginning Axel jump |

PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

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. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split jump or stag jump • Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total • Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence • Beginning Axel jump |



SHOWCASE EVENTS

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. |
| No Test/ Pre-Preliminary/ 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. |
| Preliminary/ Adult Bronze | 3 jump maximum. Axels are permitted, but no double jumps allowed. | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze test. | Time: 1:40 max. |



TEAM COMPULSORY

Format:

The designated skater from each team will perform their chosen element in sequence on full ice, with no music, and will follow this format:

1. Minimum of three skaters on a team; each skater will do at least one required element.
2. When the event is called, all skaters will take the ice for a two (2) minute STROKING ONLY warm-up.
3. This will be followed by a one (1) minute individual warm-up for the elements.
4. Teams will be directed to find a "base" for their team along the boards on the ice where they will stay for the remainder of the event.
5. The announcer, referee or judge-in-charge will call the first element (e.g. jump or stop) to be performed.
6. The team member performing the element will step forward and execute the skill, with the element first being performed by the skater on team one, then team two, then team three and so on
7. Once all the teams have had their skaters complete the element, the next element will be called.
8. Judging is done with one mark for each element (skater) for total team points.
9. Repeat #4-7 above as this will be done in sequence until all the elements at each level are completed.

COMPETE USA LEVELS (SNOWFLOW SAM, HOCKEY, BASIC, PRE-FREE SKATE AND FREE SKATE)

| Level | Jumps / Stops | Spins / Turns / Glides | Spiral or Step Sequences |
|--|--|---|---|
| Snowplow Sam – Basic 3, Hockey 1-4 | a) Wiggles, two-foot swizzles, forward or backward, (4-8 in a row) b) Snowplow stop (one or both feet) or hockey stop (with skid) | a. Curves, glide turns, or hockey turns (right and left, forward) b. March then glide on two feet or forward one-foot glide on left and right foot (one time skater's height, forward) | a. Forward ½ swizzle pumps or forward c-cuts on a circle (right and left, 6-8 consecutive) |
| Basic 4-Basic 6 | a. Side-toe hop, bunny hop, ballet jump, mazurka b. Waltz jump | a. Forward inside pivot or two-foot spin (min. 3 revs.) b. One-foot upright spin, optional entry & free foot position (min. 3 revs.) | a. Moving forward to backward two-foot turns on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise (from Basic 3) |
| Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6 levels | a. Single jump (no Axel) b. Jump combination or jump sequence (no Axel allowed) | a. Solo spin (scratch spin, layback, camel or sit, min. 3 revs, no flying entry) b. Combo Spin: One change of foot, change of position optional (min. 3 revs. on each foot) | a. Spiral Sequence (from Free Skate 2) |