The Skating Club of Morris Presents The 2018 Morris Open



Apríl 6, 7 & 8, 2018 William G. Mennen Sports Arena 161 Hanover Ave., Morristown, New Jersey

The IJS Mini-System will be used for all events judged under the IJS judging system.

The Morris Open is pleased to have been chosen by U.S. Figure Skating as a designated, official 2018 National Solo Dance Series competition. See the Solo Dance Competition portion of this announcement for more information.



Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 6, 7 & 8, 2018

Location: William G. Mennen Sports Arena, (a facility of the Morris County Parks Commission)

161 East Hanover Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 (973) 326-7651

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General Questions: morrisopen@gmail.com

Chairperson: Katherine Roekaert Davis

Chief Referee:Lisa LandonDance Referee:Diana WisnerChief Accountant:Joanne NippleTech Panel Captain:Dana Hordyszynski

Rules: Intermediate through Senior SP and Juvenile through Senior FS events will be judged using the IJS

judging system. All other events including Open Juvenile FS will be judged under the 6.0 system. The competition will be conducted according to the rules for the 2017-2018 competition season as set forth in

the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Eligibility: All entrants must be members in good standing of clubs having membership in U.S. Figure Skating or be

an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating. Test requirements are as of March 2, 2018. Skaters may skate up one level from the highest FS test passed (does not include Basic Skills skaters). Skaters may not skate 2 different levels of short program and/or freestyle events. Basic Skills skaters see page 3 for

eligibility rules.

Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be at least 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering beginner—pre-juvenile events will be

divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Enter online at http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=46 Deadline for online entries, without late

fees, is no later than 11:59 PM EST March 2, 2018. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to limit entries in each category and the right to combine, divide or cancel groups. Entries received March 3—March 7, 2018 will be accepted solely at the discretion of the LOC and will

require an additional late fee of \$40 per event.

Entry Fees: First IJS \$115, Second IJS \$90. Pairs \$150 per team

First 6.0 Event \$85, Second and subsequent events \$65

First Basic Skills \$65, Second and subsequent Basic Skills \$50

No refunds will be granted for any reason except events cancelled by the LOC (USFS# 3235)

SOLO DANCE SERIES PARTICIPANTS: In addition to the rules set forth on pages 1-5, of this Announcement, entry fees and rules specific to the Solo Dance Series are set forth on pages 15-19.

Register online for the 2018 Morris Open at http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=46

Payment via a secured credit card transaction. Simply follow the links for competition information and use the link to register for the competition and pay with a credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD, and DISCOVER only please).

If you need assistance please email us: morrisopen@gmail.com, Paper entries not accepted.

Deadline for entries: 11:59 PM March 2, 2018



SKATING

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, the Skating Club of Morris, the William G. Mennen Sports Arena and Morris County Park Commission accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. The athlete and parent or guardian, agree to sign the US Figure Skating Waiver at registration.

Limitations: We may not be able to accommodate all entries. If limits must be placed on any event, entries will be based on the entry date. Anyone closed out of an event will be notified and the applicable portion of the fee returned. Under no other circumstances will a refund be given. This includes, but is not limited to: conflicting family activities, injuries, illness or deaths in the family (USFS# 3047). Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. Should there be only one applicant for any category, the event may be cancelled and the skater will receive a refund for the cancelled event (USFS# 3045). If, on the day of competition, only one skater shows for an event, the event may be cancelled and the skater will receive a refund for that event.

*Request for changes of event/level: No changes to the schedule will be allowed to accommodate personal or family conflicts. Any requests for event/level changes, (not due to an LOC error), after the entry has been received will be processed upon receipt of a \$25.00 change fee. No changes will be made after the entries are sent to the chief referee.

Schedules: Schedules will be available approximately 7 days prior to the start of the competition and will be posted on the Skating Club of Morris website: www.scomnj.org and on EntryEeze. All information will be posted on the website. Please note that the schedule is prepared by the Referee after the close of entries and is based strictly on the number of events and competitors and the availability of judges. Please do not email us with scheduling questions as we do not know the answers until the referee has set the schedule.

Championship Rounds: Championship Rounds <u>may</u> be held for the Pre-Juvenile and higher freestyle levels, if entries warrant. The total number of entries will determine if a Championship round is necessary and the number of qualifiers. The Championship Round will be scheduled by the referee. There are no additional entry fees or registration requirements for the Championship Round.

Awards: Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in all events. The Pre-Juvenile Girls FS, Juvenile Girls FS, Intermediate Ladies FS, Novice Ladies FS, Senior Ladies FS and Dance are designated as trophy events. Winners of trophy events will have their names engraved on a permanent trophy. The winners will receive a keeper plate. If there is no Senior Ladies FS event, the Junior Ladies FS event will become a trophy event. If a Trophy event is cancelled due to lack of participants, no trophy will be awarded. Trophies will be awarded to the events in which there are two or more entries.

Facility: The ice surfaces at Mennen Arena measure 200' by 85'. First aid facilities are available at the rink.

Practice Ice: Practice ice will be available and will be announced on the website after the close of entries and the schedule has been determined.

Registration: The registration desk will open one hour before the first event. Competitors are advised to be in the arena and prepared to skate, at least one hour before their event in case the competition is running early.

Coaches Information: All coaches must comply with U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11. All coaches must check in at the registration desk upon arrival at the rink. The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Upon checking in, coaches will have to show a photo ID to receive a credential. If a coach cannot provide a photo ID, and is not known to the LOC, 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. Please allow ample time to check in prior to your skater's event. ALL COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR CREDENTIALS DURING THE COMPETITION. 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

Music: For the 2018 Morris Open, online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, 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." The deadline for uploading music is MARCH 23, 2018. You will not be able to upload music after that date.

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file: One [1] - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate, short dance, free

dance, etc) per file is allowed.

File Format: MP3—The uploaded file music must be an MP# 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

Maximum run time: Five [5] minutes

ID3 Metadata [tags]: None—The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends 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

skater, etc. Please, NO embedded images!

Maximum leader: Two [2] seconds - The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program

music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.

Maximum trailer: Two [2] seconds - The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual

track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

Backup Music at Event [CDs] (applies to all events except Solo Pattern Dance events)

In addition to submitting the music on line, all competitors must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD AT RINKSIDE during the actual competition event. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including gmp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker 9e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, Event, Event Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10)
- Each CD may have only ONE [1] music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two[2] separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one [1] track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two [2] seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

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

Penalty For Incorrect Music or Failure To Upload Music

The LOC may assess each competitor an additional charge of \$25.00 per event segment if the competitor 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate) In the event a penalty, is assessed, the competitors will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

Learn to Skate USA Eligibility: The Learn to Skate USA (Basic Skills) competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Basic Skills 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 Basic Skills Program/club or any other Basic Skills Program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All *Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6* skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.

For the *Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, 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. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

PLEASE NOTE: THE LOC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL SINGLE ENTRY EVENTS OR IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT

In the event an event is cancelled, the skater will have the option to skate up one level, or receive a refund.

Hotel: The official hotel of the 2018 Morris Open is Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 973-647-1234.

Please check the website for schedule and updates: www.scomnj.org

Competition questions? Email: morrisopen@gmail.com\
PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL FOR SCHEDULE INFORMATION!
We do not know the schedule until entries are closed and the referee finalizes it.

Please save this announcement for your reference

COACHES AND PARENTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Time Frame	What Needs to be Done	Who's Responsible?
Entry deadline: March 2, 2018 11:59 PM	Complete online entry using EntryEeze at www.entryeeze.com . Please make sure you enter your coach's correct email as he/she will be receiving a list of his/her competitors and is required to verify that the skaters are entered in the correct level/event.	Parent or skater (if over 18 years old)
Entry deadline with late fee March 3 rd – March 7 th 11:59 PM	Late entries accepted at discretion of LOC – an additional late fee of \$40 PER EVENT will be required.	Parent or skater (if over 18 years old)
March 8 th – March 10 th 11:59 PM	Check the competition link on the Skating Club of Morris website: www.scomnj.org to verify that skaters are entered in the correct event/level. If there are any corrections that need to be made, email Katherine Roekaert Davis at morrisopen@gmail.com by the deadline.	Coach/parent/skater
MARCH 11 th	NO CHANGES ALLOWED AFTER THIS DATE	
Week of March 26 th	Tentative schedule will be posted on EntryEeze website: www.entryeeze.com. You will receive an email regarding the date and time of your event(s). Check the competition link on the Skating Club of Morris website: www.scomnj.org for updates or changes to the schedule.	Parent/skater/coach responsible for checking the website for updates

2017 - 2018 SINGLES/PAIRS WELL BALANCED EVENTS

Please refer to the following rules in the 2017-2018 US Figure Skating Rulebook for requirements

LEVEL	Rule #	LEVEL	Rule #
No Test	4280	Pre Preliminary	4270
Preliminary	4260	Pre-Juvenile	4250
Open Juvenile	4240	Juvenile	4240
Intermediate SP	4230	Intermediate FS	4230
Novice SP	4220	Novice FS	4220
Junior SP**	4210	Junior FS	4210
Senior SP	4200	Senior FS	4200
Adult Pre Bronze	4600	Adult Bronze	4590
Adult Silver	4580	Adult Gold	4570
Masters Int/Nov	4540	Masters Senior/Junior	4510
Pre-Juvenile Pairs	5250	Juvenile Pairs	5240
Intermediate Pairs	5230	Novice Pairs	5220
Junior Pairs	5210	Senior Pairs	5200
Adult Bronze Pairs	5550	Adult Silver Pairs	5540
Adult Gold Pairs	5530	Masters Pairs	5520

http://www.usfsa.org/Content/Future%20Seasons'%20SP%20Requirements.pdf

IJS planned program content sheets must be completed on the EntryEeze website upon entry.

^{**}Junior SP will follow the 2018-2019 rules –click on the following link for requirements:



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 <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
Snowplow Sam	1:00 Max.	 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.	 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.	 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.	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise 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.	 Backward one-foot glides, right and left Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive, both directions Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 2-4 revolutions Backward 1/2 swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only
Basic 5	1:00 Max.	 Back 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.	 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.	 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.	 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.	 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.	 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.	 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, 2-4 revolutions Backward 1/2 swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only
Basic 5	1:10 Max.	 Back outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive - both directions Advanced two foot spin, 4-6 revolutions Forward outside three- turn, Right and Left Hockey stop
Basic 6	1:10 Max.	 Forward inside three-turn - Right & 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

**These events are part of the NJ Basic Skills Series Competition



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	 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	 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	 Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2sets) 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 Beginning Axel jump 	

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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	 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

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INTRODUCTORY LEVELS COMPULSORY EVENT

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 <u>for each</u> element performed from a higher level
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS	
Beginner Compulsory	1:15 max	 Waltz jump ½ jump of choice Forward two-foot or one-foot spin - minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) Forward or backward spiral 	
High Beginner Compulsory	1:15 max	 Forward or backward spiral Toe loop jump Salchow jump Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions Forward or backward spiral 	

INTRODUCTORY LEVELS FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Max. 2 jump sequences Max. 2 of any same jump 	Max. 2 spins: Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	Max. 2 spins: • Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests

TEST TRACK FREE SKATE

General Event Parameters:

- 1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track free skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- 2. Competitors will skate to music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- 3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.
- 4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
- 5. The following deductions will be taken.
 - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
 - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for or any spin that is less than required revolutions

LEVEL	JUMPS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Pre- Preliminary Time: 1:40 Max	 Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	Maximum of 2 spins: Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry. (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test
Preliminary Time: 1:30 +/- 10 sec	 Maximum of 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels) Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	 Maximum of 2 spins: One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry (Min 3 revs) One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, exit on spinning foot not mandatory (Min 3 revolutions per foot). 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test
Pre-Juvenile Time: 2:00 +/- 10 sec	 Maximum of 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	 Maximum of 2 spins: One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 3 revs) One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional (Min 6 revs) Spins may not fly 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test
Juvenile Test Time: 2:15 +/-10 sec	Maximum of 5 jump elements: Any single jumps including Axel are permitted Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	 Maximum of 2 spins: One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 4 revs) One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions, (Min 4 revs per foot) Only solo spin may fly 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre -juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test

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TEST TRACK— continued

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Intermediate Test Time: 2:30 +/-10 sec	 Maximum of 6 jump elements: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. Max 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	 Maximum of 2 spins One must be a flying spin (Min 5 revolutions) One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 4 revolutions on each foot). 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test
Novice Test Time: Ladies 3:00 +/-10sec Men 3:30 +/-10sec	 Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	 Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature: One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 5 revolutions per foot). The other spins are the option of the skater (Min 6 revolutions per foot) All spins may fly 	One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test
Junior Test Time: Ladies 3:30 +/-10 sec Men 4:00 +/-10sec	 Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies: Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip. Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	 Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature: One spin in one position (min 6 revs), One flying spin (min 6 revs) One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min 5 revolutions per foot) 	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (See rule 4105 for remarks)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test
Senior Test Time: Ladies 4:00 +/-10 sec Men 4:30 +/-10 sec	 Maximum 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies Any single jumps. Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. Triple jumps are not permitted Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump 	Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature: One spin in one position (min 6 revolutions), One flying spin (min 6 revolutions) One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min 5 revolutions on each foot).	Men: Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. (See rule 4105 for remarks) Ladies: One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM EVENTS

These events are open to U.S. Figure Skating School-Affiliated Clubs (SAC). All SACs must obtain the U.S. Figure Skating school-affiliated club membership in order to participate in these events. The SAC application form can be downloaded from the US Figure Skating website at http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/schoolafil.pdf. The form should be completed and returned to US Figure Skating. Please submit a copy of the SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership along with your application to competition chair.

- 1. A team will consist of at least two skaters from one high school or a unified team.
- 2. Each team must have high school administrative or athletic department approval.
- 3. All skaters who enter must be in at least 9th grade and be enrolled as a student in the high school.
- 4. All skaters must be registered with the US Figure Skating or ISI in order to qualify for competition entry and provide their membership number on attached forms.
- 5. Each team member must be a member in good standing with the US Figure Skating or ISI and their local member club.
- 6. Males and females will skate on the same team.
- 7. All teams must have a minimum of two skaters on their roster. No skater may perform more than 50% of the total number of elements.
- 8. Teams will be required to submit a Team Event Roster at check-in at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the event. All skaters on the team roster must be listed. If a skater is not participating due to absence, injury, or discipline, please indicate the reason in the notes column. Once the roster has been turned in, substitutions only under extenuating circumstances with Referee approval.
- 9. Only one skater per team may warm up each element.
- 10. Each team will be allowed one retry per team per element. The second attempt has to be the exact same element as the first attempt by the same skater. The second attempt will count regardless of whether or not it was better than the first attempt. The skater will signal for a retry immediately by raising their hand. The Referee will raise their hand in return in acknowledgement of the request for a retry.
- 11. If a team does not have a skater capable of or eligible to perform an element, the team will receive no credit for that element.
- 12. Team Banners are encouraged.

Unsportsmanlike conduct & foul language will not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification.







At this competition, for each discipline, the skaters will enter the ice together and have a 1 minute STROKING ONLY warm up. Then each element will have a short warm up before it starts.

Each team shall designate a skater to perform the following elements. Each element shall be performed by the teams in a designated order

SPINS	JUMPS
Sit Spin (minimum 3 revolutions)	Axel
Camel Spin (minimum 3 revolutions)	Salchow
Layback or upright spin (minimum 3 revolutions)	Lutz or single Flip



The 2018 Morris Open is a participating competition within the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series. In addition to the requirements set forth in pages 1-5 of this Announcement, the following applies to the **Solo Dance Series** portion of this event.

PLEASE NOTE: All participants must have previously registered with U.S. Figure Skating and paid the required fee to participate in the Solo Dance Series. Your registration number is required to enter this competition as a Series participant and accrue points.

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 6 7 & 8, 2018

Dance events may be held on any or all of the competitions dates and competitors should be prepared to compete on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. NO refunds will be given for failure of the

skater to plan accordingly.

Rules: The solo pattern dance event, combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at http://www.unfso.org/content/20189/20Series9/

Solo Dance Series Handbook found at http://www.usfsa.org/content/2018%20Solo%20Series%20Handbook.pdf Information contained in this announcement is current as of the date of publication. PLEASE REFER TO THE 2018 SOLO DANCE SERIES HANDBOOK FOR THE MOST CURRENT SERIES RULES, LEVELS AND EVENT REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THIS COMPETITION. THE INFORMATION ON THE

USFSA WEBSITE SUPERCEDES ANY INFORMATION IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

Eligibility: Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice. The section in which the skater competes and can qualify from will be based upon the location of the skaters' home figure skating club at the close of

from will be based upon the location of the skaters' home figure skating club at the close of registration. Skaters may not switch sections during the season even if their home club changes. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR

1.02), as set forth in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance test. For pattern dance, the test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level. Participants may test during the Series season without penalty. The determination of level will be based upon test level as of the 2018 Series entry deadline of April 1, 2018 or when the skater submits their registration to be a solo dance series participant, which ever date is earlier)**

Skaters may not change or move up levels in the 2018 Series once the deadline has passed and/or when they submit their registration to U.S. Figure Skating.

** 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.

Entry Fees: Solo Pattern Dance \$ 120.00 Solo Combined Event \$140

Solo Shadow Dance \$ 135.00 per team

No refunds will be granted for any reason except events cancelled by the LOC (USFS# 3235)

Deadline for entries: 11:59 PM March 2, 2018

Judging: The modified IJS judging system will be used for all events and levels at this competition. Explanations of the judging system, including technical requirements and judging guidelines may be found in the reference section of the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook which can be found at http://www.usfsa.org/content/2018%20Solo%20Series%20Handbook.pdf

Starting Orders: Starting orders for all portions of each event will be by random draw and posted at each competition.

Event Group Size: Each event will have only ONE group per competition, regardless of the number of skaters entered.

Warm-Up Group Size:

Pattern Dance:

Preliminary—Bronze—At the discretion of the referee

Pre-Silver—International—Maximum of 8 skaters per warm up.

Short Dance: Maximum of 6 skaters per warm-up Free Dance: Maximum of 6 skaters per warm-up

Shadow Dance:

Preliminary—Juvenile—At the discretion of the referee *Intermediate—Senior*—Maximum of 5 teams per warm-up

Warm-Up Times:

Pattern Dance with standard music (including shadow dance) -

1 minute without music, 1 selection of dance music

Referee may lengthen time with music for preliminary – bronze or preliminary-juvenile shadow should they choose to warm-up more than 8 skaters or 5 teams.

Pattern Dance with skater's choice music – 4 minutes without music

Short Dance and Free Dance – 5 minutes without music

Costume Requirements: The Solo Dance Series will follow all costume rules and requirements as stated for ice dance in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. (Rule 6020)

Behavior of Competitors During Competition: The Solo Dance Series will follow all behavior of competitors requirements including the call to start rules for IJS as stated in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. (Rules 1320-1324)

Pattern Dance Starts: All pattern dances should start on the judges' side unless directed otherwise by the referee

Medals: Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in all events.

Ties: In the event of a tie, FOR MEDAL PURPOSES ONLY, the second dance shall be the tiebreaker and the medal shall be awarded to the skater scoring highest on the second dance.

Points: For all rules regarding the awarding of Solo Dance Series points, please refer to the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook.

Solo Pattern Dance Event Music: Music for the Solo Pattern Dance events will be chosen from the Standardized music of the International Skating Union, per rule 6030, and will be provided by The Skating Club of Morris. All Solo Pattern Dance Event music will be provided by the LOC.

Combined Dance Event Music: For the 2018 Morris Open Dance Competition, online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit music for the Solo Combined Event Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each segment 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." The deadline for uploading music is MARCH 23, 2018. You will not be able to upload music after that date.

Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice Combined Dance Event participants, your pattern dance music is "skater's choice." Please refer for to the Solo Dance Series Handbook for music requirements. You must upload <u>both</u> potential dances and the dance which has been chosen at the time of competition shall be played.

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file: One [1] - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short dance, free dance, etc) per file is allowed.

File Format: MP3—The uploaded file music must be an MP# 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

Maximum run time: Five [5 minutes]

ID3 Metadata [tags]: None—The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends 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 skater, etc. Please, NO embedded images!

Maximum leader: Two [2] seconds] - The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program

music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.

Maximum trailer: Two [2] seconds] - The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual

track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

Penalty For Incorrect Music or Failure To Upload Music

The LOC may assess each competitor an additional charge of \$25.00 per event segment if the competitor 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate) In the event a penalty, is assessed, the competitors will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at http://www.usfsa.org/content/2018%20SDS%20Handbook%20PDF.pdf.

Please refer to the 2018 SOLO DANCE SERIES HANDBOOK for the most current series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition. The information on the USFSA website supersedes any information in this announcement.



SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENT

The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two pattern dances at each level. The specific dances at each level have been chosen by the host club and are listed below. The results from both dances being combined to create a <u>final score and overall result</u>. Points will be awarded to each skater based upon the skater's combined, overall placement of the two pattern dances.

MUSIC: Dance music selections for Pattern Dance events will be provided by the LOC.

The following levels will be offered:

2018 MORRIS OPEN PATTERN DANCE SELECTIONS

LEVEL	DANCES	TESTING QUALIFICATION
Preliminary	Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues	No test or passed Preliminary
Pre- Bronze	 Swing Dance Fiesta Tango 	Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze
Bronze	Hickory Hoedown Willow Waltz	Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze
Pre-Silver	Fourteenstep Foxtrot	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver
Silver	American Waltz Rocker Foxtrot	Passed Pre-Silver or Silver
Pre-Gold	 Blues Paso Doble 	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold
Gold	 Quickstep Argentine Tango 	Passed Pre-Gold or Gold
International	 Cha Cha Congelado Yankee Polka 	Passed Gold or International

SOLO COMBINED DANCE EVENT

The combined dance event is comprised of the following two events (as applicable by level):

1.) *Juvenile, Intermediate & Novice*—One of two solo pattern dances *posted at the competition* from the two designated solo pattern dances selected by U.S. Figure Skating, as listed below.

<u>Pattern Dance Selections for Juvenile:</u> Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown <u>Pattern Dance Selections for Intermediate:</u> Foxtrot and European Waltz

<u>Pattern Dance Selections for Novice:</u> American Waltz and Tango

Junior & Senior — One solo short dance and,

2.) Juvenile through Senior—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 Juvenile through Senior levels.

The points awarded in the combined event will be based upon the skaters' combined overall factored placement from the pattern or short dance (depending on the level entered) and the free dance.



SHADOW PATTERN DANCE EVENT

The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. It is comprised of one dance at each level. The specific dance at each level has been chosen by the LOC and is listed below.

LEVEL	DANCE	TESTING QUALIFICATION
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences)	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-bronze test.
Juvenile	Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-silver test.
Intermediate	Foxtrot (3 sequences)	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete silver test.
Novice	Tango (2 sequences)	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-gold test.
Junior	Blues (2 sequences)	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete gold test.
Senior	Argentine Tango (2 sequences)	Open