



# 2015 Non-Qualifying Midwestern Invitational November 21-22, 2015

Held in conjunction with 2016 Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating  
Championships

Sanctioned by:



Sanction #20603

Hosted by the Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs

**OBM Ice Arena**  
Operated by Iceland USA  
15381 Royalton Rd  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

The Non-qualifying Midwestern Invitational 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 is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook and who is registered to compete in a Regional non-qualifying competition. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

**ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate at their test level as of the registration deadline, October 22, 2015.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering Pre-Preliminary–Pre-Juvenile events will be divided by age.

**ENTRIES:** The entry fee for 2015 Non-qualifying Midwestern Invitational is \$140 per skater. This entry fee includes the skater's event and a DVD of the initial round group (DVDs of the final rounds will need to be purchased through ProEvent Photo). Each skater will also receive one complimentary chaperone credential and one complimentary coach credential which allows access to all events at both 2015 Non-qualifying Midwestern Invitational and 2016 Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships.

The entry deadline is 11:59pm on October 22, 2015. Registration is only available online through [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com). The size of this non-qualifying competition may be limited based on ice time availability and to ensure it does not interfere with 2016 Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships.

**FINAL ROUNDS:** will be held for the events with more than one group.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after October 23 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 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.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com). There will be no refunds for practice ice or credentials for any reason other than an event being cancelled.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at OBM Arena operated by Iceland USA at 15381 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136. OBM arena phone is 440-268-2800 and website is [www.icelandusa.info](http://www.icelandusa.info). There are two ice surfaces (East rink and West rink) and both rinks are 200' x 85'. Dressing rooms, concession stand, pro shop and lobby will be available in the arena. Free parking is available. No outside food and drink is permitted in the arena. The host hotel, the Holiday Inn, is within walking distance to the arena.

**MUSIC:** The official competition music must be on a CD with only one track and turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available rink side during the event. Music may be picked up at the registration desk following each event.

Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Greater Cleveland Council 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, Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Club, and OBM 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.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration 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 at the counter in the lobby of the rink. Please register promptly upon arrival.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be available for purchase on Entryeze when the schedule is available.

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:** ProEvent Photo will be available for all action shots and video. One DVD per skater of initial rounds is included with the skater's entry fee. Additional copies of the initial round and DVDs of final rounds will be available for purchase through ProEvent Photo.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to athletes in first through fourth place in each initial and final round events. All winners should appear dressed in their competitive costume with skaters for the award ceremony. Check the bulletin board for award schedule and location of the award ceremony

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the arena. 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.

**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:

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

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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>

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Nicky Kappenhagen at [nrksk8@netscape.net](mailto:nrksk8@netscape.net). Additional information is available at [www.clevelandskating.com](http://www.clevelandskating.com).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**



**Holiday Inn®**

Making hotel reservations should be a simple process so the Holiday Inn Strongsville has created a personalized link which has the **Midwestern Sectional Championship** block code **MSC** built into it for your stay the week of **November 17, 2015**. This tool is extremely user friendly. You will doubtfully enjoy this easy method for securing your group reservation. If your guests prefer, they may call our reservations department directly at 1-877-408-4913 and reference group block **MSC**. Please feel free to call or email me directly if you have any questions.

- Right click on the link below
- Select OPEN hyperlink
- The Holiday Inn Reservations website will open
- Save it to you desktop or in your favorites
- The destination is already set at the Holiday Inn Strongsville
- **In the traveler information section please enter your date of arrival and date of departure**

- The group block code, **MSC** is already entered
- Your rate will display
- Select the room type
- You will then be asked for guest and credit card information
- [Midwestern Sectional Championship](#)

**TRANSPORTATION:** Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) is approximately 15 minutes from OBM Arena. The Holiday Inn Cleveland-Strongsville offers complimentary shuttle service from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

## **SECTION 2: Events Offered**

### **Well Balanced programs:**

Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate – Rule 4270

Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate – Rule 4260

Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced Free Skate – Rule 4250



## Checklist for Competitors

Competitors Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS#: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Checklist with Total Amount</b>		
	Tickets, Program & Pin form – Form NQ-A	\$
	Chaperone & Coach Credential Form – Form NQ-B	\$
	Program Information Form – Single Skaters – Form NQ-C	Email to <a href="mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com">lorenzen6@sssnet.com</a>
	Photo Headshot	Email to <a href="mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com">lorenzen6@sssnet.com</a>
	Program Advertising – Form NQ-D	\$
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

Checks and Money orders are accepted. Please make payable to GCCFSC.

<b>Make Checks payable to GCCFSC</b>	<b>Deadline for Postmark – October 22, 2015</b>
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**Please mail forms and payment to:**  
**Nicky Kappenhagen**  
**2855 Graham Rd #1**  
**Stow, Ohio 44224**



## Tickets, Program & Pin Form Form NQ-A

Competitors Name:		USFS#:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:		

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Adult All Event Pass - Nov. 17-22		\$40	\$
Senior All Event Pass – Nov. 17-22		\$30	\$
Child (6-12 yrs) All Event Pass		\$25	\$
Adult Non-qual Event Pass – Nov. 20-22		\$25	
Child (6-12 yrs) All Event Pass – Nov. 20-22		\$15	
Official Event Pin		\$10	\$
Official Event Program		\$15	\$
Total			\$

Please order carefully. No refunds or exchanges.

Holders of “all event tickets” are entitled to admission to all competition events and practice. All event tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. Lost tickets may be replaced at cost. All advanced orders will be distributed at the registration desk. Additional programs and pins will also be available for purchase onsite.

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## Chaperone & Coach Credential Order Form Form NQ-B

Competitors Name:	USFS#:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Events Entered:		

**The following Chaperone & Coach will receive one complimentary credential.**

Designated Chaperone:	Relationship to Skater:
Primary Coach:	Coach USFS #:
Coach Email:	Coach PSA #:

**One Additional Chaperone Credential Request - \$40.00**

Designated Chaperone:	Relationship to Skater:
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**Second Additional Coach Credential Request (Singles/Pairs/Dance) - \$40.00**

Primary Coach:	Coach USFS #:
Coach Email:	Coach PSA #:

**Third Additional Coach Credential Request (Pairs/Dance Only) - \$40.00**

Primary Coach:	Coach USFS #:
Coach Email:	Coach PSA #:

**Make Checks payable to GCCFSC**

**Deadline for Postmark – October 22, 2015**





## Skaters Program Information Form Form NQ-C

All Program Information must be submitted electronically in an email to Lisa Lorenzen at [lorenzen6@sssnet.com](mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com). In subject line please put "2016 Mids Program".

You may copy this information directly into an email, or fill in as a word.doc and submit as an attachment. (Print a copy of this form filled in and send in as a back-up hard copy so we can verify your information online and have a way to contact you if necessary.)

### Single Skaters

Competitors Name:	USFS #:
Level/Event:	Date of Birth:
Hometown:	Home Club:
Coach #1:	Coach #2:
Choreographer #2:	Choreographer #2:

PHOTOS: If you wish to be pictured in this program, please submit a **high-resolution** digital photograph (head and shoulder shot against a plain light colored background – no plants, no shadows.) **Photos must be submitted by email in the following format JPEG file of no greater than 300 dpi named "<Name> <Event Entered>.jpg. The email address is [lorenzen6@sssnet.com](mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com).**

The sooner we receive this information, the more time we have to work on the program. We appreciate ALL early arrivals.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have submitted my program information to [lorenzen6@sssnet.com](mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com).

\_\_\_\_\_ I am NOT sending in a photograph to be included in the program.

<b>Make Checks payable to GCCFSC</b>
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## Program Advertisement Form Form NQ-D

Advertise your business to a crowd of potential customers. Program format is 8 ½ x 11". Please check the size of the ad you wish to purchase.

_____ Business Card	\$40
_____ Quarter Page	\$75
_____ Half Page	\$125
_____ Full Page	\$200
_____ Inside Back Cover	\$300
_____ Inside Front Cover	\$300
_____ Outside Back Cover	\$400

**Please send Ad electronically!**

**Congratulate your skaters!**

You can tell your skaters how proud you are of them by placing a personal message in the souvenir program. Personal Ads are approximately 1/8 of a page and are \$20. Please provide the personal message below. For all other ads, please enclose camera ready artwork.

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

Terms:

- The program format is 8 ½ by 11" printed black and white except for the cover and outside back cover.
- Advertisers must submit camera-ready artwork, 300 dpi digital art work (preferred.jpg or .pdf format) submitted via email to [lorenzen6@sssnet.com](mailto:lorenzen6@sssnet.com).
- The 2016 Midwestern Sectional Figure skating championships reserves the right to position all advertisements.

Please complete this form and return by October 31, 2015.

Enclose check or money order made payable to **GCCFSC** and mail to:

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 2855 Graham Rd #1  
 Stow, Ohio 44224