



Hosted by the Hayden Recreation Center Figure Skating Club and Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams, Inc.
October 14-15, 2016
Marlborough, MA

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



The New England Challenge Cup 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 U.S. Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior level 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. **In addition, this competition is open to all advanced Novice, Junior and Senior level synchronized teams from other countries.**

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met. **The referee, in her sole discretion, may choose to waive age requirements for international novice teams.**

ENTRIES:

Entries will take place online using EntryEEZE (see www.nechallengecup.com). The deadline for entries shall be August 31st, 2016.

Entry Fees:

Senior and Junior: short or FS only - \$550

Senior and Junior: combined short and FS - \$750

Novice, Intermediate and Juvenile: \$550

Flat fee includes official practice ice. Unofficial practice ice will be charged separately at a rate of \$75 for a 15 minute session.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after August 31st, 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 \$50 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 at the New England Sports Center (www.nes.com) located at 121 Donald Lynch Boulevard, Marlborough, MA. The competition rink is 200 feet by 85 feet, with 20-foot radius corners. All unofficial practice ice will take place at the New England Sports Center on the competition surface as well as on one of the six identically sized rinks at the same facility. The rink temperature is often cold. There is a restaurant/snack bar at the New England Sports Center that can provide catering for teams upon request (see our website www.nechallengecup.com for information in mid-Fall). Dressing rooms will be assigned at the event by the LOC.

MUSIC: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 7200-7520.

Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length, and must be contained in a paper sleeve.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

The official competition music **MUST** be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in in order for the coach to receive credentials. A duplicate CD must be readily available at the ice entrance, held by the coach. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Hayden Recreation Center FSC and Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams are not responsible for CDs left at the completion of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE AND COMPETITION/OFFICIAL PRACTICE.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Hayden Recreation Center FSC, Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams and the New England Sports Center 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 International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate (single event or combined)
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate (single event or combined)

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content (PPC) sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event. Our registration chair will coordinate the submission of PPCs by teams from other countries.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Friday October 14th at 2pm and end at 8pm. Registration will re-open on Saturday October 15th at 8am. The registration table will be located at the competition venue. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: Each team will receive two team chaperone credentials. The admission fee for spectators will be: \$15.
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will take place on one of 5 surfaces identical to the competition ice at the competition venue (New England Sports Center).

- Unofficial practice ice will be available beginning on Friday morning and can be scheduled by contacting ice@haydensynchro.com.
- Practice ice sessions will be sold in 15 minute increments on a first come-first served basis.
- Teams will be notified of their assigned slots by the end of September.
- The cost per segment is \$75 for 15 minutes.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Please check our website www.nechallengecup.com for updates

AWARDS: Awards will be presented off ice to the 1st thru 4th place teams in each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Registration Desk. 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:

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
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season.
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ **OR qualified to coach at a nonqualifying competition in the country represented by the team.**

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%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 Category A or B 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: www.nechallengecup.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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| LOC Chair: | Kelly Requadt loc@haydensynchro.org | 617-797-6240 |
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| Registration: | Joan Jones Registration@haydensynchro.org | 978-360-9579 |

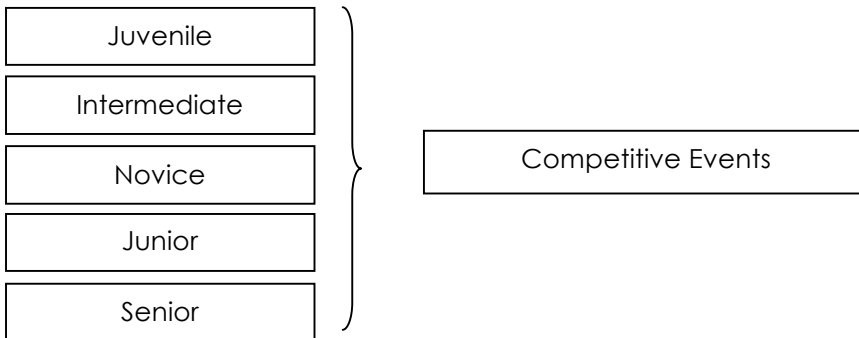
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please refer to our website (www.nechallengecup.com) for updates on the following topics:

- Officials
- Accommodations
- Tentative Schedule
- Vendors

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.
http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:

**A. Juvenile:**

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
 Program duration: 3 minutes.
 Well balanced program: Rule 7240

B. Intermediate:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
 Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
 Well balanced program: Rule 7230

C. Novice:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
 Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
 Well balanced program: Rule 7220

D. Junior:

A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
 Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
 Free skate duration: 4 minutes.
 Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210

E. Senior:

A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
 Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
 Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
 Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200

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.

| | Juvenile | Intermediate | Novice | Junior | Senior |
|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Juvenile | | X | X | | |
| Intermediate | X | | X | X | X |
| Novice | X | X | | X | X |
| Junior | | X | X | | X |
| Senior | | X | X | X | |