

North Star Open

March 10-12, 2017

Hosted by
North Star Figure Skating Club
Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

IJS Pre-Juvenile through Senior Well Balanced Program
No Test through Preliminary Well Balanced Program 6.0
Competitive Test Track – Pre-Preliminary through Senior 6.0
Introductory Levels – Beginner-High Beginner

IJS Judging System USING MINI SYSTEM for Pre-Juvenile - Senior



ONLY ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED - <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=414>

Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after the schedule is posted.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 10, 2017

www.northstarfsc.com

NorthStar Ice Sports – Westborough, MA



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The 2017 North Star Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

ELIGIBILITY: This competition is a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned, non-qualifying competition and will be conducted under the rules that apply to the 2016-2017 competitive season. Skaters must be eligible persons registered as members of U.S. Figure Skating and may compete at their test level or one level higher as of February 10, 2017. Ages are as of February 10, 2017.

TEST LEVEL: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

AGE RESTRICTIONS/REQUIREMENTS: Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 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.

ENTRIES: Only online entry will be accepted. Registration must be done on Entryzee.com. Online entry must be completed by midnight Eastern Daylight time on **February 10, 2017**. Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail, or email. Skater and Coach schedules will be available via the web at www.Northstarfsc.com/competitions. Any late entry, if accepted by the competition committee, must be accompanied by a \$25 late fee. Anything submitted after midnight February 10, 2017 will be considered a late entry.

FEES: Freestyle 6.0 Events:

1st Event: \$85
2nd Event: \$65

IJS Events:

1st Event: \$115
2nd Event: \$90

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. 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 on <http://comp.entryyeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=414>

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at NorthStar Ice Sports, located at 15 Bridle Lane, Westborough, MA 01581 (508) 366-1562. Two ice surfaces measure at 200'x85'. Our 3rd ice surface is 80' X 185'. All rinks have rounded corners.

MUSIC: Each CD must have only one music track on it. No CD-RW discs will be accepted. CD's must be clearly marked with the skater's name, event, and time and must be turned in at time of registration. 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 North Star Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, North Star Figure Skating Club and North Star Ice Sports 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:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-juvenile – senior*
- *Short program events, intermediate – senior*

IJS (International Judging System) will be used on all free skate and short programs Pre-Juvenile through Senior. Program content sheets must be included with your entry. Go to your account in the online registration system (Entry Eeze) and click on "Competition" and then "Planned Program Content". The deadline to submit Planned Program Content is February 26, 2017.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, no test – preliminary*
- *All Test Track events*

REGISTRATION: The registration desk in the lobby will be open one hour before the first event of each day and will run through the last event of the day. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice may be reserved online. It will be available for an additional fee at the rink if space allows. No music will be played on practice ice sessions.

AWARDS: The top four places of each group will receive medals. Awards will be presented off ice at the awards area.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained on the North Star Figure Skating Club website at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=414> 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 1 hour 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 Compliance

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 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>

SAFESPORT: We follow all SafeSport policies and guidelines of USFS and USOC.

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please email Enid Coughlin NorthStarEnid@aol.com. Calls accepted 8:30 am-1:00 pm Monday-Friday at 508-366-1562 x245.

Events Offered:

6.0 EVENTS: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for the following events:

A. Introductory Free Skating: Beginner and High Beginner

B. Single Well balanced Free Skating: Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary

C. Competitive Test Track: Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior

IJS EVENTS: The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

IJS Singles Short Program and Free Skate (well balanced program): Pre-Juvenile (free skate only), Juvenile and Open Juvenile (free skate only), Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior

Skaters entering Juvenile free skate events (IJS well balanced program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Open Juvenile Events for skaters 14 & up.

All competitors skating in the IJS events need to submit a planned program content form through EntryEeze.

The deadline to submit this form is February 26, 2017.

For Singles Free Skate Elements No Test through Senior events, please refer to this link for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions:

[2016-17 Singles Free Skate Elements for No Test through Senior](#)

For Singles Short Program Elements for Intermediate through Senior events, refer to this link:

[2016-17 Singles Short Program Elements for Intermediate through Senior](#)

For Competitive Test Track elements – Pre-Preliminary through Senior, please refer to this link:

[2016-2017 Competitive Test Track](#)

For Introductory Levels – Beginner-High Beginner, please refer to this link:

[2016/2017 Introductory Levels](#)

In addition, please refer to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.