



2017 Orange County FSC Open Championships

Hosted by
Orange County Figure Skating Club

August 11 – 13, 2017

Entry DEADLINE July 9, 2017

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To Register: <http://www.orangecountyfsc.org/entryeeze>



The **25th** Annual Orange County Open Championships 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. Non-U.S. Citizens should refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for eligibility requirements.

SERIES INFORMATION:

The **2017 Orange County Open** is a participating competition within the 2017 Solo Dance Series. Top point scorers, at the end of the season, will be invited to the National Final

Please refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition. <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=84172>.

The Orange County Open Championships is part of the Southern California Interclub Invitational Series. All Skaters in Pre-Preliminary Free Skate events and higher (Bronze for Adults) earn points which could earn them an invitation to the Series Final in September. Visit the Southern California Interclub website for more information - <http://www.socalinterclub.org>

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level:

Except for Dance events, 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. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Age restrictions/requirements:

Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) and short 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.

Groups:

GENERAL:

- Skaters entering Gum Drops (beginner) – Pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.
- If there are not enough entries to hold an event, boys and girls may compete against each other at the Preliminary level and below.

SHOWCASE:

- Showcase disciplines (Light Entertainment and Dramatic) maybe combined at the discretion of the referee.
- Depending on the number of entries, boys and girls may compete against each other in Showcase events.



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ENTRIES:

The Orange County Open Championships will only accept entries online utilizing Entryeeze (<http://www.orangecountyfsc.org/entryeeze>). Entries may be limited and will be accepted in the order received. Please note introductory events test identifiers below:

- ❖ U.S. Figure Skating Beginner = Gum Drops
- ❖ U.S. Figure Skating High Beginner = Lemon Twists
- ❖ U.S. Figure Skating No Test = Orange Twists

ENTRY FEES (*note to adjust the fees for items below)

<u>E V E N T S</u>	<i>If FIRST EVENT</i>	<i>SUBSEQU ENT EVENTS</i>
<i>SINGLES AND PAIRS</i>		
<i>Learn to Skate USA event(s).</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Free Skating (Gum Drops, Lemon Twist and Orange Twist) 6.0</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Free Skating (Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze through Silver) 6.0</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	
<i>Short Program (Juvenile – Open Juvenile) IJS</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Free Skating (Juvenile - Open Juvenile/Adult Gold & Masters) IJS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	
<i>Combined Free Skate & Short Program (Intermediate – Senior) IJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	
<i>Pairs Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile-Each Skater) 6.0</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Pairs Free Skate (Juvenile-Each Skater) IJS</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Pairs Free Skate & Short Program (Intermediate – Senior-Each Skater) IJS</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Showcase (All levels, all events) 6.0</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Exhibition (Gum Drops – Orange Twists w/critique – see event details)</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Exhibition (Pre-Preliminary and above w/critique – see event details)</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>
<i>SOLO DANCE</i>		
<i>Solo Dance Combined Event</i>	<i>\$110.00</i>	
<i>Solo Pattern Dance</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	
<i>Shadow Dance Event – Each Skater</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Late Entry Fee (charged after July 9, 2017 if accepted)</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	
<i>Practice Ice (purchased at time of entry)</i>	<i>\$12.50</i>	<i>\$12.50</i>

Entries must be completed utilizing Entryeeze no later than midnight, **July 9, 2017.**

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Late entries, if accepted, will be charged an additional \$20.00. Acceptance of late entries is entirely at the discretion of the Chief Referee. All age requirements are effective as of July 9, 2017. A credit card processing fee of 3.5% is charged by Orange County FSC. These processing fees are **not refundable**, even if the event is cancelled or skater withdraws before close of entries. A refund of entry fees will be made for withdrawals made **prior to July 9, 2017** (official close of entries), in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule **3047**.

Credit Card Disputes: Orange County FSC reserves the right to charge an additional fee of \$50.00, in addition to the entry fee to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge which will show up as Orange County FSC.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after July 9, 2017 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 assessed a \$50 processing fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice, competitive events, or exhibitions.

Notification of competition schedule and practice ice times will be available by [phone](tel:), [email](mailto:) or the official website: www.orangecountyfsc.org

FACILITIES: The Orange County Figure Skating Club Open Championships will be held at The Rinks, Yorba Linda Ice, located at 23641 La Palma Avenue, Yorba Linda, CA 92887. Phone: (714) 692-8579. Website: www.yorbalindaicerink.com/

The ice surface at The Rinks, Yorba Linda Ice is 185 feet long and 85 feet wide with slightly rounded corners and is completely indoors. There is a snack bar on the premises and several restaurants within walking distance.

MUSIC: All competitors must provide their own music on **Audio CD's only**. The CD must be clearly marked with the name, event and side to be played, with one program per CD. **No CD-RW type CD's will be accepted.** Music is accepted starting one hour prior to the event. **CD's are to be picked up promptly at the conclusion of each event at the registration desk. The Club will not return CD's left behind.** *Competitors should bring at least one backup of their program music on CD.* Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Orange County FSC cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Orange County FSC and The Rinks, Yorba Linda Ice accepts 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, juvenile – senior, adult gold & adult masters*
- *Short program events, juvenile – senior*
- *Pairs free skate events, juvenile – senior, adult gold & adult masters*
- *Pairs short program events, intermediate – senior*

All competitors skating in these events need to enter online their planned program content. **It is preferred that you use Entryeeze for this function** however, you may use the online form found in the "Member's only" section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the information is **August 1, 2017**.



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The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Learn To Skate USA*
- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-preliminary – pre-juvenile*
- *Introductory free skate events (Gum Drops, Lemon Twists, and Orange Twists)*
- Showcase (all events, all levels)
- Adult Pre-Bronze, Bronze and Silver events.

In all events, the closed system of judging will be used with the number of judges on a panel to be at least three, but no more than nine. ***The referee in accordance with the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook will resolve items not specified in this announcement.***

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on **Friday, August 11th** one hour prior to the competition schedule start and will close at the end of competition. Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the entry foyer of the, The Rinks, Yorba Linda Ice. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice availability is planned for the morning on the days of the competition. Depending on the final schedule, practice ice ***may*** also be available Saturday evening. All practice ice requests will be handled online via Entryeeze. Practice ice purchased at the time of entry or ordered prior to August 1, 2017 will be **\$12.50 for 20 minutes**. Skaters who purchase practice ice before the close of entries will have several days to schedule their practice ice session(s) before additional practice ice slots are made available for purchase. Once entries are closed additional slots of practice ice will be available for purchase **at \$15.00 for 20 minutes**. Purchases made at the competition (walk-on or online) will be **\$20 for a 20 minute session space available**.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Commercial video and commercial action photography will be provided. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand held battery operated equipment, without tripod. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is permitted. Photography or videotaping for any commercial purpose is strictly prohibited. ***Flash photography is prohibited at all times during the competition.***

AWARDS: Trophies will be presented to first through fourth place in all events Gum Drops, Lemon Drops and Orange Twists. Medals will be presented to first through fourth place in all events Pre-Preliminary through Senior. For Singles and Pairs (Intermediate and above) the Short Program and Free Skate will constitute a single event with medals awarded for the combined result. In Solo Dance Combined, Preliminary through Novice, the Pattern Dance and Free Dance will constitute a single event with medals awarded for the combined result. In Solo Dance Combined, Junior and Senior, the Short Dance and Free Dance will constitute a single event with medals awarded for the combined result.

Learn to Skate – Trophies will be awarded for first through fourth place for all Learn to Skate events. Medals will be presented beginning at fifth place.



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Dinger Family Artistic Award: All Orange County Figure Skating Club home club members are eligible for the *Dinger Family Artistic Award*, which is determined by a special panel during the competition. The winner of this award will be announced at the end of the competition. Previous winners are ineligible. A suitable engraved personal keepsake will plaque will be presented to the winner.

In all categories having perpetual trophies, the trophy will be engraved with the winner's name. The perpetual trophy will remain with the club.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the skate rental area. 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. The tentative schedule will be posted at www.orangecountyfsc.org and the Entryeze competition site.

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 1st:

- 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 \$30.00 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.

The Orange County Figure Skating 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>



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The official hotel for the
2017 Orange County Open Championships is:



Chase Suite Hotel Brea

3100 E Imperial Hwy, Brea, California 92821

Phone: 714-579-3200

Fax: 714-996-5984

Email: reservations@chasesuitehotels.com

The Chase Suite Hotel Brea is pleased to partner with OC Open and offer Special Group rates to all OC Open Competitors

Website:

The official website for the Orange County Open Championships is: www.orangecountyfsc.org

The official announcement, tentative schedule (when available) and general notices will be posted here prior to the competition. Practice ice information will also be available but purchasing of practice ice is through Entryeze.

Events Offered Online using Entryeze.

To access Entryeze, go to www.entryeze.com.

Questions may be directed to the Chairperson/Registrar:

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LEARN TO SKATE USA EVENTS

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) member if 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 organization 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 passed or one level up as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow and Learn to Skate USA 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 Free Skate 1-6 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 skaters 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.

The Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program event shall be a program performed with instrumental or vocal music on the full ice surface. Elements may be included from a lower level and may be skated in any order, with no restrictions on number of times elements is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.

EVENT: Basic Elements: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

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, 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, 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

EVENT: Basic Program: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6

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.

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



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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, 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, 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

EVENT: 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.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 max

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 • Axel jump



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EVENT: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 Program

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.
- 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 • Axel jump

EVENT: Introductory Levels 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.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each 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	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toe loop jump • Salchow jump • Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions • Forward or backward spiral



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SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

EVENT: Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

General event parameters:

1. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
2. 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.
3. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner Gum Drops 1:40 maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Basic Skills free skating badge tests
High Beginner Lemon Twists 1:40 maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and half loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Basic Skills free skating badge tests
No-Test Orange Twist 1:40 maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2 may be jump combos or sequences • Jump combos are limited to 2 jumps • Jump sequences are limited to 3 single jumps • No Axels or double jumps are permitted 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins must be of different character. • Each spin must have a Minimum of 3 revolutions. • Spins may change feet, position and start with a fly. 	One step sequence that utilizes ½ of the ice surface	



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EVENT: Adult Free Skate

General event parameters: Rule 4500

- A. Adult Pre-Bronze – Rule 4600
- B. Adult Bronze – Rule 4590
- C. Adult Silver – Rule 4580
- D. Adult Gold – Rule 4570
- E. Masters Int-Nov – Rule 4560
- F. Masters Jr-Sr – Rule 4550

EVENT: Singles Short Program

The short program events listed below will be skated. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc. Levels Intermediate through Senior are part of the Combined Short Program and Free Skate. Juvenile is a standalone event.

- A. Intermediate short program – Rule 4230
- B. Novice short program – Rule 4220
- C. Junior short program – Rule 4210
- D. Senior short program – Rule 4200

Juvenile – Open Juvenile short program – Operates under the same rules as the intermediate short program with the exception that no triple jumps are permitted and the step sequence will be a Choreographic Step Sequence. See U.S. Figure Skating rule 4230.

EVENT: Well Balanced Program Free Skate

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Learn to Skate and Well Balanced Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted for 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. Either IJS or the 6.0 judging system may be used for this event.
5. All relevant and appropriate IJS rules will be used. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules by reading the documents on www.usfigureskating.org, under “Technical Information,” then “Singles/Pairs”

The well balanced free skate program events listed below will be skated. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.



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EVENT: Well Balanced Free Skate Pre-Preliminary through Open Juvenile

Skaters entering pre-preliminary through Open Juvenile singles events will have a well balance free skate only (not a combined event).

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Rule 4260
- B. Preliminary – Rule 4270
- C. Pre-Juvenile – Rule 4250
- D. Juvenile – Rule 4240
- E. Open Juvenile 4240

EVENT: Well balance free skate intermediate through senior

Skaters entering Intermediate through Senior singles events may only enter the combined event consisting of a short program and a well-balanced free skate. There is no option to enter the short program or the free skate separately.

- A. Intermediate Free Skate – Rule 4230
- B. Novice Free Skate – Rule 4220
- C. Junior Free Skate – Rule 4210
- D. Senior Free Skate – Rule 4200

EVENT: Pairs short program and Well balance free skating

Skaters entering Intermediate through Senior pairs events may only enter the combined event consisting of a short program and a well-balanced free skate. There is no option to enter the short program or the free skate separately. Pair's events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, content requirements, etc.

- A. Pre-Juvenile pairs free skate – Rule 5250
- B. Juvenile pairs free skate – Rule 5240
- C. Intermediate short program and free skate– Rule 5230
- D. Novice short program and free skate – Rule 5220
- E. Junior short program and free skate – Rule 5210
- F. Senior short program and free skate– Rule 5200



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SHOWCASE EVENTS

EVENT: Dramatic Entertainment Rulebook 3400

Format:

- Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Props and scenery are permitted

General event parameters:

- Level will be determined by the highest free skate or free dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline
- Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under “Programs” on the National Showcase page.

EVENT: Showcase – Light Entertainment Rulebook 3400

Format:

- Showcase program that should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Props and Scenery are permitted

General event parameters:

- Level will be determined by the highest free skate or free dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline
- Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under “Programs” on the National Showcase page.



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EXHIBITIONS

As part of the Orange County Figure Skating Club's effort to support all skaters we are pleased to provide exhibitions **for any event not presented** in this announcement but provided for in the current U.S. Figure Skating online rulebook. Exhibition entries are subject to review by the competition committee and Chief Referee.

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.
- Either IJS or the 6.0 judging system may be used for this event by Chief Referee.
- All relevant and appropriate U.S. Figure Skating rules will be used. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules by reading the documents on www.usfigureskating.org, under "Technical Information," then "Rulebook"

By entering this event you agree to the current rules as posted online at the close of entries. You will receive a critique of your performance at the conclusion of your exhibition.

If we receive two or more requests for an exhibition at the same level and under the same rule(s), we will contact all participants to determine if the event will be added as a competitive event. If all participants agree the event will be scheduled as a competitive event with medals/trophies being awarded but with no critique,; however, if any entrant does not agree, all entries will remain exhibitions with critiques.

Team event exhibitions (Theater on Ice, Synchronized Skating) may be allowed at the discretion of the Chief Referee but will be charged a team assessment fee, depending on level, in addition to the exhibition fee (one skater on the team enters the event). Please contact the registrar or the competition chair to request this type of exhibition.



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The **2017 Orange County Open** is a participating competition within the 2017 National Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=84172>. Please refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

2017 SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENTS BEING OFFERED

Solo Pattern Dance Event: The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold, gold and international levels.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance Fiesta Tango
Bronze	Hickory Hoedown Ten Fox
Pre-Silver	European Waltz Foxtrot
Silver	Tango Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	Paso Doble Starlight Waltz
Gold	Quickstep Westminster Waltz
International	Silver Samba Yankee Polka

Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=84172>



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Solo Combined Dance Event: The solo combined dance event is comprised of both of the following:

JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE:

1. One solo pattern dance chosen by the referee out of two possible dances as selected by U.S. Figure Skating. This dance will not be posted until the starting order is posted at the competition.

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Ten Fox

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Fourteenstep and European Waltz

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: American Waltz and Rocker Foxtrot

2. One solo free dance

JUNIOR, SENIOR:

1. One solo short dance
2. 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 the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels. Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=84172> for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Pattern Dance: The shadow pattern dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2017 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=84172> for the shadow pattern dance rules and event details.

Level	Dances
Preliminary	Rhythm Blues
Juvenile	Cha Cha
Intermediate	Fourteenstep
Novice	Rocker Foxtrot
Junior	Kilian
Senior	Quickstep