



**Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational for Synchro Skills
Liberty FSC
January 12, 2019**

The **Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational for Synchro Skills** 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 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 or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of non-U.S. Citizens.

LOCATION: Hatfield Ice
350 County Line Road, Colmar, PA 18915

CHAIRPERSON: Jill McGee, Team Manager@philadelphiasymmetry.org, 267-280-7386
CHIEF REFEREE: Cheryl Litman
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT: Andi Shorin

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Learn to Skate USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Synchro Skills 1-3).

ENTRIES: Entries will only be accepted through Entryeze. Synchro Skills 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events will be run in accordance to the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group). Registration will open November 1, 2018 and close December 15, 2018.

For Synchro Skills levels, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to "skate-up" one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

ENTRY FEES: \$100 per team plus \$5 per skater

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be sold in 8-minute increments for \$60. Practice ice will be available for purchase through Entryeze.

ADMISSION: Each team will receive a credential for each skater, registered coaches, and Team Manager and/or Team Service Personnel.

In order to receive a chaperone credential, each team manager and team service personnel must have completed the SafeSport Training and successfully passed a background check. Those that cannot produce proof that these have been successfully completed will not be provided a chaperone credential.

Team managers and team service personnel will be asked to pick up their own credentials. These credentials are only to be used by the team manager and team service personnel who originally picked them up and may not be shared. Anyone found using a credential, not on the approved compliance list,

will have their credential privileges revoked for the duration of the competition and be brought to the attention of U.S. Figure Skating and the Ethics Committee.

Please see the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Handbook](#) for more details.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded 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 \$25 processing fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: All events will be held at Hatfield Ice. The ice surface measures 200' x 85.' No smoking at any time. No flash photography permitted during the events.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: This event will be following the Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy included in the SafeSport Handbook.

MUSIC: For this competition, online music submission is the **ONLY** acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the EntryEeze 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." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. The music submission deadline is December 15, 2018.

- Programs per file: 1, only one piece of competition program music per file
- File Format: MP3 (simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps accepted)
- Maximum file size: 10mb
- Maximum run time: 5 minutes
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None – please no embedded images
- Maximum leader: 2 seconds, however we recommend that there be NO leader
- Maximum trailer: 2 seconds, however we recommend that there be NO trailer

Competitors should have backup CDs with them at their scheduled event (in case of problems with the uploaded music). No CD's in RW format.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Liberty FSC, Philadelphia Symmetry and Hatfield Ice 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 majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Snowplow Sam Synchro
- Synchro Skills 1-3

ADMISSION: Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Children under 5 and Active Duty Military with ID are free.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to each skater on teams placing 1st through 4th in each division.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained by Registration. 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 ALL COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

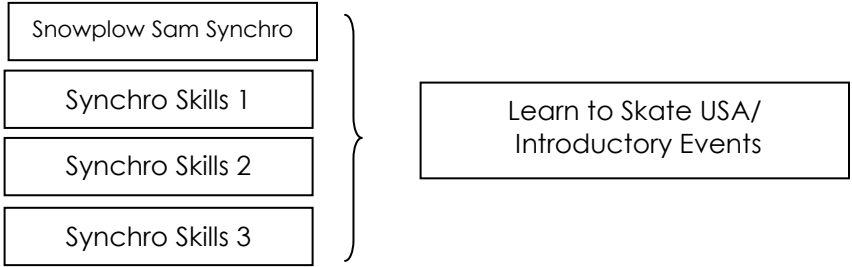
- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating- either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years of age or older, must submit the proper payment of \$20 through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, and submit information for and successfully pass an annual background check.
- ✓ Must complete the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12 effective starting July 1, 2018.
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.

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, proof of 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**

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>)

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



A. Snowplow Sam Synchro

A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

B. Synchro Skills 1:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

C. Synchro Skills 2:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

D. Synchro Skills 3:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

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 9400-9530, in addition to the statement above.

	Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult								X		X			X		