

PHILADELPHIA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING
INVITATIONAL
&
JUDGES CRITIQUE



HOSTED BY PHILADELPHIA SYMMETRY &
WISSAHICKON SKATING CLUB
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AND 27, 2019

COMPETITION LOCATION
HOLLYDELL ICE ARENA
601 HOLLY DELL DRIVE
SEWELL, NJ 08080

SANCTION #28750

This is a Competition Announcement Only

Registration must be completed online at www.entryeeze.com

Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational & Judges Critique
Hosted by Philadelphia Symmetry & Wissahickon Skating Club
Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 2019

The Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational, hosted by Wissahickon Skating Club, 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.

LOCATION: Hollydell Ice Arena
601 Holly Dell Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080
267-280-7386
www.philadelphiasymmetry.org/competition

CHAIRPERSON: Jill McGee, TeamManager@philadelphiasymmetry.org
CHIEF REFEREE: Ann Buckley
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT: Andi Shorin

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, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Snowplow, Synchro Skills 1, 2, and 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate, open adult, and open masters teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Current competition information will be posted on our Entryeze site (<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=557>) and our team website, www.philadelphiasymmetry.org.

For questions, contact Jill McGee, TeamManager@philadelphiasymmetry.org, 267-280-7386.

JUDGES CRITIQUE

In conjunction with the Competition, teams can register and receive an On-Ice Judges Critique. The registration and fee for the Critique is separate from the Competition. Teams cannot register for the Judges Critique only.

Teams will learn what improvements they can make to their programs to be successful under IJS and 6.0. The panel will be announced as soon as confirmed.

Entry Fees:

Snowplow Sam / Synchro Skills Teams:	\$80 / team (8 minutes)
6.0 Teams:	\$120/ team (12 minutes)
IJS Teams:	\$150 / team (15 minutes)

Each team will receive an 8, 12 or 15-minute block of on-ice time as noted above. Coaches will stand rink side with the judging panel and receive direct feedback. A member of the panel may ask the team to repeat specific parts of the program.

All IJS teams are required to submit a completed Planned Program Content Sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org by October 12, 2019.

ENTRIES:

All registrations are through Entryeeze at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=557>.

A non-refundable processing fee will be charged. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment will be required before the team is allowed to participate.

*******In Entryeeze, to register for the Judges Critique, click on Merchandise under the Competition tab and add the appropriate event level to your shopping cart.*******

For information on Music uploads, see Music under Competition Detail on following page.

CRITIQUE RINK:

All events will be held at Hollydell Ice Arena. The ice surface for the **Critiques** measures 200' x 85'. No smoking at any time. No flash photography permitted during the events.

COMPETITION DETAIL

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 September 15, 2019, the entry deadline.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the competition will be posted on the EntryEeze website and Emailed to team's primary contact. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.

MUSIC:

For this competition and judges critique, 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. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate! The music submission deadline is October 12, 2019.

- 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.

RINK:

All events will be held at Hollydell Ice Arena. The ice surface for the **Competition** measures 200' x 100'. No smoking at any time. No flash photography permitted during the events.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to each skater on teams placing first through fourth in each division. The Junior and Senior Short and Free programs are judged and awarded as separate events. Results will be posted in the lobby. Please check bulletin board at the registration desk for time and location of the presentation of awards.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

The event will be not have a professional photographer.

DEADLINE:

You must enter this competition online by **September 15, 2019**. Save \$25 per team with Early bird registration that ends by August 15, 2019. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chair for an additional entry fee. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** except for the cancellation of an event. Please note that the processing fee is not refundable for any reason.

ENTRY FEES:

Snowplow Sam / Synchro Skills Teams	\$75 per team plus \$5 per skater
6.0 and IJS Teams	\$300/team plus \$35/skater including alternates
Combined fee for Junior and Senior Teams for Short and Free Programs	\$350/team plus \$35/skater including alternates

ENTRIES:

All registrations are through Entryeeze at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=557>. A non-refundable processing fee will be charged. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or competition events.

For Synchro Skills 1-3, 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).

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be offered and available for purchase through Entryeeze when team’s register for the competition.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Hollydell Ice Arena. This arena has 2 ice surfaces as noted under Critiques and Competition. The temperature of the rink can be cold. There is a full service restaurant and snack bar on-site. Locker rooms will be assigned by the referee.

LOCKER ROOMS & CHANGING AREAS:

This event will follow the Locker Rooms and Changing Areas policy included in the SafeSport Handbook.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Philadelphia Symmetry, Wissahickon Skating Club and Hollydell Ice 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 International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior Short Program & Free Skate, Senior Short Program & Free Skate, Collegiate, Adult, Masters

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

Snowplow Sam, Synchro Skills 1-3, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Open Adult, Open Masters, Open Collegiate

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 sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org at least 7 days before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will begin on July 1, 2019 and end on September 15, 2019 at 11:59pm.

The registration table will be located inside the Skaters Entrance and will be open at all times during the practice ice and competition. Teams need to register no later than two hours in advance of their competition event. At the time of registration, teams will pickup their registration packets containing competition information, badges, final schedules, etc. Each team level will receive a maximum of 2 credentials for Team Service Personnel (see below).

The Official Bulletin Board will be located at registration. It is the responsibility of each team to periodically check this board for any updates. The Team Manager should check in on behalf of the team as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credentials (see coaching requirements below).

A second information table will be located in the Main Lobby by ticket sales.

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 ("greenlight"). Those that cannot produce proof that these have been successfully completed will not be provided a chaperone credential – no exceptions.

Team Managers and Team Service Personnel will be required to pick up their own credentials with a photo ID. 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 the violation will be brought to the attention of US Figure Skating and the Ethics Committee.

Please see the US Figure Skating SafeSport Handbook for more details.

ADMISSION:

Admission is \$10 per day or \$15 for 2 days. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Children under 5 and Active Duty Military with ID are free.

PRACTICE ICE:

All competition practice ice is at Hollydell Ice Arena, which has an ice surface of 200' x 100'. Practice ice is strongly recommended for teams competing in the IJS events. Your ice will be assigned in a block format by level by the LOC. Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Collegiate, Adult, and Masters teams will have their practice ice monitored by the IJS system, and will be grouped together for practice ice purposes.

Practice ice will be sold in blocks of:

- 8 minutes at \$80 per block for the following *Synchro Skills, Juvenile free skate, Open Juvenile free skate, Pre-Juvenile free skate, Preliminary free skate, Adult free skate, Masters free skate, Open Collegiate free skate, Open Adult free skate and Open Masters free skate*
- 10 minutes at \$90 per block for the following: *Junior and Senior short program, Novice free skate and Intermediate free skate*
- 12 minutes at \$100.00 per block for the following: *Junior, Senior and Collegiate free skate.*

Practice ice will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Practice Ice will not be scheduled without full payment and completion of the team registration forms. Should practice ice sessions remain, they will be offered to teams at the discretion of the LOC. Practice Ice sessions will be confirmed by email.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at Hollydell Ice Arena. 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 non-qualifying 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.
- If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills 1-3 team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check is sufficient. If the coach is coaching any other level team(s) at a non-qualifying event, then he/she must have at least CER 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

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Compliance%20Outline.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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Vendors:

Vendors will be located in the 2nd floor Restaurant.

Transportation:

If your team is traveling to our competition by bus, buses can drop skaters off at the front of the building. Buses will have designated parking adjacent to the ice rink.

Parking:

Parking in the lots adjacent to the rink is allowed over the weekend. See diagram at end of the announcement.

Hotels:

Should your team require hotel accommodations, we are arranging discounted room blocks at nearby hotels. Please check our Entryeze site for current hotel information and rates.

Skate Bag Storage:

Skate Bag Storage will be marked at the rink.

Rink Layout:

Diagrams of the two Rinks are attached at the end of this announcement.

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the synchronized skating page (<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84111>) for current technical information and ISU communications.

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

Snowplow Sam: A team of 5 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds.

Synchro Skills 1: A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds.

- 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.
- 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.
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 12 with the majority of the team under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 13.
Program duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds +/- 10 seconds
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed pre-preliminary moves in the field.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed pre-juvenile moves in the field.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed juvenile moves in the field.
Program duration: 3 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception of 4 team members who may be 16 or 17. All must have passed intermediate moves in the field.
Program duration: 3 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19. All skaters must have passed novice moves in the field.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 3 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 and have passed junior moves in the field.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or degree program as a full-time student.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds

- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or degree program as a full-time student and have passed juvenile moves in the field. Program duration: 3 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older. Program duration: 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30. Program duration: 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30. Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either preliminary moves in the field, adult bronze moves in the field, preliminary figures, or preliminary dance. Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 seconds

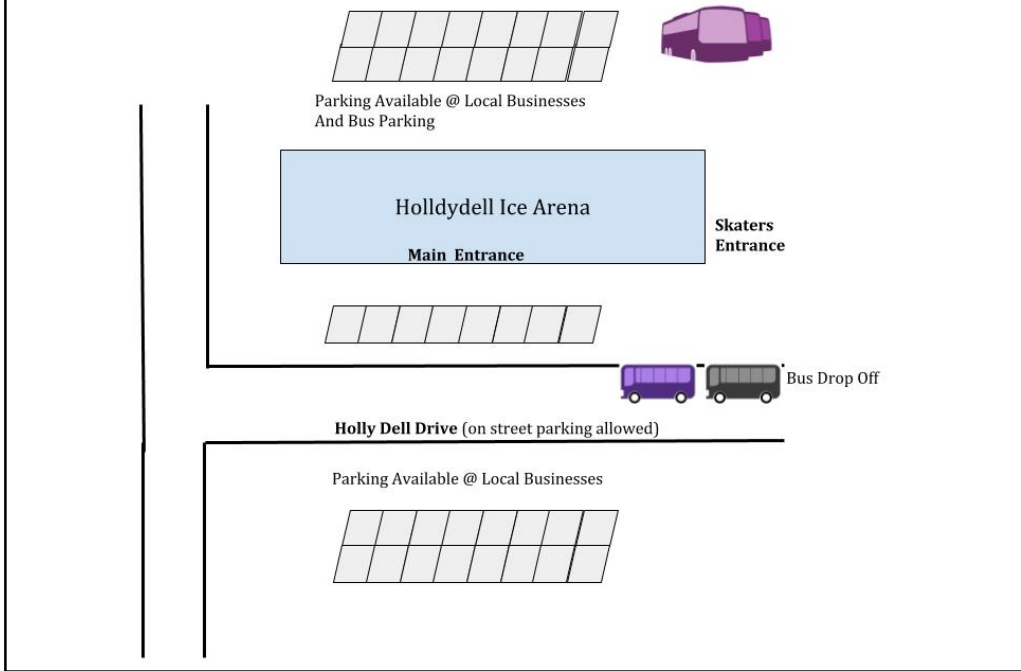
Teams are permitted to have a maximum of four alternates listed on their rosters.

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.

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

Hollydell Ice Arena - Street View and Parking
 601 Holly Dell Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080



Hollydell Ice Arena - Interior View
 (not drawn to scale)

