



# 2013 Potomac Open

**DATES:** August 15-18, 2013 (Thursday through Sunday)

**LOCATION:** Ashburn Ice House  
21595 Smiths Switch Road  
Ashburn, VA 20147

**WEBSITE:** [www.PotomacOpen.com](http://www.PotomacOpen.com)  
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**SANCTION:** Sanctioned by United States Figure Skating

**HOST CLUB:** Washington Figure Skating Club

**CHAIRPERSON:** Dina Gold

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**TECHNICAL  
PANEL CAPTAIN:** Deborah Weidman

**CHIEF  
ACCOUNTANT:** Jennifer Lyon

**CHIEF TECHNICAL  
ACCOUNTANT:** Michael Wolek

**ELIGIBILITY:** All entrants must be members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating; test requirements are as of July 15, 2013.

You may enter the event for which you have passed the required test or one level higher, but not both (*i.e.*, skaters may “skate up” one level).

**RULES:** The Competition will be conducted according to the rules of U.S. Figure Skating as set forth in the 2014 Rulebook, including new or amended provisions passed at the 2013 Governing Council.

**ENTRIES:** Entry to the competition is made by signing up on the internet. Please go to [\[insert Entryeeze link\]](#).

### **Entries will close at 11:59 PM EDT July 27, 2013.**

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) may limit entries at each level. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the LOC, and will require an additional late entry fee of \$40.

*A note about your Entryeeze registration:* Entryeeze does not verify U.S. Figure Skating numbers. If you mis-type your U.S. Figure Skating number, Entryeeze will not flag it for you. However, if you try to log in later with your correct U.S. Figure Skating number, it will not work. Please take care to enter your number properly. If you have difficulty logging in, please email [PotomacOpen@gmail.com](mailto:PotomacOpen@gmail.com).

In addition, if you choose to use a PIN number from a previous competition, please note that any erroneous or outdated information will be carried over. Please double-check your information before moving to the next screen.

**FEES:** \$150 for the first IJS event entered. If any IJS event is entered, that is considered the first event.

\$100 for the first 6.0 Singles, Compulsory Moves, or Test Track event entered, unless an IJS event has also been entered.

\$75 for each additional event entered at any level, whether the first event is IJS or 6.0 (including Test Track).

Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

**REFUNDS:** No refunds will be granted for any reason (including medical) except for events eliminated by the LOC. Your entry reserves ice time, and the LOC cannot return leased ice if you withdraw.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Washington Figure Skating Club, and the LOC undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, Washington Figure Skating Club, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

**JUDGING:** The International Judging System (IJS) will be used on all Juvenile (including Open Juvenile) through Senior events as well as Adult Masters and Gold freestyle events. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all other events.

**FINAL ROUNDS:** There will be final rounds for ALL Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior events having 25 or more entries. The number of skaters advancing will depend on the number of initial groups and available ice. Short Program and Long Program are separate events. There will be no final rounds for 6.0 events.

**CRITIQUES:** Time permitting, there will be critiques for all initial round Short Program and Free Skating events for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior. Coaches and competitors are invited to attend. Critiques begin approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of each event.

Events take priority over critiques. In the event that a Technical Controller must be scheduled on successive events and is not available for a critique, the critique may not take place.

**RINKS:** Ashburn Ice House is a two-rink facility. Both rinks are NHL (200' x 85'). All rinks have rounded corners and hockey barriers.

**MUSIC:** Music should be turned into the registration desk upon arrival. Music will be played from CDs ONLY. Only one track per CD. CDs with multiple tracks will NOT be accepted. CD-RW should not be used.

CDs should be clearly marked with the skater's name, event, and time.  
*Duplicate copies must be readily available during the event.*

While all possible care will be taken, the LOC assumes no responsibility or liability due to lost, damaged or unclaimed music sources. Any music not picked up by the end of the competition will be discarded.

CDs may not be forwarded to final rounds. Skaters must re-register for final rounds.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to all 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in each event with at least two competitors who skate their programs.

**SCHEDULE:** As soon the events schedule is finalized, you will receive an e-mail with the start date and time to access your Entryeze account on-line to see your individual schedule. You will need your U.S. Figure Skating number and your PIN number, which is issued to you when you register. The schedule will be posted as soon as possible after the close of entries at **[the Entryeze site]**. Please check for changes to the schedule periodically. The LOC does not assume responsibility for changes in travel plans that may result from schedule changes.

Once the competition begins, the on-line schedule may no longer be valid and skaters are required to check for changes in events and times, which will be posted in the same area as the starting orders and results. Skaters should check in with the ice monitor at their event between 30 and 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their event. Events may start either *earlier or later* than originally scheduled.

**WITHDRAWALS:** Withdrawals should be e-mailed to [PotomacOpen@gmail.com](mailto:PotomacOpen@gmail.com). Please be courteous to your fellow skaters and notify us of withdrawals in advance of the start of your event. As noted herein, there are no refunds for withdrawals, as your entry reserves ice time.

**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT:** Please enter your Planned Program Content information through Entryeze. Deadline for Planned Program Content is August 10, 2013. Planned Program Content is for IJS events only. Late Planned Program Content will not be accepted.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Sign-up for practice ice will be available on-line at **[enter Entryeze site]**. The length and number of practice ice sessions will depend on the event schedule.

At the time of registration, each skater will be able to reserve and purchase one session per event entered at \$15 per session, and will be able to select the date and time from the published practice ice schedule after the close of registration. As soon as the events schedule is posted, you will receive an e-mail with the start date and time for reserved practice ice selection. You will need your U.S. Figure Skating number and the PIN number you received during registration to access your account and make your selection.

**Skaters who pre-purchase practice ice when they register will have the first opportunity to select the dates and times of their practice ice sessions.**

Practice ice will also be available for purchase on-line after the schedule has been posted and after those who pre-registered for practice ice have had an opportunity to select their sessions, at \$15 per session. Additional practice ice may be available during the competition at \$18 per session. Cash or checks payable to “Washington Figure Skating Club” will be accepted at the Registration Desk for practice ice purchased at the competition.

The LOC will use its best efforts to reserve practice ice sessions for final rounds.

No program or any other music will be played during practice ice sessions.

**VIDEO AND  
PHOTOGRAPY:**

A professional videographer and photographer will be available during the competition. For the safety of the skaters, spectators will only be permitted to take photos and video for personal use and only of skaters to whom they are related or with whom they have a professional coaching relationship. Photography and videography will only be permitted from the viewing stands. Tripods are not permitted. No flash photography is permitted.

**COACHES  
CREDENTIALING:**

U.S. Figure Skating and the LOC appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all U.S. Figure Skating members to help implement minimum requirements to ensure that the environment in all U.S. Figure Skating programs is as safe as possible for all participants. This will help give parents the highest degree of confidence that their children are not only receiving good care and proper instruction but are safe from improper conduct.

**Requirements for Coaches for Non-Qualifying Competitions**

- Current U.S. Figure Skating Membership (expiration June 30, 2014 or later)
- Completed Coaches Registration and Background Screening (“green-lighting”)
- Continuing Education Requirement Compliance (minimum Category B)

Non-compliant coaches who attempt to coach at a competition, including the Potomac Open, are subject to disciplinary action by U.S. Figure Skating and/or the PSA. The LOC will be reviewing coaches’ status in advance of the competition and will be issuing credentials only to those coaches who satisfy the minimum requirements of U.S. Figure Skating. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted to put their skaters on competition practice or event ice.

Coaches will be required to check in at registration to confirm their eligibility and to receive a credential. The credential must be on display at practice ice and events. The monitor will ask any individual in the coaching area without a credential to exit the area. Parents and fellow skaters without coaching credentials will similarly not be permitted in the coaching areas.

Questions about coaches' qualifications to participate at a competition should be directed to U.S. Figure Skating Members Services at 719-635-5200 or [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).

## COMPOSITION OF EVENTS

### *SINGLES*

Please see the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook beginning at Rule 4000 for qualifications and program elements, unless otherwise specified.

<b>Short Program - Men and Ladies</b>	
<b>Level</b>	<b>Max Time</b>
Intermediate (IJS)	2:00
Novice (IJS)	2:30
Junior (IJS)	2:50
Senior (IJS)	2:50

<b>Free Skating - Men/Boys and Ladies/Girls</b>	
<b>Level</b>	<b>FS Time +/- :10</b>
No Test	1:30
Pre-Preliminary	1:30
Preliminary	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	2:00
Open Juvenile (IJS)	2:15
Juvenile (IJS)	2:15
Intermediate (IJS)	2:30
Novice (IJS)	Men 3:30 Ladies 3:00
Junior (IJS)	Men 4:00 Ladies 3:30
Senior (IJS)	Men 4:30 Ladies 4:00

<b>Adult Free Skating - Men and Ladies</b>	
	<b>Maximum time</b>
Adult Pre-Bronze	1:40
Adult Bronze	1:50
Adult Silver	2:10
Adult Gold (IJS)	2:40
Adult Masters Int/Nov (IJS)	3:10
Adult Masters Jr/Sr (IJS)	3:40

## **PAIRS – Juvenile and Intermediate**

Please see the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook beginning at Rule 5000 for qualifications and program elements, unless otherwise specified.

<b>Free Skating</b>	
<b>Level</b>	<b>FS Time +/- :10</b>
Juvenile (IJS)	2:30
Intermediate (IJS)	3:00

## **TEST TRACK**

Test Track 2012-13 (effective September 1, 2012)

Skaters may enter **EITHER** the test track free skate program or the singles free skate program (described above) but **NOT** both. Competitors will skate to music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all Test Track events. Genders may be combined at all levels depending on the number of entries except for Novice, Junior, and Senior levels.

Deductions **WILL** be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description:

- from **EACH** mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description;
- from the technical mark for each extra element; and
- for any spin with fewer than required revolutions.

Please visit <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Test%20Track%202012-13%20portrait%20%28Effective%20September%201,%202012%29%20approved.pdf> for the jump elements, spins, steps, and qualifications at each level. Events will be available in limited beginner, beginner, pre-preliminary test, preliminary test, pre-juvenile test, juvenile test, intermediate test, novice test, junior test, and senior test.

## **COMPULSORY MOVES**

A presentation without music skated on ½ of the ice surface. Connecting steps are permitted. Genders may be combined depending on the number of entries.

Maximum Free Skate Test Level (may skate up one level from test passed)	Elements skated in any order	Max Time
No Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salchow</li> <li>2. Two consecutive half flips</li> <li>3. One-foot spin</li> <li>4. Any forward spiral</li> <li>5. Forward crossovers, 3 in each direction</li> </ol>	1:00
Pre-Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loop Jump</li> <li>2. Salchow/Toe Loop combination</li> <li>3. An upright spin (scratch or attitude spin)</li> <li>4. Forward spirals, one on each foot</li> <li>5. Waltz eight (one pattern)</li> </ol>	1:00
Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flip Jump</li> <li>2. Loop/Loop Jump combination</li> <li>3. Sit spin</li> <li>4. Diagonal step sequence</li> <li>5. Back Outside Spiral</li> </ol>	1:20
Pre-Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Axel</li> <li>2. Lutz/ Loop Jump combination</li> <li>3. Camel / sit spin with no change of foot</li> <li>4. Diagonal Step sequence</li> <li>5. Back Inside Spiral</li> </ol>	1:20
Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Double Salchow</li> <li>2. Combination jump (either double-double or double-single)</li> <li>3. Combination spin with one change of foot and one change of position</li> <li>4. Diagonal step sequence</li> <li>5. Sequence of two gliding moves (not limited to these examples: spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydro-blading)</li> </ol>	1:20