



Hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club

Saturday, December 8 & Sunday, December 9, 2018

Entry Deadline: October 8, 2018

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>

SANCTION #: 27871

**SkateNation Plus
4350 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060**

The South Atlantic Synchro 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 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, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rulebook 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 Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 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.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met, with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Learn to Skate USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Synchro Skills 1-3).

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).

ENTRIES: Teams will register for the competition, pay entry fees and practice ice fees via EntryEeze at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>.

The deadline for entries is October 8, 2018 at 11:59 PM.

IJS events will not be offered at this competition.

Non- IJS Divisions (Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile & Open Juvenile): Entry fee \$500 which includes a critique.

Synchro Skills 1, 2 and 3 entry fees are \$50 per team plus \$10 per skater (including alternates).

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee and will incur a \$50 late fee,

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after October 8, 2018 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 a \$35 processing fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at SkateNation Plus, 4350 Pouncey Tract Road,

Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 364-1477. More information about the rink is available at www.richmondskating.com, and click on the menu for SkateNation Plus.

The South Atlantic Synchro Open is hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club. The competition rink is a 200' x 85' oval. The temperature is generally very cold so blankets or throws to sit on are advised. There is a restaurant in the facility (www.faceoffcafe.com) and there are numerous restaurants within walking distance.

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

MUSIC: All music must be submitted electronically through the online registration system (<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=333>) no later than Friday, November 16, 2018 at 11:59 PM. Online music submission is the only acceptable method to submit program music. After you have have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music. The uploaded music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file: One (1) piece of competition music per file is allowed.

File format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.

Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).

Maximum file size: 10 MB

ID3 Metadata [tags]: None – The LOC strongly requests that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the team, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!

Maximum leader: The LOC requests that there be NO leader. The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music.

Maximum trailer: The LOC requests that there be NO trailer. The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track.

****Backup music at event (CDs):** In addition to submitting the music online, all teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event segment or official practice.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Richmond Figure Skating Club and SkateNation Plus 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
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin Saturday, December 8 one hour prior to the start of practice ice and end at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 9. The registration table will be located in the lobby of SkateNation Plus. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches, team managers, and team service personnel must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: Admission for spectators will be \$5 per person on Sunday, 12/9 only. Children under 5 and Active Duty Military with ID are free. Spectators are strongly encouraged to purchase admission during practice ice on Saturday, 12/8.

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.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available at SkateNation Plus on Saturday, 12/8 and Sunday, 12/9. Practice ice reservations must accompany the team's EntreyEeze competition entry. Practice ice will be sold in 15-minute increments for \$100 each and will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

The practice ice schedule will be determined after the registration deadline. Ice time has been reserved for Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning.

CRITIQUES: Critiques will take place during the next ice make after the event. Coaches should report to the Officials' Hospitality Room located in the café area of the rink for their team's critiques.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Professional photography or videography will not be offered. Videotaping and photography with **NO FLASH** will be allowed. Spectators are asked to use discretion in taping on photographing when teams are on the ice. Organizers have the option to request that individuals stop recording/photographing if an individual's presence is deemed distracting or intrusive.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all members of the top four placing teams in each event. Award ceremonies will be held off ice, upstairs in the Caldwell Room at the conclusion of each flight but will be staggered so as to give the officials and accountant time to compile the results. Teams should report to the Caldwell Room for awards at the conclusion of the flight after the one in which they competed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby. 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**

Foreign coaches will be required to present the LOC with a letter, from their Federation, verifying they are a member in good standing.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: TBD

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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Chief Referee:	Mary Ann Wilcox	wilcoxmh@aol.com	(801) 597-5597
Practice Ice:	Catherine Curran	cjcurran1@verizon.net	(804) 614-5052

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotels less than a 10 minute drive from the rink.

- Hilton Homewood Suites - Richmond West End Innsbrook. 4100 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.237.6003
- Hilton Hampton Inn, 10800 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.7777
- Hilton Garden Inn, 4050 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.521.2900

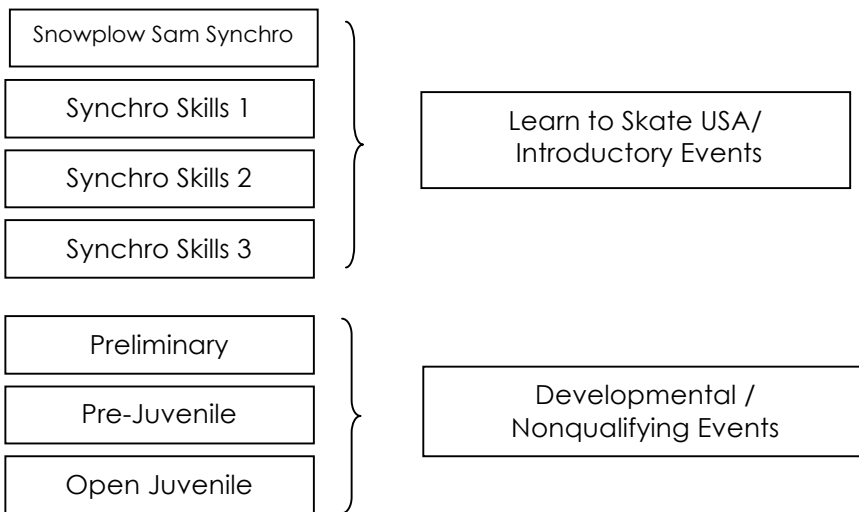
- Short Pump Hilton Hotel and Spa, 12042 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23233 804.364.3600
- Hyatt Place, 4100 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.9644
- Marriott Courtyard, 3950 Westerre Parkway, Richmond, VA 23233 804.346.5427
- Comfort Suites, 4051 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.217.9200
- Homestead Studio Suites, 10961 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804.747.8898

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>

E. Preliminary:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.

Program duration: 2 minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7270

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.

Well balanced program: Rule 7260

G. Open Juvenile:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.

Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7250

Teams are permitted to have a maximum of four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.