



**Wallace Spring Synchro Classic**  
**March 3rd 2018**

**The Wallace Spring Synchro Classic** 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 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 **Synchro** Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit [www.usfigureskating.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> preceding this competition **Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.**

**ENTRIES:** Entries will be processed through entryeeze and must be received by February 3rd 2018.

The entry fee is \$250 Per event plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates.

The entry fee for Synchro skills is \$50 per team plus \$10 for each competitor.

Teams Registering on or before January 25th will receive an early bird discount per competing team.

Teams WILL pay the team fee and the skater fee will be waived.

**Synchro Skills 1-3** events should be run in accordance to **the 2016-17 Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual** (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

**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).**

**REFUND POLICY:**

Entry fees will not be refunded after February 9th 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 \$25 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:

Wallace Civic Center@Fitchburg State University  
Gaetz Arena  
1000 John Fitch Highway  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420  
Hosted by: Wallace Figure Skating Club  
Saturday March 3rd 2018  
Ice Surface: 85X200  
<http://fmcicesports.com/rink/fitchburg-wallace-center/>

Locker rooms will be assigned upon team arrival. There are seven locker rooms in the Facility and additional portable locker rooms will be erected to accommodate teams. Please be advised the temperature of the Gaetz Arena can be cold. There is a concession stand at the rink which serves food.

**MUSIC:** The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Wallace Figure Skating club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. **PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.**

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Wallace Figure Skating Club, and Wallace Civic Center 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

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

- Sychro Skills 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Masters
- 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

completed via their Member's Only profile at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will open one or two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the mezzanine of the Gaetz Arena at Wallace Civic Center. One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

**ADMISSION :** Each team will receive enough credentials for every team member on the current roster. 2 Coaches passes and 2 Chaperone passes. Spectators will pay a fee of \$15 for adults and \$5 for child/senior. Children under 5 will be free. Tickets, programs and pins will be available at the door.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be held at the competition rink prior to the competition. Wallace Civic Center@Fitchburg State University Name the facility that practice ice will be held at and the size of the ice surface. Also list:

Saturday March 3rd 2018

Ice Surface:85x200

Time will be sold in 10 and 22 minute blocks, scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis

Cost will be \$75 for 10 minutes or \$150 for 22 minutes.

When the practice ice schedule has been finalized , teams will be notified by email. To purchase practice ice please complete attached practice ice form.

**PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY:** A photographer will be on site at the event.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be awarded to teams placing first, second, third, and fourth. There will be one awards ceremony on ice at the close of the competition. Results will be posted in the rink hallway located through the glass doors beyond the concession stand.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained in the mezzanine of the Gaetz 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 prior to the commencement of the competition.**

#### **INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:**

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying 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 nonqualifying 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://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.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.**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For questions, please contact the following individuals

Competition Website: [www.wallacefsc.com](http://www.wallacefsc.com)

Co Chair: Tracy Pichnarcik [morgy1130@comcast.net](mailto:morgy1130@comcast.net) 978-502-0272

Co Chair: Jennifer Hebert [jenniferannehebert@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferannehebert@gmail.com)

Co Chair: Mikaela Pentedemos [mikaela@pentedemos.com](mailto:mikaela@pentedemos.com)

Chief Referee: Laura Days [lekdays@gmail.com](mailto:lekdays@gmail.com) 617-529-2120

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**These Hotels are easily accesible from the skating rink:**

**Double Tree Sheraton Hotel**

**99 Erdman Way**

**Leominster Ma 01453**

**978-534-9000 \*hotel is appx. 4 miles from the competition arena**

**Great Wolf Lodge**

**150 Great Wolf Drive**

**Fitchburg MA 01420**

**978-342-7100 \* hotel is appx. 7 miles from the competition arena**

#### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

[http://www.usfigureskating.org/New\\_Judging.asp?id=361](http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361))

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

**A. 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, and the majority of the team must be no test.

Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

**B. 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, and the majority of the team must be no test.

Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.

Rules:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

**C. 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, and the majority of the team must be no test.

Program duration: 2 – 2 ½ minutes.

Rules:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

- D. 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
- E. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.  
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- F. 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
- G. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- H. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- I. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- J. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.  
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds  
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.  
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- K. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.  
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds  
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- L. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7290

**M. Collegiate:**

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.  
Program duration: 4 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7280

**N. Open Adult**

: A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7520

**O. 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 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7530

**P. 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: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7510

**Q. 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 the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.  
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

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

**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 or 3	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
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	