

# SKATE SAN FRANCISCO 2019



## ANNOUNCEMENT

*OFFICIAL ICEMEN COMPETITION*

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*NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES - SINGLES & PAIRS*



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**DATES:** Friday, **August 16** through Sunday, **August 18, 2019**

**LOCATION:** Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center, 750 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107  
For rink information, call (415) 820-3521 or visit [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com)

**HOST:** The Skating Club of San Francisco, Inc.

**SANCTIONS:** US Figure Skating

**SKATE SAN FRANCISCO** will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the 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. Any approved exceptions to the current rules or guidelines are noted in this announcement.

The Chief Referee's interpretation of the rules and decisions on all questions not covered by these rules is final.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or re-admitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules. To enter any U.S. Figure Skating event, a skater must be a currently registered member 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 for non-U.S. Citizens. Individual members of US Figure Skating should bring their membership card.

Non-U.S. citizens who have documentation that they are in good standing with their own national federation and have permission from said federation to compete in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competitions or have requested release from said federation are also eligible to compete (U.S. Figure Skating Rule #3060).

Officials' travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with rule 2150 (as referenced in 3038).

## NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)

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This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official NQS event for singles and pairs. All NQS events at Skate SF are open to both skaters who have NOT registered for the NQS series as well as those that have registered to participate in the NQS series. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by May 28<sup>th</sup> (separate from competition registration).

## ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

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**Test level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering Juvenile Free Skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 12 years of age or under for girls and 13 or under for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering Open Juvenile Free Skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 13 years of age or older for girls and 14 or older for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering Intermediate Free Skate events must be under 18 years of age. Skaters entering adult events must be 21 years of age or older.

For all **Age** restricted events, age as of the entry deadline will govern. Please bring proof of age, such as birth certificate, driver's license to the competition.

*Juvenile through Senior qualifying singles and pairs events with more than 24 entries will have **qualifying rounds** conducted in accordance to **Rule 2466**. Consolation rounds consisting of a short program will be held for skaters eliminated in Intermediate through Senior qualifying rounds.*

*Non-qualifying events with 8 or more entries may be divided into groups as appropriate. Group size may be larger or smaller than the standard set in the Rulebook at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Events will be divided into age groups for Pre-Juvenile and below and for Juvenile Singles Free Skate and above events will be divided by draw. All other events will be divided by age and/or draw at the Chief Referee's discretion. There will be no final rounds for these groups.*

## ENTRIES

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**Entry deadline is end of day on July 31, 2019.** Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org). Click on the link to the Skate San Francisco Competition page on EMS, where you will be able to register your information as well as pay all entry fees. No paper forms are required with online registration. Payment will be accepted by credit card. Entries received after the deadline are considered late entries and will be accepted or declined at the discretion of the Chief Referees and may be subject to a late fee of \$35. **Note:** The Short Program (SP) and Free Skate (FS) events are combined events for Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior singles.

**Note: All skaters competing in IJS events must upload their Planned Program Components by August 5, 2019– a \$30.00 late fee will be charged for components to be entered after the deadline. Pairs see note below.**

## **ENTRY FEES**

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### **Singles**

#### **6.0 scored events**

- \$120 (**Excel Beginner\***, **Excel High Beginner\***, No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze Free Skate) – **Note: The two mentioned will be the only Excel\* events offered.**

#### **IJS scored events**

- \$140 (Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, and Adult Silver, Gold and Masters Free Skate)
- \$140 (Juvenile Short Program)
- \$160 (Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior combined)

### **Pairs (per couple)**

#### **6.0 scored events**

- \$120 (Pre-Juvenile, Adult Bronze & Silver Pairs Free Skate)

#### **IJS scored events**

- \$140 (Juvenile, Intermediate, Adult Gold, and Masters Pairs Free Skate)
- \$160 (Novice, Junior and Senior Pairs Combined)

**Pairs Note: Only one partner needs to complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

### **Critiques**

#### **\$25 per segment (offered only to skaters in qualifying Juvenile – Senior events)**

Critiques may be purchase online through EMS prior to the start of the competition. There are no refunds, and no on-site purchases or registrations.

### **Free Skate Test Protocols**

#### **\$20 (Available ONLY to Juvenile and above skaters)**

Test Protocols may be purchased online through EMS up to Thursday August 15, 2019.

Note that a protocol test sheet must be purchased prior to the start of the competition and picked up at the Accounting Room after the event. Protocols cannot be provided after the competition is over. There are no refunds, and no on-site purchases or registrations.

## **FOREIGN SKATERS**

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Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
  - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click “Competition Registration”
5. Choose “**SKATE SF 2019**” from the list of competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

## EMS SKATER PORTAL

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Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC upload as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

## REFUND POLICY

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Entry fees will not be refunded **after the deadline, July 31, 2019** unless no competition exists, the competition is canceled, or notification of withdrawal is received before the close of entries. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

Two entries constitute an event. However, skaters who are the only entrant in an event may be allowed to compete at the Referee’s discretion if time permits. If the solo entry skater is offered and accepts the opportunity to compete, fees will not be refunded. The skater will be judged, receive scores and their award. Note: The withdrawal of competitor(s) in an event within 48 hours of the event start will not change the status of an event as long as one skater remains; no event will be canceled with at least one competitor, and no refunds provided, within 48 hours of the competition event.

## SCHEDULE

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Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition schedule will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

Practice ice is available directly through Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center at 415-820-3521, and is not a part of the EMS registration system.

## FACILITY

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**Competition location: Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center, 750 Folsom St, San Francisco, CA 94107**

The rink size is 200' by 85' with rounded corners, (standard NHL size). **House lights only.**

Admission is free to all spectators for all events.

Children under the age of ten must be accompanied by an adult.

**For additional information about parking, restaurants, shopping and entertainment, visit [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com) or call (415) 820-3521 and ask for the Group Events Manager.**

## MUSIC UPLOAD

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All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than August 5, 2019. **A \$30.00 late fee will be charged for music to be uploaded after the deadline.**

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

### [CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

## MUSIC CRITERIA

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- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
  - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

## LIABILITY

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U.S. Figure Skating, (The Skating Club of San Francisco, Inc.), and (Yerba Buena Ice Skating 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

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**The IJS (International Judging System) will be used for the following events:**

- *Well Balanced Program Singles Free Skate events, Preliminary – Senior*
- *Well Balanced Program Adult Free Skate events, Adult Silver, Gold – Masters*
- *Juvenile Short Program*
- *Short Programs, Intermediate – Senior*
- *Pairs Free Skate events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs Free Skate events, Adult Gold – Masters*
- *Pairs Short Programs, Novice – Senior*
- *The IJS Minisystem with video display will be employed*

**The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:**

- *Well Balanced Program Free Skate events, Excel Beginner, Excel High Beginner, No Test, & Pre-Preliminary*
- *Well Balanced Program Free Skate events, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze*
- *Pairs Free Skate events, Pre-Juvenile, Adult Bronze - Silver*

## PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

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All competitors skating in these events need to submit the **PPC FORM ONLINE through EMS** The deadline to submit the form is **August 5, 2019**. **A \$30.00 late fee will be charged for PPC to be uploaded after the deadline.**

Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

[CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

## REGISTRATION (Check In)

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Registration will begin on Friday August 16 one hour before the first event and end at Sunday, August 18 at the conclusion of the last event. The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the rink, at the skate rental counter. Events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the Chief Referee's discretion. Skaters must check in with the Ice Monitor 30 minutes before they are scheduled to skate. **PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY UPON ARRIVAL.**

## LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

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Locker rooms **will not be available** to competitors as dressing/changing rooms. We strongly recommend that all skaters come dressed and ready to compete.

## PRACTICE ICE

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Freestyle sessions are available to pre-purchase up to two weeks in advance through Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center by calling 415-820-3521. Please check the Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center website for dates and times of the freestyle sessions at [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com).

## PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

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Pictures of the top five skaters in each event will be taken on the podium. All skaters can also request individual pictures.

In accordance with U.S. Figure Skating policies, personal videotaping (digital or other) is allowed of one's own skater only and only with handheld equipment in the seating area. The recording of other skaters AND the recording of warm ups and practice sessions is prohibited. Only battery-powered video units are allowed (no electrical cords). The use of a tri-pod and standing near the railing to film is prohibited.

Absolutely no flash photography is allowed of competitors on the ice. The flash may cause distraction leading to error or injury. Taking action photos of any skater other than your own is prohibited without their express written consent, a copy of which must be provided to the host club.

## AWARDS

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Awards will be presented to the winners of 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> places for Juvenile through Senior singles and pairs qualifying events and for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> for non-qualifying events. Awards for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place will be given in consolation rounds for Intermediate through Senior events.

**Four trophies will be awarded for any eligible skaters competing in contested events:**

The Ray Alperth Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the adult man or lady with the highest IJS component score in a Masters Free Skate event.

The John Rogers Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the man with the highest IJS free skate score (Juvenile through Senior).

The Michele Monnier Honorary Trophy will be awarded to the lady with the highest IJS free skate score (Juvenile through Senior).

The Hickox Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the pair with the highest IJS free skate score (Juvenile through Senior).

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

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An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the rink at Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center. 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. The Official Schedule will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board located in the rink lobby during the event. All changes to the schedule will be noted on the posted Official Schedule and will serve as due notice. Please check the Official Bulletin Board frequently. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

## TEST CREDIT

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Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition.

### Free Skate Test Protocols

\$20 (**available ONLY to Juvenile and above skaters**) Test Protocols may be purchased online through EMS up to August 15, 2019. Protocols cannot be provided after the competition is over. There are no refunds and no on-site registrations or purchases.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

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To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

### **Coaching U.S. Figure Skating Athletes**

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training\*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

## Coaching Compete USA Athletes

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training\* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

\*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database who are approved to receive 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.

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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The following volunteer opportunities for Skate San Francisco are open for sign-up:

- Table and chair set up in the Accounting and Hospitality Rooms and Judging Stand
- Registration desk \*
- Runners\*
- Ice Monitors\*
- Hospitality Room monitors/servers

**Please go to the Volunteer Sign-up section at [www.scsf.org](http://www.scsf.org). Thank you for your support!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact the registrar by email at [registrar@scsf.org](mailto:registrar@scsf.org)

Other contacts are- **U.S. Figure Skating Chief Referee: Bruce Bell** [bruce.bell@itv.com](mailto:bruce.bell@itv.com);

**Co-Chair, Sam Singer** at [ssingerjr@aol.com](mailto:ssingerjr@aol.com).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Web site:** Please visit [www.scsf.org](http://www.scsf.org) for information regarding the Skate San Francisco competition. For Arena information, visit [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com).

**Tentative Schedule:** A tentative schedule will be available on the Club website above approximately one week prior to the event. The tentative schedule of events is subject to change and is left to the discretion of the Chief Referee as to the order, time, and day of each event.

**Parking:** Street parking at meters is free before 9am and after 6pm. Note: Folsom Street may be closed on Sunday Aug 18 for a street fair. Nearby parking: Museum Parc Garage, 300 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (entrances on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Folsom Street); and California Parking- 730 Harrison St.; the Moscone Center Garage, 255 3<sup>rd</sup> St.; and, Fifth & Mission Parking Garage - 833 Mission St.

**Driving Directions:** Use [www.mapquest.com/directions](http://www.mapquest.com/directions) and enter **750 Folsom St. San Francisco, CA 94107**, the Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center (YBISC) address.



**Nearby Hotel Accommodations (walking distance):**

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, 299 Second St., (415) 947-0700 (0.6 miles from Center);

SF Marriott Marquis Union Square, 780 Mission St., (415) 896-1600 (1300 ft from Center);

Intercontinental Hotel, 888 Howard St., (415) 616-6500 (2300 ft from Center); and,

Mosser Hotel, 54 Fourth St., (415) 986-4400 (1400 ft from Center)

Also, you can Google “hotels near Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center.”

**Public Transportation:** The Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center (YBISC) Arena is located in downtown SF. Google [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com) for complete information.

- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) serves the YBISC Arena from the East Bay and Oakland International Airport and the SF Peninsula and San Francisco International Airport and exit at **Montgomery Street**. See [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov) for schedule and fare information.
- SF Municipal Railway (MUNI Metro) serves the YBISC Arena within San Francisco – exit at **Montgomery Street**. See [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com) for schedule and fare information,

**Airport information:** San Francisco International Airport is 13.4 miles from the YBISC Arena and. Oakland International Airport is 19.7 miles from the YBISC Arena. In addition to BART, UBER and Lyft are good options.

**Local Activities:** For information on other sites and activities near the Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center, check [www.yerbabuena.org](http://www.yerbabuena.org)., [www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com](http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com)., [www.skatebowl.com](http://www.skatebowl.com)., or contact the San Francisco Visitor’s Bureau at (415) 391-2000

**Nearby Attractions:**

- SF Centre /Bloomingdales/Century Theaters [www.westfield.com/sanfrancisco/](http://www.westfield.com/sanfrancisco/)
- SFMOMA – San Francisco Museum of Modern Art [www.sfmoma.org](http://www.sfmoma.org)
- Contemporary Jewish Museum at Jessie Square [www.thecjm.org](http://www.thecjm.org)
- Union Square /Chinatown Grant Ave <https://unionsquashop.com/>
- Metreon AMC Loews Theaters <https://www.atomtickets.com/theaters/amc-metreon-16/6133>
- Powell Street Cable Cars – to Fisherman’s Warf

# US FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

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## SINGLES:

- Excel Beginner Free Skate
- Excel High Beginner Free Skate
- No Test Free Skate
- Pre-Preliminary through Juvenile Free Skate
- Juvenile Short Program (separate)
- Intermediate through Senior Combined
- Adult Pre-Bronze through Masters Senior Singles Free Skate

## PAIRS:

- Pre-Juvenile through Intermediate Free Skate
- Novice through Senior Combined
- Adult Bronze Pairs through Masters Pairs Free Skate

## US FIGURE SKATING SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

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- For the well-balanced free skating singles Excel Beginner, Excel High Beginner, No Test and Pre-Preliminary events, the 6.0 judging system will be used.
- For Preliminary and higher Singles events, IJS scoring will be used.
- For 6.0 events, all relevant and appropriate rules will be applied. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules which are available on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org)
- For IJS events, all relevant and appropriate IJS rules will be used. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules by reading the documents on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) under “Technical Information,” then “Singles/Pairs.”
- **Skaters may skate up one level** from the level they are otherwise qualified for based on tests but they may not skate at a lower level.
- Warm-up groups are 6 skaters maximum unless otherwise specified.
- Short Program and Free Skating for Intermediate to Senior levels are treated as combined events.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted.

Event	Description	Qualification	Duration
Excel Beginner (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 judging	Max. 4 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>• Single Jumps: Salchow, toe loop only</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences - 1 three jump combination is allowed</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul> Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) Connecting steps demonstrated through out</li> </ul>	Open to skaters who have not passed any tests or higher than the Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 2 test.	1:40 MAX.
Excel High Beginner (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 judging	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>• Single Jumps: Salchow, toe loop, loop, ½ loop only</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences - 1 three jump combination is allowed</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul> Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upright or sit spins only: change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) Connecting steps demonstrated through out</li> </ul>	Open to skaters who have not passed any tests or higher than the Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 4 test.	1:40 MAX.

No Test (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 6490	Open to skaters who have not passed any Free Skate tests.	1:40 MAX
Pre-Preliminary (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 6480	Open to skaters who have passed no higher than the Pre-Preliminary FS test	1:40 MAX
Preliminary (Warm-up groups may be 7 max.)	Program as per rule 6470	Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Preliminary FS test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec.
Pre-Juvenile (Warm-up groups may be 7 max.)	Program as per rule 6460	Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Pre-Juvenile FS test.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Short Program	Program as per rule 6450	Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test.	2:10 MAX.
Juvenile	Program as per rule 6450	Under 13 for girls and under 14 for boys Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test.	2:20 +/- 10 sec
Open Juvenile	Program as per rule 6450	Age 13 and older for girls and 14 and older for boys Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test.	2:20 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate	Short Program, Rule 6440 Free Skate Program, Rule 6440	Under age 18. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Intermediate FS test.	2:10 MAX 3:00 +/- 10 sec
Novice	Short Program, Rule 6430 Free Skate Program, Rule 6430	Open to skaters who have passed the Intermediate FS test but no higher than the Novice FS test.	2:30 MAX 3:30 +/- 10 sec
Junior	Short Program, Rule 6420 Free Skate Program, Rule 6420	Open to skaters who have passed the Novice FS test but no higher than the Junior FS test.	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
Senior	Short Program, Rule 6410 Free Skate Program, Rule 6410	Open to skaters who have passed at least the Junior FS test.	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 4:00 +/- 10 sec.

## US FIGURE SKATING PAIRS FREE SKATING EVENTS

Adult pairs may be composed of a man and a woman or partners of the same sex, and shall compete against pairs of like composition; however, the Chief Referee may combine pairs of different composition in order to make an event with the consent of all pairs involved. Age restrictions, test qualifications, and programs for these events shall be as set forth in the current US Figure Skating Rulebook, except as otherwise specified herein. Age requirements are as of the official deadline for entries. Qualifications are for BOTH partners. Well-Balanced Program Requirements (Rules 7400-7460) shall apply for Pairs events.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min: sec)
Pre-Juvenile Pairs 6.0 Judging	Under 14 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed no higher than the Pre-Juvenile Pairs test (see note, rule 5250)	Rule 7460	2:00 +/- 10 sec.
Juvenile Pairs	Under 16 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed the Pre-Juv Pairs test but no higher than the Juv Pairs test (see note, rule 5240)	Rule 7450	2:30 +/- 10 sec.
Intermediate Pairs	Under 18 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed the Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the Intermediate Pair test.	Free Skate Program Rule 7440	3.00 +/- 10 sec.
Novice Pairs	No age restrictions. Skaters must have passed Intermediate Pair test and no higher than Novice Pair test.	Short Program, Rule 7430 Free Skate Program, Rule 7432	2:50 max 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
Junior Pairs	No age restrictions. Skaters must have passed Novice Pair test and no higher than Junior Pairs test.	Short Program, Rule 7420 Free Skate Program, Rule 7422	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 3:30 +/- 10 sec.
Senior Pairs	No age restrictions. Passed Junior Pair test.	Short Program Rule 7410 Free Skating Program Rule 7412	2:40 +/- 10 sec. 4:00 +/- 10 sec.

## US FIGURE SKATING ADULT FREE SKATING EVENTS

**Age categories:** Adult and Masters events are open to skaters age 21 and over. Age as of the official entry deadline will be used for all age requirements. Adult age categories (i.e. Classes I to V) will be divided or combined by age or gender at the Chief Referee's discretion:

Class I – 21 to 35 years	Class II – 36 to 45 years	Class III – 46 to 55 years	Class IV – 56 to 65 years	Class V – 66 to 75 years	
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Adult free skate events will be skated in accordance with the current US Figure Skating Rulebook. Time limits are maximums. There are no minimums. **Skaters may skate up one level** from what they are otherwise qualified for based on tests. Masters events may be divided or combined by gender, age, or by level at the Chief Referee's discretion. Events may be combined by gender in order to provide skaters with competition.

Adult pairs may be composed of a man and a woman or partners of the same sex, and shall compete against pairs of like composition; however, the Chief Referee may combine pairs of different composition in order to make an event with the consent of all pairs involved.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration (min: sec)</b>
Pre-Bronze 6.0 Judging	Test and age requirements in accordance with Rule 6560 No tests are required.	Rule 6560 No lutz, axel, or double jumps permitted.	1:40 max.
Bronze 6.0 Judging	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6550.	Rule 6550 No axel or double or triple jumps permitted.	1:50 max.
Silver	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6540.	Rule 6540 No double or triple jumps permitted	2:10 max.
Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6530.	Rule 6530 No triple jumps permitted	2:40 max
Masters Intermediate/ Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6520.	Rule 6520	3:10 max.
Masters Junior- Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 6510.	Rule 6510	3:40 max.
Adult Pairs: Bronze- 6.0 Silver- 6.0 Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 7550 Rule 7540 Rule 7530	Rule 7550 Rule 7540 Rule 7530	Brz: 2:10 max. Slv: 2:40 max. Gld: 3:40 max.
Masters Pairs	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 7510.	Rule 7510	3:40 max.

**SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.**

**THE FOLLOWING LINKS WILL ALSO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICULAR EVENTS BEING OFFERED.**

**OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS:**

[Intermediate – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate](#)  
[Juvenile Free Skate](#)

*\*These events will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2040 with regard to qualifying and final rounds if more than 24 competitors register.*

**OFFICIAL NQS PAIRS EVENTS:**

[Juvenile + Intermediate Pairs Free Skate](#)  
[Novice – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate](#)

**ADDITIONAL SINGLES EVENTS:**

[Excel Free Skate - Beginner and High Beginner only](#)  
[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(No Test – Pre-Juvenile\)](#)

**ADDITIONAL PAIRS EVENTS:**

[Pairs Short Program](#)  
[Pairs Free Skate](#)

**ADULT EVENTS:**

[Adult Singles Free Skate](#)  
[Adult Pairs Free Skate](#)