

Basic Skills Competition with Compete USA

Saturday April 2nd, 2022

Registration Deadline: March 14th, 2022

Hosted by Cool Sports Skating Academy

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

The competition is an open competition and ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program and those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with Learn to Skate USA or a member club. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Participating athletes / teams must follow local health and safety guidelines. U.S. Figure Skating does not condone athletes/teams going against their state and local health guidelines to train.

The Dogwood Spring Festival will follow local, state and USFS COVID-19 guidelines that are current at the time of the competition.

Competition officials will inform all participants of these guidelines one week prior to the competition via email.

Eligibility and Test Requirements:

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam, Basic Skills 1-6 and Adult 1-6** skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances. For the **Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6 levels**, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

APPLICABLE RULES

The event is approved and shall be conducted under Rules 1040, 1070 and U.S. Figure Skating Guidelines of the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, as a Special Competition. The competition will follow the same level requirements for a Compete USA Competition; Snowplow—Basic 6; Adult 1-6; Pre-Free Skate; Free skate 1-6; Adult Pre-Bronze & Adult Bronze.

EVENT FEES

Beginner - Preliminary / Adult Pre-Bronze & Bronze events:

Snowplow 1 - Free Skate 6 / Adult 1-6 events.

Team Events (Duets, Mini, Ensemble)

\$45 First Event \$20 Each Additional Event

\$30 First Event \$15 Each additional

\$15 per person





JUDGING

- 1. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all artistic & traditional programs.
- 2. Officials will be chosen from U.S. Figure skating coaches, judges, or eligible U.S. Figure Skating members
- 3. The judging panel for each event will consist of 3 judges and 1 chief referee. Trial judges may be added.

<u>Showcase Events:</u> Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. The 6.0 judging system will be used. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. <u>No technical skating mark will be awarded.</u>

Technical skating skills and difficulty <u>will not be rewarded</u> as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of enough quality to support the selected theatrical elements.

Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's/team's marks.

Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.

Theatrical elements evaluated will include are but not limited to: Reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, Projection, Energy, Timing, Acting, Skating skills that relate to the music, Use of props and scenery, Interaction (Duets and Ensembles only)

Deductions will apply for negligence relating to costumes, props, program times. **EVENTS OFFERED**

- Basic Elements Event (Snowplow 1 Basic 6)
- Basic Program with Music Event (Snowplow 1 Basic 6)
- Compulsory Event (Pre-Free Skate Free Skate 6)
- Program with Music Event (Pre-Free skate Free Skate 6)
- Excel Compulsory Event (Excel Beginner Excel Preliminary)
- Well Balanced Levels Compulsory Event (No-Test Preliminary)
- Excel Free Skate Event (Excel Beginner Excel Preliminary Plus)
- Well Balanced Free Skate Program Event (No-Test Preliminary)
- Adult 1-6, Beginner Bronze Compulsory Event
- Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music Event
- Adult Beginner Bronze Free Skate Program with Music Event
- Spins Challenge (Beginner Preliminary)
- Jumps Challenge (Beginner Preliminary)
- Solo Pattern Dance Event (Preliminary and Pre-Bronze)
- Dramatic, Light Entertainment & Duet Showcase Events (Basic 1 Adult Bronze)
- Mini Production (3-7 skaters)
- Group Production (8-30 skaters)
- Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Challenge
- Interpretive
- Team Compulsories Program

AWARDS

Awards will be scheduled throughout the event. Medals will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd placements and ribbons given for 4th, 5th & 6th placements. Categories will be divided by age & ability with no more than 6 in each group. Online results will be utilized.

<u>MUSIC</u>

Music must be uploaded via Entryeeze no later than Monday March 21st, 2022. It is the responsibility of the skater to have a backup CD in your possession. Competition officials are not responsible for the condition of your CD.

LIGHTING

Full rink lighting will be used for all events.

PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEO SPECIALISTS

Professional photographers & video specialists will be on site to record all competition events. Guests may purchase photos or DVDs during & after the competition. Flash photography & unauthorized videoing is NOT ALLOWED.

PAYMENTS

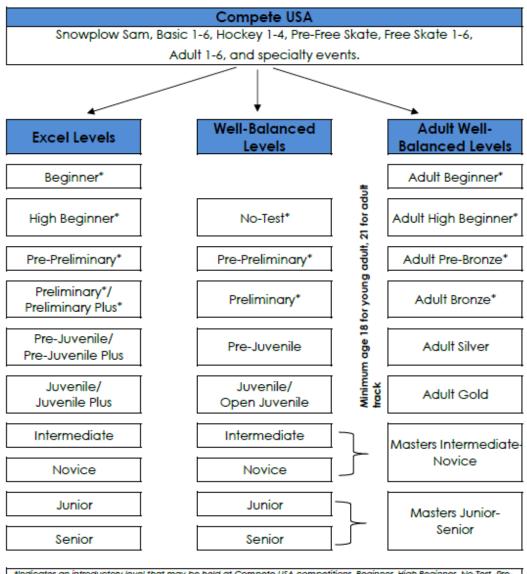
Registration can be completed at **www.EntryEeeze.com**. Registration & payments are due by Monday March 14th, 2022. Late registrations will incur a \$25 late fee and will only be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chair. **Paper entries are not accepted**.





COMPETITIVE PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LEVELS OF U.S FIGURE SKATING

Singles athletes begin with Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test level, and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free skate test passed.



Indicates an introductory level that may be held at Compete USA competitions. Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary & Pre-Bronze require a current Learn to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure Skating full membership; all other levels require a current full U.S. Figure Skating membership.

SNOWPLOW SAM - BASIC 6 ELEMENTS



Two format options for the Elements Event:

- 1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
- 2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)

Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
- No music
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
- <u>All elements must be skated in the order listed.</u>

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
Snowplow Sam	1:00 max.	 March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row 	
Basic 1	1:00 max.	 Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row 	
Basic 2	1:00 max.	 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row 	
Basic 3	1:00 max.	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward slalom Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot 	
Basic 4	1:00 max.	 Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions 	
Basic 5	1:00 max.	 Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward outside three-turn, right and left Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions Hockey stop 	
Basic 6	1:00 max.	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left Mohawk, right to left and left to right Bunny Hop Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry T-stop, right or left 	

SNOWPLOW SAM - BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC



Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:10 max.	 March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
Basic 1	1:10 max.	 Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
Basic 2	1:10 max.	 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
Basic 3	1:10 max.	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward slalom Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
Basic 4	1:10 max.	 Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
Basic 5	1:10 max.	 Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward outside three-turn, right and left Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions Hockey stop
Basic 6	1:10 max.	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left Mohawk, right to left and left to right Bunny Hop Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional entry and free leg position T-stop, right or left

PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on 1/2 ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements. A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. •
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- Time: 1:15 maximum

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max.	 Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka Waltz jump
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes Backward outside three-turns, right and left One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop Half flip jump
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	 Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis Backward inside three-turns, right and left Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position-maximum 3 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	 Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position-minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	 Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump (Euler) Flip jump
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	 Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions Waltz jump-loop jump combination- Lutz jump
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	 Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump, half loop (Euler), Salchow jump combination Axel Jump: minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving



PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max.	 Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position-minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka Waltz jump NOT ALLOWED -Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump 	
Free Skate 1	1:40 max.	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop jump Half flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump/toe loop combination 	
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	 Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop combination 	
Free Skate 3	1:40 max.	 Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination NOT ALLOWED - Waltz/loop combination 	
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	 Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions Half Loop jump (Euler) Flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz/half-loop/Salchow sequence 	
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	 Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions Waltz-loop jump combination- Lutz jump 	
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	 Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, Mohawks and toe steps Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump/ half-loop (Euler)/Salchow jump combination Axel Jump: minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving 	

EXCEL COMPULSORY



Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on $\frac{1}{2}$ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
Excel Beginner	1:15 max.	 Toe loop jump Salchow jump One-foot upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence 	
Excel High Beginner	1:15 max.	 Loop jump Salchow/toe loop combination Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence 	
Excel Pre- Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Flip jump Loop/loop jump combination Upright spin with change of foot - minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence 	
Excel Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Lutz jump Flip/loop jump combination Camel, sit combination spin - minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence 	

WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on 1/2 ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
No-Test	1:15 max.	 Loop jump Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) Upright spin with change of foot - minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence 	
Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Lutz jump Jump combination: single/single (no Axel) Spin with one change of position and no change of foot - minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence 	
Preliminary	1:15 max.	 Axel jump Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) Spin with one change of foot and one change of position - minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence 	

EXCEL FREE SKATE



- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passes, or "skate-up" to one level higher.

Excel Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max. Learn to Skate USA membership <u>OR</u> full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 4 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only Eulers (half loops) are not allowed. Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: Two upright spins No change of foot No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use one-half of the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel High Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max. Learn to Skate USA membership <u>OR</u> full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half-loop), loop Flip, Lutz, & Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: Both spins must be in a single position No flying entry No change of foot Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel Permitted back spins: upright Minimum 3 revolution Max Level: Base	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use one-half of the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel Pre- Preliminary 1:40 Max. <u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre- preliminary free skate test *means required element Learn to Skate USA membership <u>OR</u> full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot* One spin may change feet and/or position, but not both No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use one-half of the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence

Excel Preliminary 2:00 +/- 10 sec. <u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test *means required element Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump		kimum 2 spins: e spin must be a hel or layback spin h no change of foot no change of ition* e spin may change t and/or position flying entry imum 3 revolutions hs must be of a erent character a Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use full ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel Preliminary Plus 2:00 +/- 10 sec.	Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, including single Axel No double, or higher jumps allowed Single Axel may be repeated once (but no		Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position* No change of foot No fly entry	Maximum 1 Sequence: a Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use full ice surface

<u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test	Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels) Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump	No fly entry One spin may change feet and/or position Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character	Must use full ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
*means required element	sequences All single jumps, including the single Axel are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One	Max Level: 1	
Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	 Jump combinations timited to 2 jumps. One Jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 		

WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM



- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.
- **Per ISU rules, the new definition for a jump sequence will be in effect. A jump sequence consists of two jumps; beginning with any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No-Test	1:40 Max.	 Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	Max 2 Spins • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step Sequence • Must use one-half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Pre- Preliminary	1:40 Max.	 Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum of 2 single Axels) Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	Max 2 Spins • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step Sequence • Must use one-half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Preliminary	2:00 +/- 10 sec	 Max 5 Jump Elements 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps any listed jump is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	 Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) 	Max 1 Sequence • Step Sequence • Must use full ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence

ADULT 1-6, BEGINNER-BRONZE COMPULSORY



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- The skating order of the elements is optional. Element may only be attempted once. To be skated in simple program format with limited connecting steps, ½ ice. A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element MISSING, REPEATED or from a higher level

Level	Time	Elements
Adult 1	1:30 Max.	 Forward Marching Forward two-foot glide Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row) Forward snowplow stop - two feet or one foot
Adult 2	1:30 Max.	 Forward skating across the width of the ice Forward one-foot glides, right and left Forward slalom Backward skating Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row
Adult 3	1:30 Max.	 Forward stroking using the blade properly Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward skating to a long two-foot glide Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left
Adult 4	1:30 Max.	 Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise Hockey stop, both directions Backward one-foot glides, right and left
Adult 5	1:30 Max.	 Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward outside three-turn, right and left Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)
Adult 6	1:30 Max.	 Forward stroking with crossover end patterns Backward stroking with crossover end patterns Forward inside three-turn, right and left T-stop Lunge Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)
Adult Beginner	1:30 Max.	 Waltz Jump Mazurka Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs) Forward moving inside open Mohawk (right and left) - heel to instep Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)
Adult High Beginner	1:30 Max.	 Waltz Jump ½ Flip Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions Backward outside three- turn, right and left Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)
Adult Pre- Bronze	1:30 Max.	 Toe loop jump Jump combination or sequence consisting of only ½ revolution jumps (half loop is considered a full revolution jump) - maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward spiral (any edge)
Adult Bronze	1:30 Max.	 Salchow jump Jump combination or sequence consisting of ½ revolution jumps and/or full revolution jumps (no Lutz or Axel(- Max 2 jumps. Solo spin with no change of foot. (Min. 3 revolutions) Backward inside three-turn, right and left Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)- must change edge or foot

ADULT 1-6 FREE SKATE WITH MUSIC



- The skating order of the required elements is optional.
- The elements are not restricted to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element MISSING and for those elements performed from a higher level.

Level	Time	Elements
Adult 1	1:40 Max	 Forward Marching Forward two-foot glide Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row) Forward snowplow stop - two feet or one foot
Adult 2	1:40 Max	 Forward skating across the width of the ice Forward one-foot glides Forward slalom Backward skating Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row
Adult 3	1:40 Max	 Forward stroking using the blade properly Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward skating to a long two-foot glide Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left
Adult 4	1:40 Max	 Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise Backward one-foot glides, right and left Hockey stop, both directions
Adult 5	1:40 Max	 Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise Forward outside three-turn, right and left Beginning two-foot spin
Adult 6	1:40 Max	 Forward stroking with crossover end patterns Backward stroking with crossover end patterns Forward inside three-turn, right and left T-stop Lunge Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

ADULT BEGINNER - BRONZE FREE SKATE PROGRAM WITH MUSIC



- General event parameters: Skaters will skate to the music of their choice and vocal music is allowed To be skated on full ice ٠
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- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position. ٠

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Adult Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 4 jump elements Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and Waltz jump Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same jump 	Max. 2 spins • Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 1
Adult High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max 4 jump elements: Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loo, toe loop, salchow Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	Max 2 spins: • Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests
Adult Pre-Bronze	 Max 4 Jump Elements: Jump combinations and sequences are optional, but no more than 2 combinations or sequences may be included 1 jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps. Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) Only single and half-revolution jumps are allowed No single Lutz, single Axel or double jumps are allowed 	Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E)	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre- Preliminary Free Skate
Adult Bronze 1:50 maximum	 Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences; 1 combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel- type jump 	 Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) Min 3 revs total if no change of foot Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot Min 2 revs in each position No flying spins are permitted 	Max 1 Sequence: • Choreographic Step Sequence Must use at least ½ ice surface May include Moves in the Field and spirals	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate

SHOWCASE EVENTS



Showcase events are open to skaters in Basic, Free Skate, Limited Beginner through Preliminary and Adult Bronze. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher. Vocal music is permitted.

Show costumes are permitted if they do not touch or drag on the ice. Costuming and make-up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance and reflect the meaning of the story or theme. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure. No bobby pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute on and off and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each ten seconds more than the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice.

6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of Showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying Showcase Guidelines posted on www.usfigureskating.org.

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up
- Dramatic entertainment: Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness. Dramatic programs should not be depressing. Even if the emotion is sadness, there should be an enlivened feeling given to the audience.
- Light entertainment: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by any competitors.
- Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors.
- Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. Theater On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production event.



SHOWCASE EVENTS

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Pre-Free Skate- Free Skate 6/ Beginner/High Beginner/Adult 1-6/Adult Beginner/Adult High Beginner	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate or free dance tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
No Test	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must not have passed Pre- Preliminary Free Skate or any Free Dance tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
Pre-Preliminary	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre- Preliminary May not have passed any free dance test.	Time: 1:30 max.
Adult Pre-Bronze	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than Adult Pre-Bronze free skate test. See National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults.	Time: 1:40 max.
Preliminary/ Adult Bronze	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze Free Skate or Free Dance test. See National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults.	Time: 1:40 max.

SOLO PATTERN DANCE

- Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed.
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances.
 The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30th July 2nd), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the 2nd
- quarter).
 Skaters will complete both of the dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chief Referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dances groupings.

Level	January 1 st - March 31 st	April 1 st - June 30 th	July 1 st - September 30 th	October 1 st - December 31 st
Preliminary	 Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango 	 Rhythm Blues Dutch Waltz 	 Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues 	1. Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz
Pre-Bronze	 Swing Dance Cha-Cha 	 Fiesta Tango Swing Dance 	1. Cha-Cha 2. Fiesta Tango	1. Swing Dance 2. Cha-Cha

SPINS CHALLENGE

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright back spin (3) Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	Upright one-foot spin (4) Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot) Sit spin (3)
No Test	1:30 max.	Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot) Sit spin (3) Camel spin (3)
Pre - Preliminary	1:30 max.	Spin with one change of position and no change of foot (6) Backward sit spin (3) Camel spin (4)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot) Change sit spin (min 3. each foot) One position spin - skater's choice (upright, sit or camel) (4)
Adult Beginner	1:30 max.	Pivot Two-foot upright spin (2)
Adult Pre-Bronze	1:30 max.	 One-foot upright spin (3) Two-foot upright spin (3)
Adult Bronze	1:30 max.	 One-foot upright spin (3) Solo spin with no change of foot (3) - must be different from the upright spin - may not fly.

JUMPS CHALLENGE

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
 To be skated on ½ ice

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) ½ flip or ½ Lutz Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) Single Salchow Jump combination - Waltz jump-toe loop
No Test	1:15 max.	Single toe loop Single loop Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre - Preliminary	1:15 max.	Single toe loop Single flip Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	Single flip Single Lutz Jump combination - Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Adult Beginner	1:15 max.	Waltz Jump Mazurka or ballet jump
Adult Pre- Bronze	1:15 max.	Toe loop jump ½ flip, ½ Lutz or ½ loop
Adult Bronze	1:15 max.	Salchow Toe loop Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)

Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Challenge

HOCKEY 1-4 ELEMENTS:

Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. The following elements have been chosen for the skaters to perform. Format choice: All skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on **OR** each skater performs all the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice, All Elements must be skated in the order Listed, Time: 1:00 or less

HOCKEY 1

- Proper basic hockey stance, forward and backward
 - March forward across the ice, 8-10 steps
 - Two-foot glides and dips from forward marching
 - Forward swizzles/double C-cuts (4-6 in a row)

Stationary snowplow stop

HOCKEY 2

- Forward strides using 45-degree V-push, focus on good recovery and alternating arm drive
- Forward C-cuts: single leg and alternating feet in a straight line
- Backward hustle or march, then glide on two feet
- Backward swizzles/double C-cuts (4-6)
- Two-foot moving snowplow stop

HOCKEY 3

- Forward C-cuts (half-swizzle pumps) on a circle, both directions
- · Forward outside edges on half-circles, alternating feet on the axis
- · Forward inside edges on half-circles, alternating feet on the axis
- Backward C-cuts on a circle, both directions
- Backward snowplow stops: one- and two-foot V-stop

HOCKEY 4

- Quick starts using forward V-start
- · Backward one-foot glide, right and left
- Forward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counter- clockwise
- · Backward crossovers on a circle, clockwise and counter- clockwise
- Hockey stops (to right and left, with speed)

HOCKEY SKILLS CHALLENGE: Have skaters complete each of the five following skills competitions. Set up each station according to the descriptions below. Skaters earn points upon placement in each station (First place - 5 points, second place - 4 points, third place - 3 points, fourth place - 2 points, fifth place - 1 point). Highest combined total wins.

- 1. **Shooting:** Using a "shooter tutor," give each skater 10 pucks to shoot into the five holes. Alternate each shot into the differ- ent holes in the tutor. Most number of hits wins.
- 2. Fastest Skater: Starting at the center red line, have skaters complete one lap around all of the dots and behind the nets. Set up cones on each red dot to outline to course. Two to four skaters can race at a time at different sides of the red line. Use stopwatch. Fastest skater wins.
- **3. Stick Handling:** Place two rows of staggered cones down the length of ice. Have skaters stick handle through the cones down one length and back again. Shortest time wins. A missed cone is a five-second penalty.
- 4. Agility: Set up an obstacle course with cones for forward and backward skating, turns and stops. Fastest skater wins.
- 5. **Passing:** Set up stationary targets (i.e. cones, bucket, mini net) 25 feet away from starting line. Give each skater 10 pucks to try to hit each target. Highest number of hits wins.

Interpretive

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Organizing Committee will pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a sound- proof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels: Levels will be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately

Judging Rules: Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation / expression Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6: 1:00 max Beginner - Preliminary: 1:00 max

Coaching: There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.

Team Compulsories Progam

Format: Three to six skaters perform a lively and entertaining routine in which each skater performs one required maneuver from their highest tested level or one level above their tested level (see elements / compulsory charts in this announcement). Music and costumes are required. Judging is done with one mark for each element per skater for total team points and points will also be awarded for creativity and artistry.

Skaters will form their groups and compete in the following levels (skaters can skate up one level but cannot skate lower than their tested level):

- Snow Plow Sam Basic 3 (see elements chart on page 6)
- Basic 4 Basic 6 (see elements chart on page 6)
- Pre-Free Skate to Free Skate 2 (see compulsory chart on page 8)
- Free Skate 3, Free Skate 4, Excel Beginner, Excel High Beginner (see compulsory charts on page 8 and page 10)
- Free Skate 5 and 6, No Test (see compulsory charts on page 8 and page 10)
- Pre-Preliminary Preliminary (see compulsory chart on page 10)
- Hockey 1-4 (see elements chart on page 21)
- Adult 1-6 (see compulsory chart on page 14)
- Adult Beginner, Adult High Beginner (see compulsory chart on page 14)
- Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze (see compulsory chart on page 14)