



2020 Front Range Invitational

Saturday, June 6, 2020
At the Greeley Ice Haus
900 8th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
Entries due Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm

Online registration only on Entry Eeze
<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=208>

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The Mountain View Skating Club

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The 2020 Front Range Invitational 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 website.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition





2020 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

<p>Aspen Invitational (Lewis Arena) Date: December 6-7, 2019 www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com 0861 Maroon Creek Rd Aspen, CO Competition Chair: Janette Buchanan janettebuchanan@yahoo.com (650) 465-1720 Competition Application Deadline: October 25, 2019</p>	<p>Denver Invitational (South Suburban) Date: March 14-15, 2020 www.denverfsc.org 6580 So. Vine Street Centennial, CO 80121 Competition Chair: Lisa May lisa@denverfsc.org (720) 272-0290 Competition Application Deadline: Feb 2, 2020</p>
<p>Ft. Collins Classic (EPIC) Date: April 2-5, 2020 www.fortcollinsfsc.org 1801 Riverside Fort Collins, CO 80525 Competition Chair: Kelly Cann kelly.cann79@gmail.com (970) 237-9842 Competition Application Deadline: March 2, 2020</p>	<p>Funtastics (APEX) Date: April 18, 2020 www.alpinesc.org 13150 W 72nd Ave Arvada, CO 80005 Competition Chair: Carol Zeles cmzeles@gmail.com (303) 979-0802 Competition Application Deadline: March 7, 2020</p>
<p>Colorado College Cup (Honnen Ice Arena) Date: May 10, 2020 http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/honnen 14 Cache La Poudre St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Competition Chair: Linda Alexander/Donna Schoon lalexander@coloradocollege.edu or dschoon499@gmail.com (719) 389-6156 Competition Application Deadline: April 12, 2020</p>	<p>Front Range Invitational (Greeley Ice Haus) Date: June 6, 2020 www.mountainviewskatingclub.com 900 8th Avenue Greeley, CO 80633 Competition Chair: Melayna Rael cmrael@comast.net (970) 302-4253 Competition Application Deadline: May 17, 2020</p>
<p>Broadmoor Open (World Arena) Date: June 21, 2020 www.broadmoorskatingclub.com 3185 Venetucci Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Competition Chair: Barbara Bradley HoneyB23@aol.com 719-540-5655 Competition Application Deadline: April 30, 2020</p>	<p>Colorado Springs Invitational (Monument Ice Rinks) Date: September 13, 2020 www.centennialskatingclub.org 16240 Old Denver Highway Monument, CO 80132 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon Lisa_landon@comcast.net (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: Aug 7, 2020</p>
<p>*** All 2020 Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series awards will be presented at the conclusion of this competition ***</p>	

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an opportunity for Colorado skaters to develop their skating skills in a fun, competitive environment.

AWARDS: During the competition season, skaters and teams/clubs will have the chance to compete at 8 different competitions and earn points for a final standing. Trophies and medals will be awarded at the conclusion of the CSI Skate Colorado Compete USA competition.

*Skate Colorado Compete USA Series Team Banner (3x4) – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place banners will be awarded to the club/skating school with the most points scored throughout the entire series (all 8 competitions) by skaters representing that club/skating school (points for clubs and skating schools located at the same rink will be added together to enhance and create more of a “team” concept). Points will be awarded based upon the same system as the individual points. **Only the top 10 team members’ OVERALL scores FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON will count toward the team points for the determination of the team trophy.** Tie breakers will be the same as the individual tie breakers.*

Free skate Program and Elements/Compulsory Series Point System

A skater must enter **BOTH** the Free skate Program **AND** the Elements/Compulsory event **IN THE SAME LEVEL** in each of at least TWO of the EIGHT registered Skate Colorado Compete USA Competitions to be eligible for accumulating points. Skaters must compete in a minimum of 2 competitions. **Only up to the best 4 scores (free skate and compulsory/elements added together) of the season will be totaled for the final score in the series.** Each event will have a maximum of six skaters. Both youth and adults may accumulate points!

The system for scoring points for the trophies will be as follows:

1 st place	6 points
2 nd place	5 points
3 rd place	4 points
4 th place	3 points
5 th place	2 points
6 th place	1 point

** A skater will earn three points toward their overall standing each time the skaters enters a level that is higher than the level competed in at the previous competition throughout the duration of the series. In order to keep the extra three points, he/she must compete in that level or higher in all subsequent competitions. Move up points will be awarded for all 10 series events (even though the event point scores may not be one of the final four best scores).*

In the event that there is only one skater in an event, the skater will have the choice to skate alone OR move up a level to compete against other skaters, **HOWEVER, THE SKATER WILL HAVE TO MOVE UP IN BOTH THE ELEMENTS/COMPULSORY MOVES AND THE PROGRAMS W/MUSIC EVENTS.** In this case, those skaters will be allowed to move back to their original level to compete at the next competition and shall not be awarded the 3 point move up credit.

If an event has 2-6 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were six skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group, that skater will be awarded three points.

In case of a tie, the total number of skaters that the competitor has skated against throughout the series (all competitions and not just the competitions with the 4 best scores) will be the 1st tie breaker. The total score for all free skate events during the season will be the 2nd tie breaker, the total score for all compulsory events during the season will be the 3rd tie breaker, and the number of levels increased throughout the season will be the 4th tie breaker.

All points follow the skater throughout the series, so if a skater moves up to higher levels, the points follow the skater. Once a skater moves up a level, they may not compete at a lower level unless they moved up as a result of having no other skaters in their group.

Trophies will be awarded 1-3 in each level from Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6 and Adult 1-6. The trophies will be awarded to the skaters at their level as of the last competition in which they compete.

Rules and Format:

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series** is sponsored equally by the 8 participating ice rinks and/or U.S. Figure Skating member clubs. Competition packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/or via the club or rink websites. Each competition will have its own entry forms and specific rules so please make sure to read the entire announcement for each competition.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or 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 the host Learn to Skate USA Program/Club or any other Learn to Skate USA Program/Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries.

All Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition and **NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.**

All Pre-Free Skate through Free Skate 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. **Skaters may have passed Pre-Preliminary MITF and no higher, Preliminary Dance and no higher, and may NOT have passed any U.S. FIGURE SKATING free skate tests.**

It is very important to the success of the series that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee and/or their Chief Referee discover that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater to the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mountain View Skating Club
Greeley Ice Haus
900 8th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

The annual Compete USA Competition Front Range Invitational, sponsored by Mountain View Skating Club, 900 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631 will be held at The Greeley Ice Haus, 900 8th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631 on Saturday, June 1st, 2019.

ENTRIES AND FEES -All entries must be completed via EntryEeze no later than Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm MDT. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is **\$60.00** and each additional event is **\$25.00**. **Entry fees will not be refunded after May 24, 2020 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.**

JUDGING SYSTEM: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

AWARDS – Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first through third places. ALL other places will receive ribbons. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Email notification will be sent when the schedule has been completed. The schedule also will be posted on the official bulletin board no later than Sunday, May 31, 2020.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: This event will be following the Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy included in the SafeSport Handbook. There will be a designated locker room for parents with children 11 and under and locker rooms available for other participants. See registration desk for further information.

PRACTICE ICE - Practice ice will be available on a prearranged basis the day of the competition. The fee for practice ice is \$15.00 / session for individuals. Practice ice sessions for individual events are 30 minutes long and are assigned based on skating level. Skaters' music will be played in random order. A maximum of 15 skaters will be allowed on the ice during any one session. You may sign up for **NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS** on a first-come, first-served basis.

MUSIC - The music for all free skating programs and showcase should be uploaded within EntryEeze prior to the close of registration. Skaters should also bring a backup copy CD to the event in case of technical difficulties. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds.

PHOTOGRAPHY - Professional photography services may be available at the competition. Spectators should be aware that flash photography is dangerous to the skaters while they are competing and will not be allowed inside the ice arena.

BULLETIN BOARD - An official bulletin board will be maintained at the arena. The official schedule of events will be posted, as well as practice ice schedules. It is the responsibility of each competitor, coach and parent to check the bulletin board for official information. Any corrections to the schedule and other notices will be posted on this board. Skaters must arrive at least 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event(s).

FACILITIES - The Greeley Ice Haus is located at 900 8th Avenue in Greeley, CO 80631.

LIABILITY - U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competition undertake no responsibility for damages or injury suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of, and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person or property resulting from, caused by or connected with the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any Officials, U.S. Figure Skating, Mountain View Skating Club, the club's officers, and the hosting facility (Greeley Ice Haus), and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

HOSPITALITY: There will be hospitality available for both officials and coaches.

ADMISSIONS: This competition is open to the general public for viewing at no charge. **Please, no flash photography.**

AREA HOTELS – Please contact the hotel directly for availability.

Doubletree by Hilton
919 7th Street
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: 970-304-0000
Distance from Ice Haus – 1 mile

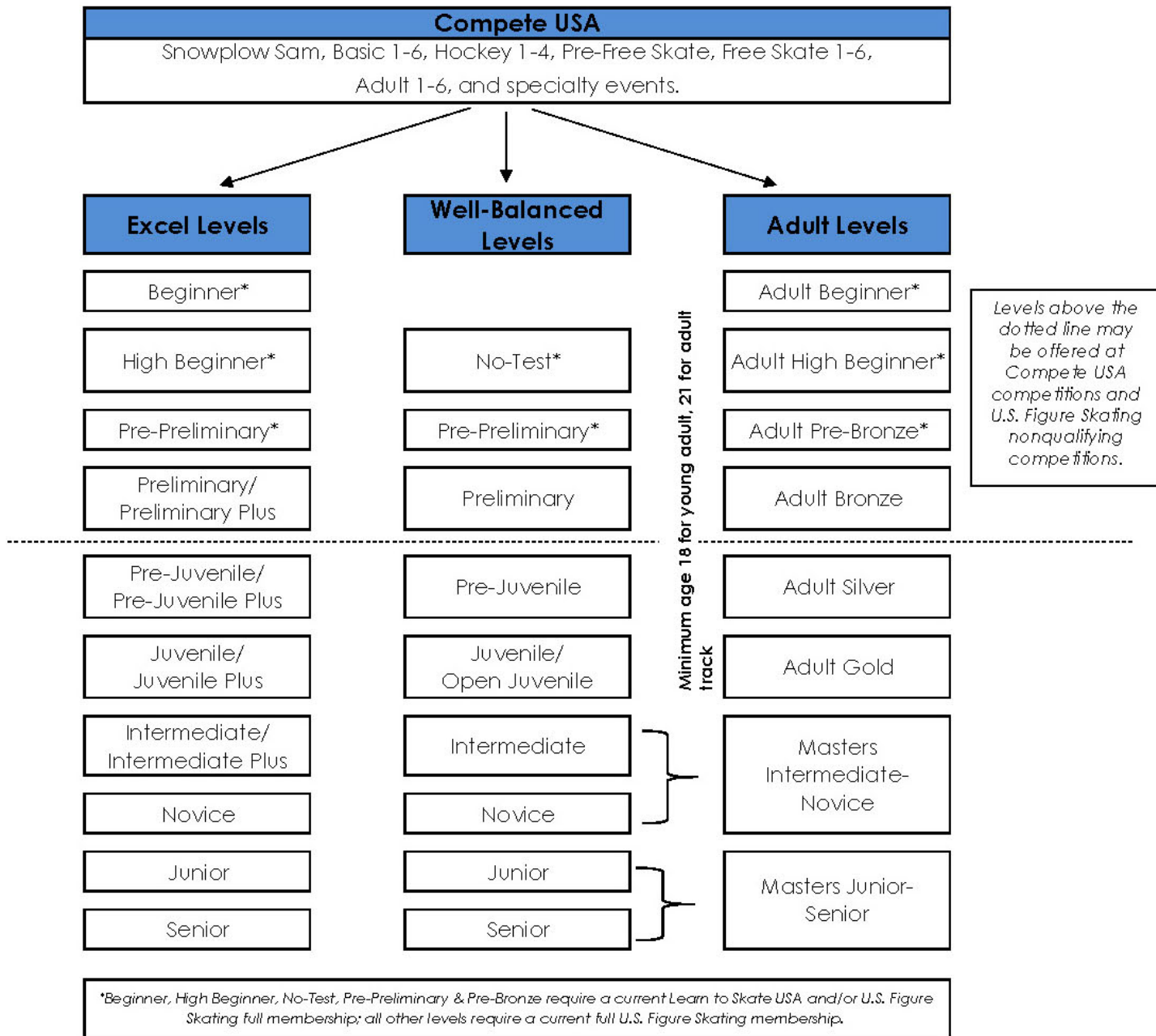
Hampton Inn and Suites
2350 W. 29th Street
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone – 970-339-5525
Distance from Ice Haus – 6 miles

Homewood Suites by Hilton
2510 46th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634
Phone – 970-330-1706
Distance from Ice Haus – 7 miles



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.



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 order listed below (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
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed.**

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • 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 ½ 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.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R) • 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise • One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position - minimum 3 revolutions • Mazurka – right or left • Waltz jump
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes • Backward outside three-turn, 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis • Backward inside three-turn, 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left • Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions • Euler (half loop jump) • Flip jump
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions • Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions • Waltz jump/loop jump combination • Lutz jump
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot • Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total • Waltz jump/Euler (half loop)/ 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.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise • One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position- minimum 3 revolutions • Mazurka - right or left • Waltz jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED -Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump</i>
Free Skate 1	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump/toe loop combination</i>
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis • Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 2 revolutions • Half Lutz • Salchow jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump/toe loop and Salchow/toe loop combination</i>
Free Skate 3	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/loop combination</i>
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left • Sit spin – minimum 3 revolutions • Euler (half loop jump) • Flip jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/loop and Waltz/Euler/Salchow combination</i>
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions • Camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions • Waltz/loop jump combination • Lutz jump
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, Mohawks and toe steps, half-ice • Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total • Waltz jump/ Euler (half loop)/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 ½ 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.
- *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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toe loop jump • Salchow jump • One-foot upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions • Choreographic step sequence
Excel High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop jump • Salchow/toe loop combination • Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions • Choreographic step sequence
Excel Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ½ 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.
- *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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not 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” to one level higher.

<p>Excel Beginner</p> <p>1:40 Max.</p> <p>Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump <p>Maximum 2 of any same jump</p>	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Two upright spins No change of foot No flying entry</p> <p>Minimum 3 revolutions</p> <p>Max Level: Base</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Excel High Beginner</p> <p>1:40 Max.</p> <p>Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump <p>Maximum 2 of any same jump</p>	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Both spins must be in a single position <u>No change of foot</u> No flying entry Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel Permitted back spins: upright</p> <p>Minimum 3 revolutions</p> <p>Max Level: Base</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Excel Pre-Preliminary</p> <p>1:40 Max.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-preliminary free skate test</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Learn to Skate USA membership <u>OR</u> full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	<p>Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position <u>with no change of foot*</u> One spin may change feet or position, <u>but not both</u> No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Excel Preliminary</p> <p>1:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	<p>Maximum 2 spins: <u>One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position*</u> One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>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</p>

<p>Excel Preliminary Plus 1:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>	<p>Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, including single Axel No double, or higher jumps allowed 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 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 3-jump combination is allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an axel type jump. 	<p>Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position* <u>No change of foot</u> <u>No flying entry</u> One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>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</p>
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WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not 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.

Level/Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No Test 1:40 Max.	<p>Max 5 Jump Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 an Axel-type jump (waltz jump) 	<p>Max 2 Spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p>Max 1 Sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.	<p>Max 5 Jump Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 an Axel-type jump 	<p>Max 2 Spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p>Max 1 Sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 1:30 +/- 10 sec. Max.	<p>Max 5 Jump Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed ○ Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	<p>Max 2 Spins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p>Max 1 Sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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

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, as long as 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 in excess of 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 or combined, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up to ensure performances are contested as per [the guidelines](#).
- 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.



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.

INTERPRETIVE

Competition Format

The Organizing Committee must 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 soundproof 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 should 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.

SPINS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- 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 Upright two-foot spin (2)
Adult Pre-Bronze	1:30 max.	Upright one-foot spin (3) Upright two-foot spin (3)
Adult Bronze	1:30 max.	Upright one-foot spin (3) Solo spin with no change of foot (3) – must be different from the upright spin – may not fly



JUMPS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- 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.	Mazurka or ballet jump Waltz 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)