



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition  
July 26-28, 2019  
Entry Deadline June 16, 2019  
Test session offered

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating  
Hosted by the Birmingham Figure Skating Club

Chief Referee: Sandra Bowen  
The Magic City Ice Classic has been approved in the National Qualifying Series



This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)  
MC 2/21/19



The **2019 Magic City Ice Classic** will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

**NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS):**

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official NQS event. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by May 28<sup>th</sup> (separate from competition registration).

**ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements.

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger  
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years older; Boys – 14 years or older  
Intermediate must be under the age of 18  
Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

**NQS REMINDER:** All NQS events are combined short program and free skate events. If there are more than 24 entries per event, qualifying rounds must be held in accordance with Rule 2460. SEE THE [NQS LOC HANDBOOK](#) FOR DETAILS (p. 5 – 7).

**ENTRIES:**

Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org). Online **registration opens May 16 at 12:00 am EST and closes June 16 at 11:30PM EST**. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club based on availability through June 23 11:30 EST, but will be charged a \$25.00 late fee. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

**ENTRY FEES:** All EMS registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% processing fee paid by the skater.

<b>Combined Singles IJS Events</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>First IJS Event</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Subsequent IJS Events</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>First 6.0 Event</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Subsequent 6.0 Events</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>First Compete USA Event</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Subsequent Compete USA Events</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

**REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**EMS SKATER PORTAL:**

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

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after June 23, 2019 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

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

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena, 1000 Amphitheater Drive, Pelham, AL. The twin surface facility measures 200' by 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers and the main surface's seating capacity is over 3,000 spectators. Locker rooms are available and our on-site pro shop can handle minor skater repairs and sharpening. For directions, visit [www.pelhamciviccomplex.com](http://www.pelhamciviccomplex.com). The snack bar will be open during the competition. Visiting vendors will also offer skating and non-skating related products. Admission to the 2019 MCIC competition is free.

### **MUSIC UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: DATE JULY 12. \$25 late fee if music is uploaded after the deadline.**

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than July 19, 2019. All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

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

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

### MUSIC CRITERIA:

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

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

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Birmingham Figure Skating Club, and the Pelham Civic Complex accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

### JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: Pre-Preliminary – Senior events, Open Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters Free Skate, Intermediate through Senior Combined Events, all Excel Pre-Preliminary through Senior Free Skates.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for: No Test - Beginner – High Beginner and Adult Beginner – High Beginner Free Skates, Excel Beginner – High Beginner, all Compulsory Moves, Spins, Jumps, Step Sequences, and all Showcase events.

We will implement changes approved at the May 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council Meeting. Please check our website and the U.S. Figure Skating website for updates.

**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):**

**DEADLINE: July 12. \$25 late fee for PPC uploaded after this date.**

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than July 19, 2019 Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

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

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**REGISTRATION:** Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby in front of the Main Arena. Competitors should check in at the registration desk an hour before their scheduled skate time and should check in with the ice monitor 20 minutes prior to their event. Please register promptly upon arrival.

**CLICK LINKS BELOW FOR EMS ONSITE CHECK-IN USER GUIDE:  
SKATER CHECK-IN & COACH CHECK-IN**

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:** Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

**PRACTICE ICE:** All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices!

**EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:**

- **Pre-Purchase:**
  - [Packages](#)
  - [Individual Credits](#)
  - [Selection](#)
- [Open Sales](#)

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** Photographing and video recording must only be done from the spectators stands. Absolutely no flash photography is allowed during the competition as it is a hazard to the skaters. Electrical outlets in the arena may not be used. Professional Photos and Video will be available for purchase during the competition in the Main Arena lobby.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in all events. Awards presentations will take place throughout the event. Check the board for times. Skaters should report to the awards area promptly in competition attire and skates.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the Main Arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

**TEST CREDIT:** Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Requests for test credit must be made prior to the start of the skater's event and there will be a \$50 for the test credit packet.

**TEST SESSION:** BFSC plans to host a test session during the competition, if time allows. Skaters who wish to test may find a test application on the BFSC website, [www.bhamfsc.org](http://www.bhamfsc.org). Test forms for the test session will be due on July 6, 2019. Space may be limited. Out-of-town applicants must include a "permission to test" letter from their home club.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

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

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training\*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-2020 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Compete USA athletes:

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

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

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

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

**VOLUNTEER INFO:** For those wishing to volunteer to help with the Magic City Ice Classic, sign up is through the EMS system.

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Priscilla Fowler, Competition Chair at 850-598-3260 or [priscillaflower@mac.com](mailto:priscillaflower@mac.com)

## EVENTS OFFERED:

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

### OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS:

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

[Juvenile Free Skate](#)

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

### ADDITIONAL SINGLES EVENTS:

[Compete USA Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program and Pre FS \(with music\)](#)

[Excel Free Skate \(Excel Beginner– Excel High Beginner: 6.0: Excel Pre-Preliminary – Excel Senior: IJS](#)

[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(Beginner – No-Test: 6.0: Pre-Preliminary – Senior IJS](#)

### COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES: 6.0

[Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6](#)

[No Test - Senior](#)

### SPECIALITY EVENTS – SINGLES: 6.0

[Jumps Challenge](#) (Beginner through Senior)

[Spin Challenge](#) (Beginner through Senior)

[Showcase](#) (Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment, Duets only, No-Test – Senior)

### ADULT EVENTS

[Adult Singles Free Skate: IJS](#) (Adult Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Compulsory Moves: 6.0](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Jumps Challenge: 6.0](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Spins Challenge: 6.0](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Showcase: 6.0](#) (Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment, Duets only; Pre-Bronze – Masters)