

SKATE SAN FRANCISCO 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW THIS YEAR:

IJS MINI SYSTEM WITH VIDEO REPLAY

OFFICIAL ICEMEN COMPETITION

FREE SKATE TEST PROTOCOLS (JUVENILE TO SENIOR)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- DATES:** Friday, **August 17** through Sunday, **August 19, 2018**
- LOCATION:** Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center, 750 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107
For rink information, call (415) 820-3521 or visit www.skatebowl.com
- HOST:** The Skating Club of San Francisco, Inc.
- SANCTIONS:** US Figure Skating

SKATE SAN FRANCISCO will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site. Any approved exceptions to the current rules or guidelines are noted in this announcement.

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

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or a readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules. To enter any U.S. Figure Skating event, a skater must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book for non-U.S. Citizens. Individual members of the US Figure Skating should bring their membership card.

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

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

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. Skaters who placed in the top four in final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering Juvenile Free Skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering Open Juvenile Free Skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 13 years of age at the close of entries.

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

Events having a large number of entries will be divided into groups as appropriate. Group size may be larger or smaller than the standard set in the Rulebook at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Events will be divided into age groups for Pre-Juvenile and below and for Juvenile Singles Free Skate and above events will be divided by draw. All other events will be divided by age and/or draw at the Chief Referee's discretion.

There will not be final rounds for events with multiple groups.

ENTRIES

Entry deadline is Wednesday August 1, 2018. Please register **ONLINE** at www.scsf.org and click on the link to the Skate San Francisco Competition page on Entryeeze where you will be able to register your information as well as pay all entry fees. No paper forms are required with on line registration. Payment will accepted by credit card. For Pairs, each skater must register on-line separately. Entries received after the deadline are considered late entries and will be accepted or declined at the discretion of the Chief Referees and may be subject to a late fee of \$35. **Note:** The Short Program (SP) and Free Skate (FS) events are combined events for Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior singles, and pairs levels.

Entry Fees: Singles:

6.0 scored events:

- \$110 (Beginner, High Beginner, No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Adult Pre Bronze, Adult Bronze free skate events, Adult Showcase)

IJS scored events:

- \$130 (Preliminary, Pre Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, and Adult Silver, Gold and Masters free skate events)
- \$150 (Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior combined singles events)

Entry Fees: Pairs Couples (per couple):

6.0 scored events:

- \$110 (Pre-Juvenile Pairs, Adult Pre Bronze to Silver Pairs)

IJS scored events:

- \$130 (Juvenile, Intermediate, Adult Gold, and Masters Pairs events)
- \$150 (Novice, Junior, and Senior Pairs combined events)

Entry Fees: Critiques:

\$25 per segment (**Available ONLY to Juvenile and above skaters**)

Entry Fees: Free Skate Test Protocols:

\$20 (available only to Juvenile and above skaters)

Test Protocols may be purchased online through Entryeeze up to Thursday August 17, 2018.

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

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded **after the deadline, Wednesday August 1, 2018** unless no competition exists, is canceled, or notification of withdrawal is received before the close of entries. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

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

Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in any events. Notification of competition times will be available by visiting www.scsf.org.

FACILITIES

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

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

Admission is free to all spectators for all events.

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

For additional rink information, call (415) 820-3532 or visit www.skatebowl.com

MUSIC

All music must be submitted in mp3 format through Entryeeze. Skaters will still be required to have a backup of their music on CD (*no CD/RW or DVD-R*) readily available at the competition.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, (The Skating Club of San Francisco, Inc.), and (Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center) accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM

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

- *Well Balanced Program Singles Free Skate events, Preliminary – Senior*
- *Well Balanced Program Adult Free Skate events, Adult Silver, Gold – Masters*
- *Short Programs, Intermediate – Senior*

- Pairs Free Skate events, Juvenile – Senior
- Pairs Free Skate events, Adult Gold –Masters
- Pairs Short Programs, Novice – Senior
- The IJS Minisystem with video display will be employed.

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT FORM ONLINE through Entryeze**. The deadline to submit the form is **Sunday August 5, 2018**.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

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

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on Friday August 17 one hour before the first event and end at Sunday, August 19 at the conclusion of the last event. The registration desk will be located in the lobby of the rink, at the skate rental counter. Events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the Chief Referee's discretion. Skaters must check in with the Ice Monitor 30 minutes before they are scheduled to skate. **PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY UPON ARRIVAL.**

PRACTICE ICE

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

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

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

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

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

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the winners of 1st through 5th places for each event.

In combined events medals will also be awarded for the initial segment (Short Program)

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

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

The John Rogers Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the man with the highest IJS free skate score

(Juvenile through Senior)

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

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

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be (US Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11):

- Declared by a skater in the registration process with the club
- Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B compliant for the current season
- Must complete official SafeSport training online with US Figure Skating
- Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance in CER, and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including warm-up. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact the registrar by email at registrar@scsf.org

Other contacts are- **U.S. Figure Skating Chief Referee: Bruce Bell** bruce.bell@itv.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Web site: Please visit www.scsf.org for information regarding the Skate San Francisco competition.

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

Parking: Nearby parking is available at the Moscone Center Garage, 255 3rd St, San Francisco, CA; Fifth and Mission Parking Garage- 833 Mission St., San Francisco, CA; Museum Parc Garage, 300 3rd Street (entrances on 3rd Street and Folsom Street) and California Parking- 730 Harrison St, San Francisco, CA.

Driving Directions: For driving directions to the Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center visit www.mapquest.com/directions and enter the address of the rink:

750 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Nearby hotel accommodations: The Mosser Hotel, 54 Fourth St. San Francisco, CA (415) 986-4400; Hotel Zetta San Francisco 55 Fifth St, San Francisco, CA (415) 543-8555; Hotel Palomar 12 Fourth St, San Francisco, CA (866) 373-4941; Courtyard Marriott, 299 Second St, San Francisco, CA (415) 947-0700.

Transportation: The YBISC rink is located in downtown San Francisco which is served by the following public transportation services:

- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) www.bart.gov (**Powell or Montgomery Stations**)
- San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI) www.sfmta.com
- San Mateo County Transit System (SamTrans) www.samtrans.com
- Golden Gate Transit System www.goldengate.org
- Bay Area Commuter Train System (CalTrain) www.caltrain.com

Airport information: San Francisco International Airport is 13.4 miles from Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center up the 101 Freeway. (BART serves the San Francisco International Airport with convenient train service direct to downtown San Francisco.) Oakland International Airport is 19.7 miles from Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center by taking BART with convenient train service to downtown San Francisco.

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

Nearby Attractions:

- San Francisco Centre /Bloomingdales www.westfield.com/sanfrancisco/
- Contemporary Jewish Museum at Jessie Square www.thecjm.org
- SFMOMA – San Francisco Museum of Modern Art www.sfmoma.org
- Union Square (Shopping District) <https://unionsquareshop.com/>
- Grant Avenue (Chinatown)

US FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

- **SINGLES:**

- Beginner Free Skate
- High Beginner Free Skate
- No Test Free Skate
- Pre-Preliminary through Juvenile Free Skate
- Intermediate through Senior Combined
- Adult Pre-Bronze through Masters Senior Singles Free Skate and Showcase

- **PAIRS:**

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

US FIGURE SKATING SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

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

Event	Description	Qualification	Duration
Beginner (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 judging	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). • Max. 2 jump sequences • Max. 2 of any same jump Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) Connecting steps demonstrated throughout	Open to skaters who have not passed any Free Skate tests.	1:40 Max.
High Beginner (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 judging	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front, plus half loop). • Single Jumps: Salchow and toe loop only • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences 	Open to skaters who have not passed any Free Skate tests	1:40 Max.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max. 2 of any same jump <p>Max. 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upright or sit spins only: change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) <p>Connecting steps demonstrated throughout</p>		
No Test (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4280	Open to skaters who have not passed any Free Skate tests.	1:40 MAX
Pre Preliminary (Warm-up groups may be 8 max.) 6.0 Judging	Program as per rule 4270.	Open to skaters who have passed no higher than the Pre-Preliminary FS test	1:40 MAX
Preliminary (Warm-up groups may be 7 max.)	Program as per rule 4260.	Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Preliminary FS test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile (Warm-up groups may be 7 max.)	Program as per rule 4250	Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary FS test but no higher than the Pre-Juvenile FS test.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile	Program as per rule 4240.	Under age 13. Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test.	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Open Juvenile	Program as per rule 4240.	Age 13 and older. Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Juvenile FS test.	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate	Short Program, Rule 4230 Free Skate Program, Rule 4230	Under age 18. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile FS test but no higher than the Intermediate FS test.	2:10 max 3:00 +/- 10 sec
Novice	Short Program, Rule 4220 Free Skate Program, Rule 4220	Open to skaters who have passed the Intermediate FS test but no higher than the Novice FS test.	2:30 max 3:30 ladies +/- 10 sec 3:30 men +/- 10 sec
Junior	Short Program, Rule 4210 Free Skate Program, Rule 4210	Open to skaters who have passed the Novice FS test but no higher than the Junior FS test.	2:40 +/-10 3:30 ladies +/- 10 sec. 3:30 men +/- 10 sec.
Senior	Short Program, Rule 4200 Free Skate Program, Rule 4200	Open to skaters who have passed at least the Junior FS test.	2:40 +/-10 4:00 ladies +/- 10 sec. 4:00 men +/- 10 sec.

US FIGURE SKATING PAIRS FREE SKATING EVENTS

A pair shall be composed of a woman and a man. Age restrictions, test qualifications, and programs for these events shall be as set forth in the current US Figure Skating Rulebook except as otherwise specified herein. Age requirements are as of the official deadline for entries. Qualifications are for BOTH partners. **Pairs may skate up one level** from the level they are otherwise qualified for based on tests. Short Program and Free Skating programs are treated as combined events. Events may be combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee, depending on entries. Well-Balanced Program Requirements (Rules 5010-5109) shall apply for Pairs events.

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min: sec)
Pre-Juvenile Pairs 6.0 Judging	Under 14 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed no higher than the Pre-Juvenile Pairs test (see note, rule 5250)	Rule 5250	2:00 +/- 10 seconds
Juvenile Pairs	Under 16 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed the Pre-Juv Pairs test but no higher than the Juv Pairs test (see note, rule 5240)	Rule 5240	2:30 +/- 10 seconds
Intermediate Pairs	Under 18 yrs. old. Skaters must have passed the Juvenile Pair test and no higher than the Intermediate Pair test.	Free Skate Program Rule 5230	3:00 +/- 10 seconds
Novice Pairs	No age restrictions. Skaters must have passed Intermediate Pair test and no higher than Novice Pair test.	Short Program, Rule 5220 Free Skate Program, Rule 5220	2:50 max 3:30 +/- 10 seconds
Junior Pairs	No age restrictions. Skaters must have passed Novice Pair test and no higher than Junior Pairs test.	Short Program, Rule 5210 Free Skate Program, Rule 5210	2:50 max 3:30 +/- 10 seconds
Senior Pairs	No age restrictions. Passed Junior Pair test.	Short Program Rule 5200 Free Skating Program Rule 5200	2:50 max 4:00 +/- 10 seconds

US FIGURE SKATING ADULT FREE SKATING EVENTS

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

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

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

Event	Qualification	Description	Duration (min:sec)
Pre-Bronze 6.0 Judging	Test and age requirements in accordance with Rule 4600 No tests are required.	Rule 4600 No lutz, axel, or double jumps permitted.	1:40 max.
Bronze 6.0 Judging	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4590.	Rule 4590 No axel or double or triple jumps	1:50 max.

		permitted.	
Silver	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4580.	Rule 4580 No double or triple jumps permitted	2:10 max.
Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4570.	Rule 4570 No triple jumps permitted	2:40 max
Masters Intermediate/ Novice	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4540.	Rule 4540	3:10 max.
Masters Junior-Senior	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 4510.	Rule 4510	3:40 max.
Adult Pairs: Bronze- 6.0 Silver- 6.0 Gold	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 5550 Rule 5540 Rule 5530	Rule 5550 Rule 5540 Rule 5530	Br: 2:10max. Sl: 2:40max. Gd:3:40max
Masters Pairs	Test and Age requirements in accordance with Rule 5520.	Rule 5520	3:40 max.

US FIGURE SKATING ADULT SHOWCASE EVENTS:

Full current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under “Programs” on the National Showcase page.

Judging & Marking:

- Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic 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 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 but are 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; Age appropriateness to skater; Use of props and scenery (if skater/team chooses to use them); Note: Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged.
- Skaters may not enter the judges box, make physical contact with a judge, or exit the ice as part of their performance
- The 6.0 judging system will be used. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be awarded.**
- Deductions will apply for negligence relating to: costumes, props, program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.

Deduction	Description
- 0.1	Hair or accessory unintentionally falls to ice.
- 0.1	For each 10 seconds over maximum time.
- 1.0	Prohibited size or type of prop.
- 1.0	Wrong category entered, for example, a clearly dramatic program entered as light entertainment.

Costumes:

1. Costuming and make-up for showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
2. Costumes rules for competition free skate programs do not apply for showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
3. 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.
4. Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades. The blades must be sharpened to produce a flat to concave cross section without change to the width of the blade as measured between the two edges. However, a slight tapering or narrowing of the cross section of the blade is permitted.

Rules of Events

Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: event-Light Entertainment Level Junior skater would not be allowed to skate Light Entertainment Junior and Senior).

Singles events are as follows:

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. Props and Scenery ARE permitted.

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. Props and Scenery ARE permitted.

Scenery / Prop Rules:

1. Props and scenery must be placed and removed:
 - Unaided, by the singles competitors within one minute total on and off.
2. General:
 - The inclusion of scenery and/or props is not mandatory.
 - All scenery will be portable and not require any mechanical means for transportation (i.e. forklift, etc.). Its movement will be the responsibility of the skater or teams.
 - A mandatory deduction of 1.0 may be applied by each judge as instructed by the referee for the following violations: • Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height
 - For insurance reasons no propulsion devices will be permitted. This includes items such as cannons and trampolines. Apparatus such as these, which could be used to assist skaters with jumping into the air, are NOT permitted.
 - The use of smoke, fire, dry ice, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted.
 - No projectiles.
 - All props must be under the control of the skater; for example, remotely controlled images or objects.
 - No mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice.
 - People may not be used as props.

- There will be no countdown of timing announced for Single skaters
- If a competitor has any doubt concerning the safety of his/her performance, the Chief Referee should be consulted.

A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judges' mark for each ten seconds in excess of the time allowed.

Specifics:

- There is no minimum time requirement for any event program.
- Events will not be segregated by gender.
- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.
- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum prop placement
- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum prop break down time.
- There will be a 1.0 deduction when a program is entered in the wrong category. For example, a clearly dramatic program entered as light entertainment.
- Timing starts with the first purposeful motion of the body and ends when motion stops.
- Spotlights and curtains are not required for showcase events at nonqualifying competitions.

Group Sizes and Final Rounds:

- Maximum sizes of initial rounds will be 18 contestants. In adult events, groups larger than 18 participants will be split by age. All other groups will be divided randomly. There will be no final rounds at this competition.

Event Levels, Test Requirements, Description, Program Timing:

- ***Skaters must compete at the highest level for which they qualify between free skate and dance tests. Skaters may skate at their test level or one level higher only.***

Event	Must meet Requirements* Must have passed Free Skating or Dance test (solo or partnered standard track)	Must not have passed Free Skate or Dance (solo or partnered) Test	Description and Age Requirements	Duration
Adult Pre-Bronze Showcase	No test required	Adult Bronze FS Test or Preliminary FS or Juvenile FD or Pre-Bronze Dance (prior to 4/30/17)	No axels or multi-revolution jumps Age 21 and older	1:40 maximum
Adult Bronze Showcase	Adult Bronze FS, Preliminary FS, Juvenile FD, OR Pre-Bronze Dance (prior to 4/30/17)	Adult Silver FS, Pre-Juvenile FS, Adult Silver FD, Intermediate FD, Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000), OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/1977)	No element restrictions Age 21 and older	1:40 maximum

Adult Silver Showcase	Adult Silver FS, Juvenile FS (prior to 10/1/94), Pre-Juvenile FS, Adult Silver FD, Intermediate FD, Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000), OR 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/1977)	Adult Gold FS, Juvenile FS (On/after 10/1/94), Adult Gold FD, Novice FD, Bronze FD (prior to 9/2/2000), OR 4 th Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	No element restrictions Age 21 and older	1:40 maximum
Adult Gold Showcase	Adult Gold FS, Juvenile FS, Adult Gold FD, Novice FD, OR 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77)	Intermediate FS (on/after 10/1/91), Junior FD, Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000), OR 5 th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77)	No element restrictions Age 21 and older	1:40 maximum
Masters Adult Showcase	Intermediate FS, Adult Gold FD, Junior FD, Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000), 3 rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77), OR 8 th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79)	N/A	No element restrictions Age 21 and older	1:40 Maximum (through 4/30/18)