

## CCIA Competitions & Programs Report

**\*\*For January 17, 2026 meeting\*\***

### **A. U.S. Figure Skating Competition & Series Updates for Clubs**

1. All nonqualifying competitions must submit the sanction request *at least 90 days* in advance of their competition dates. *Clubs should be using the standard Nonqualifying Competition announcement template* for all nonqual competitions. Denise Leto is the Regional Vice Chair for Competitions and will be the one sanctioning events for the Central Pacific region.
  - a. Coach compliance and registration: Reminder that coaches must have completed their **core coaching certification (one-time) and have registered with Coach I.C.E. (annually)** in order to be in the USFS coaching database. They must also have completed all of the compliance requirements for this season.
  - b. All officials must also complete their compliance requirements for the season before officiating at an event (or test session)
  - c. Reminder that the SkateSafe™ training is a one year period from the date that the training is completed. It does not align with the membership year like all other compliance requirements. Please be sure to check compliance for coaches and officials at your events.
  
2. National Qualifying Series (NQS), Pacific Coast Sectionals (Singles), U.S. Finals (pairs/dance), U.S. Championships
  - a. **2026-27** NQS local competitions.
    - Clubs notified, but not publically announced yet
  - b. **NQS skater application registration**
    - Series application is expected to open **July 2, 2026**. Skaters must register for the series before an NQS event in order for their score to be ranked.
  - c. **New this year:** Preliminary & Pre-Juvenile levels added to the National Qualifying Series; age limits for these levels (along with Juvenile and Intermediate); number of jumps for Novice reduced to 6
  - d. **2026** U.S. Championship results (*local skaters*):
    - Championship Men: Michael Xie, 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Championship Women: Alysa Liu, 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Championship Dance: Anthony Ponomarenko with Christina Carreira, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Katerina Wolfkostin & Dimitry Tsarevski, 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Junior Women: Candice Leung, 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Junior Pairs: Michael Chapa with Kaitlyn Oh, 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Junior Dance: Hana Marie Aboian with Daniil Veselukhin. 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Novice Pairs: Laz Lune with Olivia Jung, 1<sup>st</sup>
  - e. **2027** Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final, U.S. Pairs Final, U.S. Dance Final, U.S. Championships & National Development Team Championships
    - Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final **TBA**
    - U.S. Dance Final **TBA**
    - U.S. Pairs Final **TBA**
    - U.S. Figure Skating Championships & National Development Team Championships **TBA**
  
3. U.S. Collegiate Championships & Invitational
  - **2026** Venue & dates still not announced yet
  
4. Intercollegiate Skating
  - **2026** Skates on the Bay Classic (hosted by Cal Berkeley & Stanford), San Jose, CA - Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2026
  - **2026** National Intercollegiate Final, Salt Lake City, UT – April 10 – 12, 2026
  - **2027 & 2028** Bids to host National Intercollegiate Finals due by *Feb. 2, 2026*
  - Area colleges with registered programs (2025-26 season): San Jose State, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Davis

5. High School Skating
  - **2026** Winter Skate (includes team maneuvers event), San Jose, CA – Feb. 8, 2026
  - **2026** Sectional HS Finals (Midwest/Pacific) in Fort Wayne, IN – March 27 – 29, 2026
  - **2027 & 2028** Bids to host Sectional HS Finals due by *Feb. 2, 2026*
  - Current registered teams: Bay Area Skating Team (SF), Peninsula SC HS Team (SJ), Sacramento Area HS Team (Roseville), Silicon Valley Region Skating HS Team (Fremont)
  
6. Synchronized Skating – Qualifying events
  - a. **2026** Pacific Coast Synchro Sectionals in Highlands Ranch, CO – Jan. 19 – 25, 2026
  - b. **2026** U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, UT – Mar. 4 – 7, 2026
  - c. **2027** Synchro Sectionals & U.S. Synchro Championships **TBA**
  - d. **2028** Bid to host U.S. Synchro Championships due by *March 15, 2026*
  
7. Adult Skating – Qualifying events
  - a. **2026** Pacific Coast Adult Sectionals in Spokane, WA – Mar. 6 – 8, 2026; (**registration deadline 2/1/2026**)
  - b. **2026** U.S. Adult Championships in Duluth, GA – Apr. 8 – 11, 2026; (**registration deadline 2/1/2026**)
  - c. **2027 & 2028** Adult Sectional Championships and U.S. Adult Championships **TBA**
  
8. Excel Series
  - a. **2026** Excel Series local competitions
    - Gold Rush in Roseville – March 21-22, 2026
    - Crystalline Classic in Santa Rosa – April 24-26, 2026
    - Spring Jubilee in San Jose – May 8-10, 2026
    - Sierra Nevada Ice Classic in Reno, NV – May 30-31, 2026
  - b. **2026** Excel National Final & Festival in Boston, MA – July 15 – 19, 2026
  - c. Excel Series application open; registration deadline is by **March 1, 2026**. Skaters must register before their first Excel competition in order for their score to be ranked.
  - d. Changes: Excel Preliminary phased out (still have Preliminary Plus); Excel Juvenile & Juvenile Plus can no longer change feet on spin in one position; Excel Intermediate & Intermediate Plus clarified that no singles jumps may be done more than twice in a program; Novice – Senior added a choreographic spin element.
  
9. Solo Dance Series
  - a. **2026** Solo Dance Series local competitions
    - Competitions must be between February 27 – August 16, 2026.
  - b. **2026** National Solo Dance Final will be in Kalamazoo, MI – Sept. 16 – 19, 2026
  - c. Solo Dance Series application open; registration deadline is by **April 1, 2026** with a late registration by May 1, 2026; skaters must register before their first solo dance series competition in order for the score to count.
  - d. As of 10/1/25, all competitions that are not part of the solo dance series but offer solo pattern dance events, must use the solo dance series selections.
  
10. National Showcase
  - a. **2025-26** season: **New**
    - Competitions must be between October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026 for skaters to qualify (previously June 1 – May 31).
    - Skaters must achieve placement and a minimum score for the level they are entering to qualify for National Showcase.
    - Recommended panels for nonqual competition: majority with showcase appt.
    - Events should not be combined to create a contested event (previously referee's discretion and encouraged)
    - Technical limitations added = max 2 jumps, jump combos or sequences

- Optional Introductory and Adult Introductory levels added for Choreographic Artistry
- New Theme = Divas of the 80s & 90s
- b. **2026** National Showcase will be in Denver, CO – Aug. 3 – 8, 2026
- c. **2027 & 2028** National Showcase dates & locations **TBA**

11. Theatre on Ice (TOI)

- a. **2026** National Theatre on Ice competition in Irvine, CA – June 23 – 27, 2026

**B. 2025, 2026 CCIA Event Alternatives**

1. 2025 Competition Series Rankings
  - a. Spring Jubilee, Red, White & Blue, Silicon Valley Open, Skate San Francisco, Skate St. Moritz are all completed. Mailing of medals in process.
2. 2026 Interactive Feedback Session (June)
  - a. Next steps
3. 2026 Interclub Competition Series
  - a. Open discussion – Series details (competitions, events, points/rankings)
  - b. Invitational CCIA Ice Show (late Sept or Oct)
  - c. Next steps

Respectfully submitted by:

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