

SKATE SAN FRANCISCO 2023



ANNOUNCEMENT

A TECHNICAL COMPETITION
FEATURING WELL-BALANCED IJS
SINGLES AND EXCEL EVENTS!

Featuring the  Program!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- DATES:** Friday, August 18 through Sunday, August 20, 2023
- HOST:** The Skating Club of San Francisco, Inc.
- 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
- SANCTIONS:** U.S. Figure Skating
- DEADLINE:** **08/06/2023 AT 11:59 PM (PDT)**

ON BEHALF of The Skating Club of San Francisco, we'd like to welcome you back to Skate San Francisco 2023 and we hope you have a wonderful time while you are here with us! --- *Your LOC*

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Skate San Francisco 2023 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 that 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, collegiate club or be an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information

ICEMEN



Skate SF 2023 is a participant in the ICEMEN program, a US Figure Skating program designed to help build camaraderie between male skaters and to keep them in the sport longer through the use of mentors and elite athletes. The Men's SP and Boys FS events will be scheduled together on Saturday and, when concluded, wrap up with a bowling and pizza party!

ADULT COMPETITION SERIES

Adult pre-bronze and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet Adult Competition Series guidelines are offered at this competition. Adult Competition Series participants must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet to adultcompetitionservices@gmail.com by the deadline published in the most recent [Adult Competition Series Handbook](#) to receive credit and series points.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor**.

The **competitive floor** is the lowest level an athlete can compete at and is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Eligibility Notes:

1. If an athlete participates in BOTH Excel and NQS, their NQS level may be ONE lower than their Excel level. For example, if an athlete skates Junior Excel, they may skate Novice NQS.
2. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
3. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
4. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org/Skate-Compete-Program-Requirements)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Singles Excel – Beginner to Senior	IJS	\$190	\$190
Singles – No-Test to Juvenile	IJS	\$190	\$190
Singles - Short Program - Juvenile SP	IJS	\$190	\$30
Singles Combined - Intermediate to Senior	IJS	\$220	\$190
Singles Adult - Beginner to Pre-Bronze	IJS	\$190	\$190
Singles Adult - Bronze – Master Jr/Sr	IJS	\$190	\$190

Note: The Short Program (SP) and Free Skate (FS) events are combined events for Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Singles. The Juvenile SP and FS are separate events and the skater has the option of entering the SP and/or the FS event.

OUR COMMUNITY

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating’s SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates, and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating’s Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn-to-Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

To receive a coach credential, coaches must be listed as primary or secondary coach in the registered skater's EMS profile online, must be fully compliant, and must show a valid ID at registration.

EMS Coach Resources

[My Competitions](#)

[My Skaters](#)

[Coach Schedule](#)

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 08/07/23 at 2:59 AM EDT

Late Registration Deadline: 08/09/23 at 2:59 AM EDT + \$35 Late Fee

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "**Skate San Francisco 2023**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

FOREIGN SKATER

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

CRITIQUES

Critiques will be offered for **\$30.00** for the short program **(SP) ONLY** for the **Juvenile through Senior** well balanced events, including combined events. This does not include Excel events. Sign up through EMS with your event selection when registering.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM PDT. (Aug. 13 at 2:59 AM EDT)** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

DEADLINE: 08/12/23 at 11:59 PM PDT (08/13/23 at 2:59 AM EDT) + \$25 LATE FEE

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
 - For assistance with file conversion, click this link: [CONVERSION HOW TO](#)
- 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.

If you need more assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink-side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM PDT. (Aug. 13 at 2:59 AM EDT)** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

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EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded **after the August 6, 2023 deadline**, unless no competition exists or the competition is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

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.

LIABILITY

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

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITY

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**. One wall of the rink is all glass windows, so there is plenty of light. The rink has a new WIFI and sound system and a pro shop with full skate services available to the athletes and their coaches.

The grounds around the rink make a very nice place for warming up outside, weather permitting, of course. There are walk ways, many grassy areas, and a playground area with a cushioned surface. Please be mindful and considerate if there are other people using the playground.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas **will NOT be available** to competitors at this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena competition-ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Ready Rooms will be provided to athletes as an area to put skates on or leave your bags while competing, but there will be **NO CHANGING in the Ready Rooms, public restrooms, or in the lobby area**. We ask your cooperation in all areas regarding any safety procedures that will be in place at Skate SF 2023.

For more information, visit the [U.S. Figure Skating Skate Safe](#) page.

US FIGURE SKATING TRAVEL POLICY

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES

All updates and notices will be posted here at the [Official Competition Website](#) as well as on the club website at www.scsf.org. The Official Schedule will be posted on these two sites as well as on a roller board at the rink. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to frequently check for notices posted regarding any schedule changes and/or additional information. We will be utilizing a **live results link** from U.S. Figure Skating for event results. There will be QR codes for this link posted around the rink, and also on the back of your credential.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will be purchased through EMS. There will be limited sessions available and all will be 20-minute Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) sessions. No program music will be played on any sessions. After registration, skaters may obtain one practice ice credit during a pre-purchase window which will close on **August 7, 2023 at 11:59 PM PDT**, when registration closes. From August 13 at 9 AM PDT through August 16, 11:59 PM PDT there will be a selection period where skaters may choose their practice ice sessions. On August 17 at 9 AM, OPEN SALES will begin and all remaining practice ice slots will be sold to all skaters on a first come, first served basis. Open sales will run through the end of the competition or until all slots are sold. More information can be found in EMS.

There will be NO REFUNDS for any practice ice sessions purchased, and sessions may not be resold to, traded with, or otherwise exchanged with other competitors.

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

- **Skater:** [Pre-Purchase](#) and [Selection](#) | [Open Sales](#)

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Registration will begin on Friday August 18, 2023 one hour before the first event and end on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the conclusion of the last event. **Registration will be located inside the arena at the skate rental counter, and will be done online through EMS. Please read all signage at the event!**

Skaters are requested to arrive **1 hour prior** to the scheduled time of their event to check in outside at pre-registration. **They will enter the arena 45 minutes before event for event registration. DO NOT BE LATE.** Competitors will then have ample time in the inside warm up area. After skating, skaters will **exit the ice at the Zamboni corner (where they entered)** as this is where the Kiss and Cry will be set up.

Please make sure you have paid any outstanding late fees or any amounts due prior to checking in. You will not be credentialed if you have an outstanding balance due for any reason, and there will be no time to pay it at check-in. DO NOT be late as events may begin as much as 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time at the Chief Referee's discretion.

All competitors will receive **one spectator pass on each day they compete** and all competitors, compliant coaches and officials, and volunteers will receive credential identification badges. Coaches must be listed in the skater's EMS profile. There will be a **\$25 fee** for any lost/replacement credentials.

Additional Spectators will be allowed at this competition for a \$20/day gate admission fee for all spectators 5 years of age and over. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance of the competition through Eventbrite or may be purchased onsite prior to entry using the QR code at the outside check-in table.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the winners of 1st through 4th place for Juvenile through Senior singles qualifying levels, and for 1st through 4th for non-qualifying levels, including all Excel events, as well as for Intermediate through Senior Combined singles. For Juvenile and Open Juvenile singles, 1st through 4th place awards will also be given for the Short Program.

There will be no official photographer. Awards will be presented outside of the rink, during ice cuts, by officials and/or the LOC as soon as possible following the posting of results. Photos may be taken by family and friends of competitors after the awards are given out.

Five trophies will be awarded for 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 event.
- The Barbara Ray Blois Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Junior Ladies combined event.
- The John Rogers Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the man with the highest IJS free skate score (Juvenile through Senior),
- The Michele Monnier Honorary Trophy will be awarded to the lady with the highest IJS free skate score (Juvenile through Senior).
- The Irene Newman Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Pre-Juvenile boy with the highest component score.

VOLUNTEER INFO

The following volunteer opportunities for Skate San Francisco 2023 are open for sign-up:

- Table and chair set up in the Accounting and Hospitality Rooms and Judging Stand
- Registration desk
- Runners
- Ice Monitors
- Hospitality Room monitors/servers

Please go to the Volunteer Sign-up section at [SCSF.org](https://scsf.org), or here, [Skate SF Volunteer Sign-Ups](#) at Sign Up Genius! Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events, include key LOC members, and ALL medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ Must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check*
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional
- ✓ Must complete annual SkateSafe (SafeSport) Training
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification *

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website:

www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon → Account → Member Profile → Compliance

PHOTO/VIDEO

The official videographer is *Cindy Voltz*. Videos may be purchased directly from the videographer at etcsportsvideo@yahoo.com. ***Please note: videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.***

In accordance with U.S. Figure Skating policies, **personal videotaping (digital or otherwise) is allowed of one's own skater, or one's own performance only**, and only with handheld equipment in the seating area. **The recording of other skaters AND/OR 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/or standing near the railing to film is also prohibited.

Please note: Flash photography of the competition, including practice ice, is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy. The flash may cause distraction leading to error or injury. Taking 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.

An action photographer, TBD, will be onsite to take photos of all competitors which will be available for purchase through the photographer's website. TBD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following is information provided by the LOC that we feel might be particularly useful to you when making plans or navigating through our beautiful city when you are here! Also, don't hesitate to ask questions while you're here! We'll help if we can.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Downtown Soma is the official hotel for Skate San Francisco 2023. Conveniently located at 50 Third St., San Francisco, CA in the South of Market Area (SOMA), it's about a 10-minute walk to the rink.

The hotel is holding a block of rooms for Skate San Francisco attendees, and is offering a special group rate of **\$189 USD per night** starting **Thursday August 17, 2023** and ending **Sunday, August 20, 2023**. The last day to book and take advantage of this special rate is **Thursday, July 27, 2023**. This reservations link will take you directly to reservations to reserve your room/s.

[The Hyatt - group rate reservations for Skate San Francisco 2023](#)

If you have any **online technical issues** reserving your room, contact Angelina He at angelina.he@hyatt.com or try 415-974-8750. **(Email preferred.)** For all other reservation questions, help, or information, please contact the hotel directly at **(415) 974-6400**.

Tentative Schedule

A tentative schedule will be available on the Club website approximately one week prior to the event. The tentative schedule of events is subject to change and is left to the discretion of the Chief Referee as to the order, time, and day of each event.

Other Local Rinks

There are multiple ice rinks in the local area within a 20 to 50-minute drive. If you or your skater are looking for extra practice ice or freestyle sessions, we recommend contacting the following rinks:

- Oakland Ice Center at www.oaklandice.com
- Sharks Ice San Jose at www.solar4americaiceatsanjose.com
- Sharks Ice Fremont at www.solar4americaiceatfremont.com

They can give you more information on freestyle sessions at their facilities that are available for practice during your time here.

Parking

Street parking at meters is free before 9am and after 6pm. Please read all signage regarding parking carefully! Note: Folsom Street may be closed on Sunday Aug 20 for a street fair. Nearby parking: Museum Parc Garage, 300 3rd Street (entrances on 3rd Street and Folsom Street); and California Parking- 730 Harrison St.; the Moscone Center Garage, 255 3rd St.; and, Fifth & Mission Parking Garage - 833 Mission St.

Safety

Please, always be aware of your surroundings. While the rink and garden areas are quite safe, there can be an unsavory element around the area. Do NOT leave anything in your parked cars...especially your skates!

Driving Directions

San Francisco is accessible by car from the North by taking 101 South to Golden Gate Bridge, from the East by taking 80 West to the Bay Bridge, and from the South by coming up the peninsula on 101 North or 280 North. For detailed turn by turn directions, we recommend using an app such as MapQuest. www.mapquest.com/directions. Enter **750 Folsom St. San Francisco, CA 94107**, the Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center (YBISBC) address.

Public Transportation

The Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center (YBISBC) Arena is located in downtown SF. Go to www.skatebowl.com for complete information.

- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) serves the YBISC Arena from the East Bay and Oakland International Airport and the SF Peninsula and San Francisco International Airport. Exit at **Montgomery Street**. See www.bart.gov for schedule and fare information.
- SF Municipal Railway (MUNI Metro) serves the YBISC Arena within San Francisco – exit at **Montgomery Street**. See www.sfmta.com for schedule and fare information.

Airport Information

San Francisco International Airport is 13.4 miles from the YBISBC Arena and. Oakland International Airport is 19.7 miles from the YBISBC Arena. In addition to BART, Uber and Lyft are also good options.

Nearby Attractions

- SFMOMA – San Francisco Museum of Modern Art www.sfmoma.org
- Contemporary Jewish Museum at Jessie Square www.theejm.org
- Union Square/Chinatown/Grant Ave www.unionsquashop.com
- Metreon Theaters www.atomtickets.com

OFFSITE EMERGENCY FACILITIES

1. URGENT CARE: PlushCare 24-hour 101 Mission St. Suite 800, SF 94105
2. PEDIATRIC TRAUMA: UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, 1975 4th Street, SF 94158
3. ADULT TRAUMA: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, Adult Urgent Care Center, First Floor 1001 Potrero Ave – Bld. 5, #1E

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact:

Competition Co-Chair & Registrar	Don Corbiell	415-637-5482	sk8sfregistrar@scsf.org
Competition Co-Chair	Sam Singer	415-407-3654	ssingerjr@aol.com
Co-Chair & Chief Referee	Bruce Bell	415-420-1294	bruce.bell@itv.com
Practice Ice	Bruce bell	415-420-1294	bruce.bell@itv.com

Registration/EMS: productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Rink Website: www.skatebowl.com

Club Website: www.scsf.org