



**Pettit National Ice Center Presents:  
The 2023 Snow Crystal Invitational**

*A Compete USA Competition*  
500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214

**Sunday, March 12th, 2023**

*8:00am-5pm*

*Questions? Contact [skatingschool@thepettit.com](mailto:skatingschool@thepettit.com)*

**ENTRIES AND FEES – All entries must be postmarked no later than February 27, 2023** and are limited to the first 200 applications received. Entries may be faxed, post marked or dropped off until February 27, 2023. Late entries will be accepted if the limit has not been reached at the discretion of the organizers. A \$25 late fee will be charged. Entry fees are per person, US dollars. The first event is \$70 and each additional event is \$30. NO refunds after closing date, unless an event is canceled by the Pettit Center. There will be a \$30 fee for returned checks.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and PRACTICE ICE** – A competition and practice ice schedule will be posted on the Pettit Center website ([www.thepettit.com](http://www.thepettit.com)) no later than March 8, 2023. Competition schedules will also be emailed to competitors and/or their parents/guardians if an email address is provided legibly on the entry form.

**MUSIC** – The music must be provided on CD. No CD-RW's please. CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered, length of music, and turned in to the registration table on the day of the competition. A duplicate CD should be readily available with you or your coach when you are competing. **Please pick up your CD from the registration table following your event. CDs that are left behind will be held onto for one week and then discarded.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for all participants.

Compete USA is designed to promote a positive competition experience at the grassroots level and increased skating participation while generating enthusiasm. Compete USA competitions incorporate skills from Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating into a competitive format that can be easily and successfully conducted by registered Learn to Skate USA programs and U.S. Figure Skating member clubs or interclubs.

The competition is open to any skater who is a current member of Learn to Skate USA or is a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. Non-members are eligible to register for competition but must be a registered Learn to Skate USA or U.S. Figure Skating member to compete. There should be no more than six competitors maximum in a group, and all six should receive an award.

Several references in this manual will be made to U.S. Figure Skating rules, which can be found in the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

The ideas presented in this manual are meant to assist you in designing and running your competition. Remember to keep the best interests of the skater in mind. Feel free to add additional events to enhance the success and enjoyment of your competition.

For further information on skating, Learn to Skate USA skating programs, membership, events or any questions about the materials presented in this manual, please contact:

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### **PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND RISK ASSESSMENTS**

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to outline measures that will be taken at the competition. While these don't have to be specific, add a statement to the announcement that the competition will follow local and state guidelines current at the time of the competition. Include a communication plan to inform participants about specifics (i.e., mask required inside except when on ice, etc.) at least a week prior to the competition so they are prepared when coming to the rink.

U.S. Figure Skating recommends that hosts have a short (two-week) registration period once the application is published. This is helpful as skaters often register at the last minute, and the LOC won't have to process as many refunds if the competition date has to move or be canceled.

## *Rules for Compete USA Competitions*

### 3100 Rules for Compete USA Competitions

#### 3110 Compete USA Competitions – Approvals

3111 Compete USA competitions may include events for skaters who have passed no higher than the preliminary free skate, pre-bronze pattern dance or adult bronze free skate tests without applying for a U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required and may be obtained from the appointed Learn to Skate USA representatives. See also rule 3112.

3112 When a Compete USA competition is held in conjunction with a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, approval as required by rule 3111 above must still be obtained.

#### 3120 Compete USA Competitions – Officials

3121 For Compete USA competitions, three judges not related to the competitors are required for each event. Judges may be any official U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada judge or any other qualified eligible or ineligible person in skating who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or a Learn to Skate USA member.

3122 For Compete USA competitions, the member club or other organization sponsoring and conducting the competition shall approve all judges and officials. All persons serving as judges and officials shall be at least 16 years of age.

#### 3130 Compete USA Competitions – Announcements

3131 For all Compete USA competitions, a copy of the announcement and an approval request shall be sent to the appointed Learn to Skate USA representative for approval and issuance of a Compete USA approval number 30 days prior to the release of the competition announcement to the public. The approval is to be publicly displayed during the competition.

3132 Compete USA competitions will follow the event structure as outlined in the Compete USA Manual. Any registered Learn to Skate USA program may conduct a Compete USA competition.

3133 When Compete USA competitions are held on the home ice of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, the member club shall be designated as the sponsoring club.

3134 Compete USA competitions may be:

- A. “In house” — the competition is available only to those skaters who are members of the club or program conducting the competition, or
- B. “Open” — the competition is available to any registered Learn to Skate USA member or full U.S. Figure Skating member.

### 3055 Entries

At nonqualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, compete in an equivalent event one level above or one level below (as qualified by test level) or, for pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

- A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.
- B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.
- C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be canceled

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## ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event, and all six should receive an award.

### *ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:*

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher, and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including moves in the field or individual dances.

For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well-Balanced, Adult and Adaptive levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability. Moves in the field test level will not determine a skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. *\*For Synchronized Skating eligibility and requirements refer to the Synchronized Skating page.\**

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category below his/her badge or test level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper level, even if it is the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

## ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COACHES/INSTRUCTORS

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the compliance of each coach/instructor who plans to coach onsite at the event.

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant
- OR
- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

All officials and adult volunteers attending Compete USA events must also be SafeSport Trained™

## Competitive Progression Through the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating

Singles athletes begin with the 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.

SKATE UNITED
Skate United competition events parallel standard track events and maintain the same eligibility and program requirements, but are for skaters with physical disabilities who will compete in a separate Skate United group.
COMPETE USA
Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6, Adaptive Skating and specialty events.

EXCEL LEVELS	WELL-BALANCED	ADULT LEVELS
Beginner*	No-Test*	Adult Beginner*
High Beginner*		Adult High Beginner*
Pre-Preliminary*	Pre-Preliminary*	Adult Pre-Bronze*
Preliminary/ Preliminary	Preliminary	Adult Bronze
Pre-Juvenile/ Pre-Juvenile Plus	Pre-Juvenile	Adult Silver
Juvenile/ Juvenile Plus	Juvenile/ Open Juvenile	Adult Gold
Intermediate/ Intermediate Plus	Intermediate	Masters Intermediate-Novice
Novice	Novice	
Junior	Junior	Masters Junior-Senior
	Senior	

Minimum age 18 for young adult, 21 for adult

*Levels above the dotted line may be offered at Compete USA competitions and U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions.*

*\*Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary and Pre-Bronze require current Learn to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure skating full membership; all other levels require a current full U.S. Figure skating membership.*

## Competitive Progression Through the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating (continued)

Singles athletes begin with the 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.

### SKATE UNITED

Skate United competition events parallel standard track events and maintain the same eligibility and program requirements, but are for skaters with physical disabilities who will compete in a separate Skate United group.

Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6, Adaptive Skating and specialty events.

### ADAPTIVE SKATING

Adaptive 2

Adaptive 3

Adaptive 4

Adaptive 5

Adaptive 6

Adaptive 7

Adaptive 8

Adaptive 9

Adaptive 10

Adaptive 11

Adaptive 12

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Badge 1

Badge 2

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Badge 10

Badge 11

Badge 12

## Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements

THERE ARE 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.
  - Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 1	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 2	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 3	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> </ul>
BASIC 4	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions</li> </ul>
BASIC 5	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
BASIC 6	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Mohawk, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Bunny hop</li> <li>• Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>



## 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 1	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 2	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 3	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> </ul>
BASIC 4	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions</li> </ul>
BASIC 5	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
BASIC 6	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Mohawk, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Bunny hop</li> <li>• Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>

## 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 half-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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Mazurka – right or left</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 1	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 2	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>• Backward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 3	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 4	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Half loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 5	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz jump-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 6	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination</li> <li>• Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving</li> </ul>

## 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Mazurka, right or left</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> <li>• <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> – <i>Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump</i></li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 1	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> <li>• <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> – <i>Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination</i></li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 2	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> <li>• <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> – <i>Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</i></li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 3	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> <li>• <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> – <i>Waltz-loop jump combination</i></li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 4	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Half loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> <li>• <b>NOT ALLOWED</b> – <i>Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow jump combination</i></li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 5	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
FREE SKATE 6	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice</li> <li>• Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination</li> <li>• Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving</li> </ul>

## 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 half-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*
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
EXCEL BEGINNER	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waltz Jump</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> <li>• Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flip jump</li> <li>• Loop-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
EXCEL PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutz jump</li> <li>• Flip-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>

## Well-Balanced Levels Compulsory

**FORMAT:** To be skated on half-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*
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
NO TEST	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>• Upright spin with change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
PRE-PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutz jump</li> <li>• Single jump-single jump (no Axel) combination</li> <li>• Spin with one change of position and no change of foot, minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axel jump</li> <li>• Single jump-single jump (may <u>not</u> include Axel) combination</li> <li>• Spin combination with one change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>

## 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

### EXCEL BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 4 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only</li> <li>• Eulers (half loops) are not allowed</li> <li>• Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences.</li> </ul> Combination jumps permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waltz jump/toe loop and/or</li> <li>• Salchow/toe loop</li> </ul> Sequence permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waltz jump/ waltz jump (no turns or hops in between)</li> </ul> Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins</li> <li>• No change of foot</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> </ul> Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half loop), loop</li> <li>• Flip, Lutz, and Axel NOT permitted</li> </ul> Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. One 3-jump combination is allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both spins must be in a single position</li> <li>• No change of foot</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> <li>• Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel</li> <li>• Permitted back spins: upright</li> </ul> Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base  Both spins may be of the same character	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX**

*Must not* have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test  
*\*means required element*  
 Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only single jumps allowed</li> <li>• No single Axels</li> <li>• Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>• Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul>	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot*</li> <li>• One spin may change feet or position, but not both</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> </ul> Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character  Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**EXCEL PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS**

*Must not* have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test  
*\*means required element*  
 Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only single jumps allowed</li> <li>• No single Axels</li> <li>• Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul>	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position*</li> <li>• One spin may change feet and/ or position</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> </ul> Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character  Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Full ice</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**EXCEL PRELIMINARY PLUS — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS**

*Must not* have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test  
*\*means required element*  
 Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All single jumps allowed, including single Axel</li> <li>• No double or higher jumps allowed</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump.</li> </ul>	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin must be in a single position*</li> <li>• No change of foot</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> <li>• One spin may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• No flying entry</li> </ul> Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character  Max Level: 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Full ice</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

#### NO TEST — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only single jumps allowed except single Axel               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No single Axels</li> <li>o Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> <li>o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> If IJS is used, then ChSt

#### PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>o Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or combination (maximum of 2 single Axels)</li> <li>o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> <li>o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> If IJS is used, then ChSt

#### PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*</li> <li>• All single jumps, including 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"> <li>o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed</li> <li>o An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination</li> <li>o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 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</li> <li>o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Choreographic step sequence full ice</li> <li>o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>o Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> If IJS is used, then ChSt



## Adult 1-6, Beginner-Bronze Compulsory

- The skating order of the elements is optional; elements may only be attempted once
- To be skated on half ice in simple program format with limited connecting steps
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level

### ADULT 1 — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet

### ADULT 2 — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

### ADULT 3 — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Backward snowplow stop, right and left

### ADULT 4 — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Hockey stop, both directions
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left

### ADULT 5 — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)

### ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Mazurka
- Waltz jump
- Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
- Forward moving inside open mohawk (right and left) – heel to instep
- Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

### ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump
- ½ flip
- Forward upright spin – minimum 2 revolutions
- Backward outside three- turn, right and left
- Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

### ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

#### ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of half revolution jumps (½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, waltz), toe loop, or Salchow – maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions
- Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward spiral (any edge)



## Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music

### GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- The skating order of the required elements is optional
- The elements are not restricted to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated; connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program
- To be skated on full ice
- Skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element missing and for those elements performed from a higher level

#### ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot

#### ADULT 4 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- Hockey stop, both directions

#### ADULT 2 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

#### ADULT 5 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin

#### ADULT 3 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left

#### ADULT 6 — 1:40 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

# Adult Beginner - Bronze Free Skate Program with Music

## GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice; vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description; revolutions must be in position.

### ADULT BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump</li> <li>• Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests

### ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow</li> <li>• Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests

### ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 2 combinations or sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps</li> <li>o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)</li> <li>• Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (<u>half flip and half lutz are permitted</u>)</li> <li>• No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max Level 1</li> <li>• Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E)</li> <li>• Min 3 revs</li> <li>• Spins with a flying entry are not permitted</li> <li>• A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin</li> </ul>	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

### ADULT BRONZE — 1:50 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 2 combinations or sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps</li> <li>o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)</li> <li>• All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel)</li> <li>• No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max Level 1</li> <li>• Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</li> <li>• Min 3 revs total if no change of foot</li> <li>• Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot</li> <li>• Min 2 revs in each position</li> <li>• No flying spins are permitted</li> </ul>	Max 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals)</li> <li>• Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such.</li> </ul>	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate

## Spin Challenge

### GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Spins may be skated in any order
- Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration when scoring
- Spins may not be repeated; only required elements may be included
- All events are skated on half-ice
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

#### BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright back spin (3)
- Sit spin (3)

#### PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)
- Sit spin with change of foot (min 3. each foot)
- One position spin, skater's choice (upright, sit or camel) (4)

#### HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (4)
- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)

#### ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Pivot
- Upright two-foot spin (2)

#### NO TEST — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (3)

#### ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright two-foot spin (3)

#### PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Spin combo without change of foot - all 3 basic positions required (3 revs)
- Backward sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (4)

#### ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3 revs.)
- Solo spin with no change of foot (3 revs.), 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 half-ice
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

#### BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Half flip or half Lutz
- Single Salchow

#### PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Single flip
- Single Lutz
- Jump combination: Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)

#### HIGH BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Single Salchow
- Jump combination: waltz jump-toe loop

#### ADULT BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Mazurka or ballet jump
- Waltz jump

#### NO TEST — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single loop
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

#### ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Single Toe loop jump
- Half flip, half Lutz or half loop

#### PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Single flip
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

#### ADULT BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

##### ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single Toe loop
- Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)

## Solo Pattern Dance

### GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances
- The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30–July 2), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the second quarter).
- Skaters will complete both dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the chief referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dance groupings.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

<b>PRELIMINARY</b>			
<i>JANUARY 1–MARCH 31</i>	<i>APRIL 1–JUNE 30</i>	<i>JULY 1–SEPTEMBER 30</i>	<i>OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 31</i>
1. Dutch Waltz 2. Canasta Tango	1. Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz	1. Canasta Tango 2. Rhythm Blues	1. Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz

<b>PRE-BRONZE</b>			
<i>JANUARY 1–MARCH 31</i>	<i>APRIL 1–JUNE 30</i>	<i>JULY 1–SEPTEMBER 30</i>	<i>OCTOBER 1–DECEMBER 31</i>
1. Swing Dance 2. Cha-Cha	1. Fiesta Tango 2. Swing Dance	1. Cha-Cha 2. Fiesta Tango	1. Swing Dance 2. Cha-Cha

<b>ADULT PRELIMINARY</b>
<i>Qualifications:</i> No higher than one pre-bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)
<b>SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)</b>
Dutch Waltz (2) Canasta Tango (2)

<b>ADULT PRE-BRONZE</b>
<i>Qualifications:</i> The complete preliminary dance test and no higher than one bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)
<b>SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)</b>
Rhythm Blues (2) Swing Dance (2)

## Showcase Events

Showcase events are open to skaters in the Basic, Free Skate, limited beginner, preliminary and adult bronze levels. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United track. Skaters with intellectual disabilities may register for Special Olympics events. 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.

Show costumes are permitted if 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 every 10 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 loss 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. The 6.0 judging system 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 [usfigureskating.org](http://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. Example combined events: Character Performance and Comedic Impressions.
- Emotional (formerly Dramatic) Performance: Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience - through related skating movements, gestures and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g. love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).
  - Lip synching is not permitted.
  - Props and Scenery are permitted.
  - No Technical Limitations.
- Character Performance: Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
  - Lip synching is required
  - Props and Scenery are permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- Comedic Impressions: A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures and physical actions deemed comedic.
  - Lip synching is permitted
  - Props and Scenery are permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- Lyrical Pop: Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
  - Lip synching is not permitted
  - Props and Scenery are not permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- Duets/Trios: Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 to 3 skaters.
- Mini production ensembles: Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. 2:00 maximum length.
- Production ensembles: Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length. NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.

## Showcase Events

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	Must 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. Half-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: 1:20 max
NO TEST	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must not have passed pre-preliminary free skate or any free dance tests	Time: 1:20 max
PRE-PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test	Time: 1:20 max
PRELIMINARY	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: 1:30 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

## 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.



# Aspire Synchro

The Compete USA competition program is for Learn to Skate USA-level skaters who are interested in a first competition experience while taking the Synchro 1-4 badges to the next level.

In order to safely practice and compete, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level in which they are skating.

## SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements Number of Required Holds: <b>None</b> Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters 13 years of age and younger	One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must contain a forward glide on an inside or outside edge on one or two feet Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction <b>not</b> permitted	One Line Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward skating only Pivoting and change of configuration <b>not</b> permitted	One Block Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward skating only Pivoting and change of configuration <b>not</b> permitted	One Wheel Element Forward skating only Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction <b>not</b> permitted	One Intersection Element Must be two lines facing each other <b>One</b> or two foot glide(s) only through the point of intersection	Additional Items for Snowplow Sam Synchro <u>Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented.</u> Elements higher than Basic 6 <b>not</b> permitted Some common elements above Basic 6 are: mohawk, mazurka, half flip, waltz jump
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## ASPIRE BEGINNER — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements Number of Required Holds: <b>None</b> Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters 16 years of age and younger	One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must contain a forward glide on an inside or outside edge on one foot Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction <b>not</b> permitted	One Line Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward and backward skating permitted Pivoting and change of configuration <b>not</b> permitted	One Block Element Must cover at least ½ ice Forward and backward skating permitted Pivoting and change of configuration <b>not</b> permitted	One Wheel Element <u>Forward and backward skating permitted</u> Travel, change of configuration, and change of direction <b>not</b> permitted	One Intersection Element Must be two lines facing each other <b>One</b> or two foot glide(s) only through the point of intersection	Additional Items for Aspire Beginner <u>Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented.</u> Elements higher than Basic 6 <b>not</b> permitted Some common elements above Basic 6 are: mohawk, mazurka, half flip, waltz jump
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## ASPIRE PRE-PRELIMINARY — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements Number of Required Holds: 2 different holds shown by the whole team for any length of time Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters 17 years of age and younger	One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must contain a backward glide on an inside or outside edge on one foot <u>May contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration • Travel	One Line Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must cover full ice <u>May contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration Pivoting not permitted	One Block Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must cover full ice <u>May contain two features</u> Choice of: • Pivoting • Change of configuration	One Wheel Element Forward and backward skating permitted <u>May contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration • Travel	One Intersection Element Must be two lines facing each other Forward skating through the point of intersection. Choice of: • Upright two foot glide • Upright one foot glide • Forward lunge	Additional Items for Aspire Pre-Preliminary <u>Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented.</u> Elements higher than Free Skate 2 <b>not</b> permitted Common elements above Free Skate 2 are: • Alternating backward cross-overs to back outside edges • Waltz three-turns • Alternating mohawk/cross-over sequence • Forward power three-turns Split, stag, falling leaf permitted.
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## ASPIRE PRELIMINARY — 2:10 MAX

5 Elements Number of Required Holds: 2 different holds shown by the whole team for any length of time Any type of holds permitted 5-20 skaters 17 years of age and younger	One Circle Element Forward and backward skating permitted <u>Must contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration • Travel	One Line Element Must include forward and backward skating Must cover full ice <u>Must contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration • Pivoting	One Block Element Forward and backward skating permitted Must cover full ice <u>Must contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of configuration • Pivoting	One Wheel Element Backward skating only <u>Must contain one feature</u> Choice of: • Change of direction • Change of configuration • Travel	One Intersection Element	Additional Items for Aspire Preliminary <u>Additional well-balanced SYS elements permitted. Judges will evaluate first element type presented.</u>
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<i>JUDGES' DEDUCTIONS</i> (APPLIES TO ALL SYNCHRO SKILLS LEVELS)	
DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Costume/prop violation (see costume guidelines)	0.1 from the component mark
Costume failure	0.1 from the component mark
Program time violation every 5 seconds lacking or in excess	0.1 from both marks for every 5 seconds lacking or in excess
Fall, 1 skater (each time)	0.1 from technical mark
Fall, more than 1 skater at one time (fall multiple skaters at the same time)	0.2 from technical mark
Maximum fall deduction per element	0.3 maximum fall deduction per element from technical mark
Element not according to requirements	0.2 from technical mark
Omission of an element (not attempted)	0.6 from technical mark
Illegal element (see U.S. Figure Skating rulebook)	1.0 deduction from both marks
Non-permitted element (see U.S. Figure Skating rulebook)	0.5 deduction from both marks
Holds (incorrect number and not shown by whole team)	0.2 from technical mark per missing hold

**ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

- All skaters on the team must be either full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the Learn to Skate USA program. All Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating and have a team number.
- Skaters at the Snowplow Sam Synchro through Aspire pre-preliminary levels may have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field, freestyle and/or dance\* test, but no higher.
- Skaters at the Aspire preliminary level may have passed the preliminary moves in the field, freestyle and/or dance\* test, but no higher.
- The skater's test level is as of the nonqualifying or Compete USA competition entry deadline.
- No skater may compete on multiple Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams and/or cross skate to any of the U.S. Figure Skating competitive divisions.

*\*Skaters may pass two of the three required dance tests for the pre-bronze level and still be eligible to compete in Aspire Synchro. Once a skater has passed all three of the required pre-bronze dance tests, the skater is ineligible to compete in Aspire Synchro.*

**AGE/NUMBER OF SKATERS:**

- The ages for Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams are as of the preceding July 1st.
- Each team must have between 5-20 skaters. Teams may have a maximum of 4 alternates listed on their roster, in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

**COSTUME RULES/ILLEGAL ELEMENTS:**

- Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams should follow the synchronized skating costume guidelines.
- Illegal elements and non-permitted elements apply to all Aspire Synchro levels (see rulebook).

**COMPLIANCE FOR INSTRUCTORS/COACHES:**

To be credentialed as a coach at a Compete USA event, individuals coaching a synchronized skating team are required to be:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant
- OR
- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant