

12th ANNUAL GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL FREE SKATING COMPETITION

Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, 2002

RULES: The Twelfth Annual Great Oaks Invitational Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations set forth in the current edition of the USFSA Rule Book.

ELIGIBILITY: This competition is open to any eligible member in good standing of the USFSA. Skaters may compete in as many events as qualified by USFSA test levels as of January 4, 2002, or one level higher. Skaters participating in Basic Skills Levels 1 – 6 **may not** participate in any other events.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees are as follows:

	First Singles Event.....	\$ 60.00
	Additional Singles Event.....	\$ 25.00
Basic Skills Levels 1 – 6	Team Compulsory Event.....	\$ 40.00

All entry fees must be included with the completed application and must be postmarked by **January 4, 2002**.

Please make check payable to **GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL**, in U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis with a limit of 350 participants.

Confirmation of your entry form information will be sent to you via e-mail, at your request, if you provide your e-mail address.

Refunds will only be given with written medical documentation from your doctor. No changes in events will be allowed after January 4, 2002. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and are subject to a late fee of \$15.00 per skater. Any changes requested after the deadline will be subject to a \$15.00 fee. A \$15.00 charge will be assessed for returned checks.

JUDGING: All Judging will be by USFSA appointed judges in accordance with USFSA standards.

AWARDS: All events are final round events. Medals will be awarded to the top three skaters in each flight. All other participants will receive a ribbon. A trophy will be awarded to the visiting club whose members accumulate the most points during the competition.

MUSIC: Skaters must furnish their own cassette tapes. The tapes must be clearly labeled with name, event to be skated and exact music length. Music must be submitted at registration. Skaters should arrive with a back-up tape. Tapes left at the conclusion of the competition will not be returned.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Saturday, one hour before the start of the competition, and continue through Sunday. Skaters will not be allowed to compete unless they have checked in at the registration desk **one hour prior to their event**.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: All official notices will be posted in the arena lobby on the N.S.F.S.C. bulletin board. Skaters, coaches, and officials are responsible for checking the official bulletin board for pertinent information.

FACILITIES: The John Lindell Arena is located at 1403 Lexington Boulevard in Royal Oak, MI. The arena telephone number is 248.246.3950. The arena has two 200 x 85 foot indoor surfaces. There is ample seating available for spectators.

PRACTICE ICE: Limited practice ice will be available. Practice ice schedules and reservation forms will be included in the mailing with each skater's confirmation.

VIDEOTAPING and PHOTOGRAPHY: Videotaping and photography will be available through Ledin Photography. Tapes may be purchased or you may supply your own. No power is available for individual videotaping. Award pictures will be taken at designated times. **Flash photography is NOT permitted**, as it is a distraction and danger to skaters.

ACCOMODATIONS: The host hotel is: TROY MARRIOTT
200 W. Big Beaver
Troy, MI 48084-9856
Phone: 800.777.4096

QUESTIONS: Any questions relative to the competition may be addressed **Sunday through Thursday from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm to:**

Jennifer Ericson
2333 Woodland
Royal Oak, MI 48073
248.545.6650
E-mail: theericsons@home.com

Lynn Martin (Registrar)
31612 Edgeworth
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248.583.7031
E-mail: rjllmartin@ameritech.net

Special Notice: In the following events, unless otherwise specified, an axel is considered a single jump.

EVENTS AND TEST REQUIREMENTS

FREE SKATING EVENTS: All events will be skated on the full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. Judging will be based upon technical merit as well as composition and style. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit.

- Novice: Time- 3 min. Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Intermediate: Time- 2 ½ min. Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Juvenile: Time- 2 min. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Pre-Juvenile: Time- 2 min. Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.
May include axels plus up to four different double jumps, which can be repeated in combination or sequence.
- Preliminary: Time- 1 ½ min. Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May include axels plus up to two different double jumps, which can be repeated in combination or sequence.
- Pre-Preliminary B: Time- 1 ½ min. Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May include axels. May not include double jumps, or flying spins.
- Pre-Preliminary A: Time- 1 ½ min. Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May not include axels, double jumps, or flying spins.
- High Beginner: Time- 1 ½ min. May not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test.
May include any ½revolution jumps plus salchows, toe loops, ½loops, and loops. May not include flying spins.
- Low Beginner: Time- 1 ½ min. May not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test.
May include any ½revolution jumps plus salchows, toe loops, and ½loops. May not include flying spins, combination spins or back spins.
- Adult Bronze: Time- 1 min. 40 sec. Must have passed no higher than the Adult Bronze Freestyle test or the Preliminary Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 25 years of age.
May not include axels or double jumps.
- Adult Silver: Time- 2 min. 10 sec. Must have passed the Adult Bronze Freestyle test or the Juvenile Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 25 years of age.
May not include double jumps. Axels are permitted.
- Adult Gold: Time- 2 min. 40 sec. Must have passed the Adult Silver Freestyle test or the Intermediate Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 25 years of age.
No jump restrictions.

COMPULSORY PROGRAMS: All events shall be skated without music, in a program form of the skater's selection Using ½ the ice surface. Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit. Test requirements for compulsory programs are the same as the freestyle level indicated.

Low Beginner (Time – 1 min)

- a. ½ revolution jump
- b. Toe loop
- c. 2 foot spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Lunge

High Beginner (Time- 1 min)

- a. Waltz jump/toe loop combination
- b. Loop or salchow jump
- c. Forward scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Forward spiral

Pre-Preliminary (Time- 1:15 min)

- a. Single jump (no axel, may not be repeated in combination)
- b. Single-single jump combination (no axel)
- c. Forward spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Forward spiral sequence

Preliminary (Time- 1:30 min)

- a. Single jump
- b. Single-single jump combination (no axel)
- c. 1 foot backspin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Edge spiral, spread eagle or bauer
- e. Step sequence

Pre-Juvenile (Time-1:30 min)

- a. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination)
- b. Single-single jump combination (must include loop)
- c. Combination spin with 1 change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions each foot)
- d. Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions)
- e. Step sequence.

SHORT PROGRAMS: The required elements will be skated on the full ice surface to the music of the skater's Selection. Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit.

Novice Short Program (Time- 2:15 min) Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test and no higher. Must Include required elements as defined in the current USFSA rulebook.

Intermediate Short Program (Time- 2 min) Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher. Must Include required elements as defined in the current USFSA rulebook.

Juvenile Short Program (Time- 1:40 min) Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.

- a. Axel
- b. Lutz
- c. One jump combination consisting of one double and one single with no steps or turns between (no axel)
- d. Solo spin – Minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump
- e. Spin combination with only one change of foot and only one change of position (4 revolutions each foot)
- f. Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)

SHOWCASE EVENTS: Showcase events are to be skated to music and should be designed to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience. Costumes and props are encouraged. Skaters will have 30 seconds to place and remove props (no props are allowed on ice during warm-up). Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit. Test requirements for each showcase group are the same as the freestyle levels indicated.

<u>Group I:</u>	Time- 1:30 min	Beginner – No axels or double jumps
<u>Group II:</u>	Time- 1:30 min	Pre-Preliminary/Preliminary – No axels or double jumps
<u>Group III:</u>	Time- 1:30 min	Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile – No double jumps
<u>Group IV:</u>	Time- 1:30 min	Intermediate/Novice – No double jumps
<u>Group V:</u>	Time- 1:30 min	25 years and older

COMPULSORY MOVES: These events shall be skated as individual elements, without a program, using ½ the ice surface. Skaters will skate each element in rotation with other competitors. Test requirements for compulsory moves are the same as the freestyle level indicated. Skaters are allowed one retry per element. If a skater would like a retry, they should raise their hand immediately. If a skater attempts a retry, only the retry will count for that element. Elements may be skated on either foot or in either direction unless otherwise specified.

Basic 1:

- a. Skate forward and glide on two feet across ice
- b. Two foot forward sculling (swizzles) 6 – 8 in a row
- c. Snow plow stop
- d. Backward wiggles 6 – 8 in a row

Basic 2:

- a. Forward skating to a one foot glide – either foot
- b. Moving snowplow stop
- c. Two foot turn forward to backward
- d. Two foot backward sculling (swizzles) 6 – 8 in a row

Basic 3:

- a. Two foot spin, optional free foot may be used.
- b. Correct forward stroking across ice
- c. Moving forward to backward two foot turn, either direction
- d. Backward one foot swizzles on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 6 – 8 in a row

Basic 4:

- a. Forward crossovers to a forward outside edge, clockwise or counter clockwise
- b. Forward crossovers to a forward inside edge, clockwise or counter clockwise
- c. Forward outside 3 turn from a T position, right and left
- d. Backward snowplow stop, right and left

Basic 5:

- a. Backward crossovers to a backward inside edge, clockwise or counter clockwise
- b. Backward crossovers to a backward outside edge, clockwise or counter clockwise
- c. One foot spin – minimum 3 revolutions
- d. Hockey stop

Basic 6:

- a. Forward inside three turns, right and left, from a T position
- b. Bunny hop
- c. Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left
- d. T-stop, right or left

SPINS AND MOVES COMPULSORY: All events shall be skated without music, in a program of the skater's selection using ½ the ice surface. Two marks will be awarded, technical merit and presentation of the elements. The technical merit mark will include the quality of spins (centering, speed of rotations, positions and revolutions) and difficulty of the footwork. The presentation mark will include ice utilization, flow, quality of the field element and creativity. Quality of the spins will be the emphasis. In addition to the required spins, each skater must include in their program, one field element such as spread eagle, spiral or bauer, and one footwork sequence. Skaters are to link the elements together using minimal crossovers, instead using turns and move in the field. The technical merit mark will break a tie. Test requirements for compulsory spins and moves are the same as the freestyle level indicated.

Preliminary: (Time- 2 min) One-foot spin (min. 4 revolutions)
 Sit spin (min. 4 revolutions)
 Back scratch spin (min. 4 revolutions)
 Footwork sequence of any pattern
 Field element

Pre-Juv/Juvenile (Time- 2 min) Camel spin (min. 4 revolutions)
 Combination spin with only one change of foot (min. 4 revs on each foot)
 Layback spin (min. 4 revolutions)
 Footwork sequences of any pattern
 Field element

Intermed/Novice (Time-2 min) Flying spin (min. 5 revolutions)
 Layback spin (min. 5 revolutions)
 Combination spin with only three different positions and only one change of foot (min. 5 revolutions on each foot)
 Footwork sequences of any pattern
 Field element

TEAM COMPULSORY: Compulsory teams may only skate for their home club. Both boys and girls may skate on the same team. The highest test level of one skater determines the team's level to compete. A skater may skate on one team only. There are four skaters per team with one element being performed by each team member. Each team member will have one chance to execute the element. Three to four minutes will be allotted for each team. Should a skater be unable to compete due to illness or injury, a teammate may execute the element with proper notice to the referee of the event prior to the event start. No additional unnecessary moves will be allowed.

Each team is to name a team captain through whom any communication with the team and the event referee is handles. Each team should have a sign 28" x 12" which included the club name and team number. Full ice will be used for this event.

The team event entry form must be submitted along with a separate check for \$40.00. Each team must have a contact person listed on the entry form.

Test requirements for each team group are the same as the freestyle levels indicated.

Sign Example: North Suburban F.S.C.
 Group A Team # 1

Group A: Pre-Preliminary/Preliminary Team Elements: Loop jump
 Flip jump
 One foot spin
 Forward spiral

Group B: Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile Team Elements: Axel
 Camel/sit combination spin
 Lutz/loop combination
 Circular footwork sequence

Group C: Intermediate/Novice Team Elements: Double salchow
 Double/double jump combination
 Camel/layback/back sit combination spin
 Serpentine spiral sequence*

*(may include spread eagles or bauers, but must contain primarily spirals)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2002 Great Oaks Invitational / February 23-24/Royal Oak, Michigan

Name _____ Age (as of 1/4/02) _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male _____ Female _____ USFSA No. _____ E-mail (if entry confirmation desired) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Home Club (or Basic Skills Facility) _____

Name of Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____

Address of Coach _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Highest Test Passed: USFSA Free Skate: _____ or Basic Skills: _____ No USFSA Test Passed: _____

<p><u>Free Skate</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Low Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> High Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Preliminary A <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Preliminary B <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice</p> <p><u>Short Programs</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice</p>	<p><u>Compulsory Programs</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Low Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> High Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile</p> <p><u>Spins & Moves Compulsory</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juv / Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/> Intermed/Novice</p>	<p><u>Showcase</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Group I <input type="checkbox"/> Group II <input type="checkbox"/> Group III <input type="checkbox"/> Group IV <input type="checkbox"/> Group V</p> <p><u>Adult Free Skate</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold</p>	<p><u>Basic Skills:</u> <u>Compulsory Moves</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Basic 6</p> <p>Basic Skills Fees: \$ 30.00</p>
<p>Fees: First event \$ 60.00 Additional events \$ 25.00</p>			

CERTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR ADULT COMPETITOR:

The above information is accurate as of January 4, 2002.
 I am/my child is an eligible skater under the rules of the USFSA and eligible to enter the events as indicated above.

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date
 (Skater must sign if 18 or older)

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY:

I fully understand that skating involves risks of serious bodily injury. I accept such risks and assume responsibility for any losses, costs or damages incurred as a result of participation in this competition. I hereby release the North Suburban Figure Skating Club, it's board of directors, volunteers and agents from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account.

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date
 (Skater must sign if 18 or older)

CERTIFICATION OF CLUB OFFICER OR BASIC SKILLS DIRECTOR:

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate as of January 4, 2002. The competitor is a current member in good standing of the listed club or a current participant in the figure skating program of the listed facility.

 Signature of Club Officer or Basic Skills Director

 Title Date

CERTIFICATION OF COACH:

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate as of January 4, 2002. The competitor is eligible to enter the events as indicated above.

 Signature of Coach Date

Make checks payable to:
GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL
 (U.S. Funds Only)

Mail form and fees to: **Great Oaks Invitational**
Attn: Lynn Martin (Registrar)
31612 Edgeworth
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Entries must be postmarked by January 4, 2002

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
TEAM COMPULSORY EVENT
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TEAM NAME _____

HOME CLUB _____

LEVEL _____ Preliminary / Preliminary

_____ Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile

_____ Intermediate / Novice

TEAM CAPTAIN/CONTACT PERSON _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

	<u>TEAM MEMBERS</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TEST LEVEL</u>	<u>USFSA NUMBER</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

CERTIFICATION OF CLUB OFFICER

To the best of my knowledge, the information above is accurate as of January 4, 2002. The competitors are current members in good standing of the listed club.

Name of Club _____

Date _____

Signature of Club Officer _____

Title _____

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY

I fully understand that skating involves risks of serious bodily injury. I accept such risks and assume responsibility for any losses, costs or damages incurred as a result of participation in this competition. I hereby release North Suburban Figure Skating Club; it's board of directors, volunteers and agents from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Entry fee for this event is **\$40.00 per team** (U.S. funds only). Payable to **Great Oaks Invitational**

Please mail this form and appropriate fee to: Great Oaks Invitational
Attn: Lynn Martin
31612 Edgeworth
Madison Heights, MI 48071

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 4, 2002