

SKATE INTO SPRING COMPETITION AND LEARN TO SKATE CHALLENGE

Sponsored by the Beaver County Figure Skating Club

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Information about this competition, including this form is available at www.bcfsc.org.

DATE: March 6, 2004

LOCATION: Brady's Run Ice Arena, Route 51, Beaver Falls Pa. (Directions available at www.bcfsc.org)

ELIGIBILITY: The Skate Into Spring Competition is a non-qualifying competition open to all amateur skaters in good standing with US Figure Skating. Skaters shall skate at their test levels as of January 25, 2004 or one level higher, but not both. This competition will be conducted according to the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2003-2004 Rulebook. A home club officer must certify all entries. See the Learn to Skate Challenge pages of this announcement for eligibility requirements and other pertinent information for that competition.

ENTRIES: Entries must be submitted on the Skate Into Spring Competition official entry form and be accompanied by a check payable to Beaver County Figure Skating Club (BCFSC). **Entries must be postmarked by January 25, 2004. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** **The Competition Chairperson reserves the right to reject any entry if the application is incomplete** and reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary. Entries will be processed on a first-come first served basis. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chairperson and will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee. Refunds will be made according to US Figure Skating rule CR 10.9. Any changes requested after **January 25, 2004**, or during the competition, will carry a \$10.00 change fee. Fax or e-mail entries will not be accepted. Returned checks will be subject to a \$35.00 fee. Mail official entry form and to:

Terri Miller
107 Sunview Drive
Beaver Falls PA 15010-1154

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 for the First Event	\$25 for Second Event	\$15 for each additional event
\$18 Learn to Skate Challenge	\$45.00 per Maneuver Team	

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to all others. All awards are to be claimed by the end of the competition. Unclaimed awards will not be mailed or forwarded.

SCHEDULE: Schedule times will not be given out over the phone or via e-mail. A tentative competition/practice ice schedule will be sent **only** to competitors who include a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with their entry form. This information will also be posted on our web site at www.bcfsc.org. The final schedule will be posted in the lobby at the start of the competition.

PRACTICE ICE: Two practice ice sessions will be available on a first come first serve basis at a cost of \$8.00 per 30-minute session. Session 1 is scheduled for 7:00 am and Session 2 is scheduled for 7:30 am. Each skater can only reserve ONE practice session. If available, additional practice ice can be purchased at the registration desk the day of the competition. A competition/practice ice schedule will be sent **only** to competitors who include a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with their entry form.

REGISTRATION: A registration table will be located in the lobby of the Beaver County Ice Arena throughout the competition. All competitors and coaches must register each day.

MUSIC: All competitors must provide their music on cassette or compact disk (CD-R). CD-RWs will not be accepted due to compatibility issues. Cassette tapes and CDs must be clearly marked with the competitor's name and event. Tapes must be rewound. Cassette or CD must have only one piece of music per cassette or CD. A duplicate tape or CD should be readily available during the competition. Tapes & CDs should be turned in at least one hour before the event. Music should be picked up at the registration desk after your event is over. BCFSC cannot accept responsibility for cassettes or CDs.

FACILITIES: The Beaver County Ice Arena is located just off of PA Route 51, in Brady's Run Park. The skating surface measures approximately 80' by 200'. Some events may be skated on half ice surface. Dressing rooms will be available.

VIDEOTAPING & PHOTOGRAPHY: Videotaping is permitted, but must not interfere with spectators, skaters, judges, coaches, or other competition staff. Flash photography is not permitted. A professional photographer and videographer will be available the days of the competition.

OTHER INFORMATION: There is no admission charge for spectators.

BOUTIQUE AND VENDORS: Assorted skating attire, gifts and other merchandise will be available from a small number of vendors. A listing of restaurants will be available at the Registration Desk.

CONTACT PERSON: Terri Miller, 412-996-3050 or email at skateintospring@bcfsc.org.

LODGING: Listed below are various hotels located near the Beaver County Ice Arena.
 Holiday Inn - Beaver Falls; PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink. 724-846-3700
 Willows Motel - Industry; PA located approximately 20 min. from the rink. 724-643-4500
 Holiday Inn Express - Monaca; PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink. 724-728-5121

FREESKATE EVENTS

Level	Time	Qualifications and Restrictions, refer to US Figure Skating Rule Book, SSR Section 4.00 (4.05 thru 4.12)
Special Beginner	1 min.- 1 min. 30 sec.	No test passed. This level is designed for the skater competing in freestyle for the first time. If you competed at this level last year, you must move up to the Beginner level this year. Upright spins only. Jumps permitted; waltz jump, salchows, toe loops, ½ flip and ½ lutz.
Beginner	1 min.30 sec.	No Test passed. The number of single jumps is not limited. No combination jumps. No axel or double jumps permitted.
Pre-Preliminary A	1 min.30 sec.	Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test passed. No axel or double jumps permitted.
Pre-Preliminary B	1 min. 30 sec.	Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test passed. Axel permitted but no double jumps permitted. SSR 4.12
Preliminary A	1 min.30 sec.	Preliminary Free Skating test passed. Axel permitted but no double jumps permitted.
Preliminary B	1 min.30 sec.	Preliminary Free Skating test passed. An Axel plus up to two Double Jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations are permitted. SSR 4.11
Pre-Juvenile	2 min.	Pre-Juvenile Free Skating test passed. An Axel plus up to four different double jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations are permitted. SSR 4.10
Juvenile	2 min. 15 sec.	Juvenile Free Skating test passed. SSR 4.09

COMPULSORY MOVES: No music. See free skating event qualifications for test level. All compulsory moves will be done in the order listed within the time allowed or less. Compulsory moves will be done on half ice surface. Deductions will be taken for additional elements. Men and ladies may compete in the same event.

Level	Time	Elements
Beginner	1 min.	Two Bunny Hops Lunge, Forward Spiral Waltz Jump Two Foot Spin (min. 3 revolutions)
Pre-Preliminary	1 min. 30 sec.	Salchow Forward Outside Spiral, either foot, Waltz Jump Toe Loop Forward Crossovers in a figure eight, one tracing each circle
Preliminary	1 min.30 sec.	Flip Jump Back Scratch Spin (min. of 3 revolutions) Salchow/Loop jump combination with no steps or turns in between Backward Crossovers in a figure eight, one tracing each circle Forward Inside Spiral, either foot
Pre-Juvenile	1 min.30 sec.	Lutz Jump Camel Spin (Min. 3 revolutions) Straight Line Step Sequence Flip/Loop Jump Combination, no steps or turns between jumps Front Scratch Spin to Back Scratch Spin, with exit on spinning foot (min. 4 revolutions per foot)
Juvenile	1 min.30 sec.	Camel Spin (min. 3 revolutions) Loop/Loop Jump Combination, no steps or turns between jumps Double Salchow Combination Spin with one change of foot (min 6 revolutions) Forward spiral Axel

JUMPS EVENT: No music. See Free Skating event qualifications for test level. Beginner through Pre-Juvenile will be skated on half ice surface. Jumps MUST be performed exactly as stated and in the order listed. Two opportunities will be given to perform each jump. Skater will be judged on the best jump. An axel is considered a single jump. In situations where the skater is given a choice of jumps, the first attempt will determine the jump to be judged and the skater will not be allowed to change the jump on the second attempt. The following format will be used: The first skater will be given two attempts to perform his/her first jump and judged on that jump. The first skater will continue in the same manner until he/she has completed all the jumps required. The same process is repeated for the remaining skaters in the skating order. Men and ladies may compete in the same event.

Level	Max. Time	Elements
Beginner	1 min.	1.Half Lutz or Half Flip 2.Salchow
Pre-Preliminary	1 min.	1.Toe Loop 2. Salchow 3.Combination of any two single jumps (No axel jumps permitted)
Preliminary	1 min. 15 sec.	1.Loop 2. Flip 3.Combination of any two single jumps
Pre-Juvenile	1 min. 30 sec.	1.Axel 2.Lutz 3. Double Toe Loop
Juvenile	1 min. 30 sec.	1.Axel 2.Double Flip 3.Combination of any double jump with a Loop Jump

SPIN EVENT: No music. See Free Skating event qualifications for test level. Beginner through Juvenile levels will be done on ½ ice surface. Spin program must be completed in the indicated time or less. Spins may be done in any order. Connecting moves of short sequences may be used but will not be judged. This event will be judged on control, speed, flow and centering of each spin. Deductions will be made for any jumps done. Men and ladies may compete in the same event. Men and ladies may compete in the same event.

Level	Max. Time	Elements
Beginner	1 minute	One foot spin, 3 revolutions in position. Two foot spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position)
Pre-Preliminary	1 min.15 sec.	One foot spin, Scratch Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position) Sit Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position) Back Scratch Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position)
Preliminary	1 min. 15 sec.	One foot Scratch Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position) Sit Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position) Camel Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position)
Pre-Juvenile	1 min.15 sec.	Camel Spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position) Camel Spin to Sit Spin, no change of foot (min. of 3 revolutions in each position.) Layback spin (min. of 3 revolutions in position)
Juvenile	1 min.30 sec.	Forward Sit Spin (min. of 4 revolutions in position) Ladies-Layback or Attitude Spin (min. of 4 revolutions in position.) Men-Forward Camel Spin (min. of 4 revolutions in position) Combination Spin with one change of foot (min. of 4 revolutions per foot.)

MOVES IN THE FIELD EVENT: Test requirements are comparable to last Moves in the Field test passed. Competitors may skate up one level. This event will be judged on control, speed, flow, and presentation. Skaters may use their arms and free leg anyway they choose. No additional elements may be added. Skaters must do elements in the order listed. Deductions will be made for toe pushing and touchdowns. Number of steps depends on the strength of the skater. Refer to the 2003-2004 Rulebook for general description and diagrams.

Level	Elements
Pre-Preliminary	Forward Perimeter stroking, counter clockwise (one full lap) Backward Outside Edges on a hockey line.
Preliminary	Consecutive Outside/Inside Forward Spirals (one full lap) Forward Power 3-Turns (one full lap)
Pre-Juvenile	Backward Perimeter Power Crossover Stroking (one full lap) Five Step Mohawk Sequence (one full lap)
Juvenile	Forward and Backward Free Skating Cross Strokes (one full lap) Backward Power 3-turns, pattern as stated in the Rulebook. Intro and end steps are optional for both elements.

SHOWCASE: Showcase is a form of free skating in which the skater will be judged solely on theatrical and artistic qualities from an entertainment standpoint rather than on the technical accuracy of specific moves. Please note, however, that the skating must be of sufficient competency to support the theatrical components chosen. Skaters will be judged in musical interpretation, choreography, and overall audience appeal. The panel of judges will NOT consist of US FIGURE SKATING judges, but will be composed of professionals in entertainment and /or other areas not related to skating. Costumes and props are optional, but are encouraged to help illustrate the act. Props are limited to those the skater can hand carry or push on to the ice surface themselves in a total time of not more than twenty (20) sec. Live props are not permitted. Skaters may not be assisted during the set-up time. Props may not involve flame or smoke. Props are not permitted on the ice surface during warm-up. Feathers/boas and other such accessories must be secured well. Substances that alter the ice surface are not permitted (such as wet substances, whipped cream, shaving cream, water, etc). Levels may be split or combined depending on the number of entrants. Every effort will be made to keep skaters at their preferred level. Men and ladies may compete in the same event. To confirm level, please see free skating events.

Showcase Level	Skating Level	Max. Time
Level 1	Special Beginner, Beginner	1 min. 30 sec.
Level 2	Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary	1 min. 30 Sec.
Level 3	Pre-Juvenile	1 min. 30 sec
Level 4	Juvenile	2 min.

MANEUVER TEAMS: A club may enter as many teams as they wish. Skaters may skate for only one team. Teams may have 3 to 5 members but each skater may perform no more than two moves. Men and ladies may skate on the same team. Should a skater be unable to compete due to illness or injury, a teammate may do his/her maneuver with proper notice given to the referee of the event. No props are permitted during presentation of moves. Costumes and themes are encouraged. Each team is to name a Team Leader through whom any communications with the team may be handled. Each team application must be sent on a Maneuver Team Application, with a separate check. Each team must have a sign indicating the Club they are representing and the team number, if applicable. The sign must be a min. of 18" x 24" but should not exceed 36" x 36".

Category	Skating Level	Required Moves
Level 1	Must not have passed any higher test than Pre-Preliminary Free Skating	Salchow Forward Spiral Two-Foot Spin Bunny Hops, two in a row Waltz/Loop Combination
Level 2	Must not have passed any higher test than Juvenile Free Skating	Axel Camel Spin Combination Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. of 4 revolutions per foot) Lutz Spiral Sequence

**SKATE INTO SPRING COMPETITION
 MANEUVER TEAM APPLICATION**
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Information about this competition, including this form, is available at www.bcfsc.org.

Club Name _____ Level _____

Team Name _____ Team Leader Name _____

Team Leader Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team Leader Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Skater's Name	Highest Free Skating Test Passed
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

ENTRY FEES: The entry Fee is \$45.00 per team. **Entries must be postmarked by January 25, 2004.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chairperson and will be subject to a \$10.00 late fee. Refunds will be made according to US Figure Skating rule CR 10.9. Any changes requested after **January 25, 2004**, or during the competition, will carry a \$10.00 change fee.

NOTE: If this is the only event for a team member, that team member must also complete an Official Entry Form, being certain to complete the Certification of Eligibility section. Please write across the event area of the Official Entry Form--**MANEUVER TEAM EVENT ONLY!** Mail this with the Maneuver Team Application.

Entry Fee	\$45.00	Mail completed form with a check payable to BCFSC in the correct amount to: <p style="text-align: center;">Terri Miller 107 Sunview Drive Beaver Falls PA 15010-1154</p>
Late Fee (\$10.00)		
Ice Cube Ads (\$5.00)		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		

Skate Into Spring Official Entry Form

Entries must be postmarked January 25, 2004

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Skater's Name:		US Figure Skating #:
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age:	Birthdate:
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail:
Home Club Name:		
Highest Test Passed	Freestyle:	Moves:
Coach's Name:		
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail:
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Level/Event	Free Skate	Compulsory Moves	Spins	Jumps	Moves in the Field
Special Beginner		////	////	////	////
Beginner					////
Pre-Preliminary A					
Pre-Preliminary B					
Preliminary A					
Preliminary B					
Pre-Juvenile					
Juvenile					
Showcase		Practice Ice *		*Once a practice session is full, Skaters will automatically be scheduled for the other session.	
Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Level 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Session 1 - 7:00 am <input type="checkbox"/>			
Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Level 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Session 2 - 7:30 am <input type="checkbox"/>			

Certification of Eligibility: I hereby approve the entry of _____, competitor, and certify that this skater is a member of good standing of our Club, is an amateur in accordance with the US FIGURE SKATING rules and, to the best of my knowledge, eligible to enter the specified event.

SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE _____
Test Chairman or Club Officer

Accidents: US Figure Skating and the Clubs or organizers undertake no responsibility for damage or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition or in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians, and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with the conduct and management of this competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any and all officials, US Figure Skating, the sponsoring Club, and the officers, Board and/or members of the sponsoring Club, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

SIGNATURE OF SKATER'S PARENT (Skater's signature if over age 18)

First Event	\$50.00	Mail completed form with a check payable to BCFSC in the correct amount to: <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> Terri Miller 107 Sunview Drive Beaver Falls PA 15010-1154 </div>
Second Event (\$25)		
Additional Events (___ x \$15)		
Practice Ice (\$8)		
Ice Cube Ads (\$5)		
Late Fee (If Applicable) (\$10)		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		

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Due to the changes in this year's Skate Into Spring Competition competitors in Intermediate thru Senior levels wishing to participate in the competition can contact the competition chairperson by the entry deadline for information on judges critiques. The fee for this will be the same as the entry fee for the competition.

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