

GARDEN STATE GAMES FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP-2004

Sanctioned by the USFSA

Hosted by the North Jersey Figure Skating Club, Inc.

Dates: Saturday July 10, 2004 and Sunday July 11, 2004

Site: William B. Mennen Sports Arena
Morristown, New Jersey

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Garden State Games Figure Skating Championship is a qualifying competition for the State Games of America Championships. Skaters may enter each event that they qualified for by virtue of placing first, second or third at their local State Games competition but they may not enter both a restricted and unrestricted free skate event. All events at SGA are solo events except for synchronized team and Spotlight. Skaters that qualified in an event offered at SGA may add an additional event from Spotlight, Footwork or Dance. Skaters may not add restricted free skate, unrestricted free skate, short program or a compulsory moves event.

Who may compete: All skaters must reside in New Jersey for more than 30 days and not have skated in any other 2003 State Games Competition.

Music: Competitor's music (cassette tapes only) must be turned in at the time of registration on the day of the competition. A duplicate tape is suggested to avoid possible problems. Cassette tapes must be clearly marked with the competitor's name. **TAPES MUST BE REWOUND.** Vocals are allowed in artistic, showcases and basic skills events. Program time requirements will be strictly enforced.

Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze places in each group of Freestyle, Short Program, Artistic, Showcase, Basic Skills, Moves in the Field, Compulsory Moves and Solo Dance.

Qualifications: Test levels attained by May 17, 2004 will determine the competition category. Any skater may compete in the next higher category, but may not change the application once it has been submitted. Skaters may enter events of different types or different levels, but may enter each specific event type at only one level. Any skater who was a first place winner in any 2003-2004 qualifying USFSA competition or prior Garden State Games competition, must skate the next level excluding Senior and Adult Events. Skaters will be grouped by test level, ability and age.

APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2004. On-site applications will not be accepted. No metered, registered or certified mail will be accepted. Post office cancellation is required. Read and sign the Waiver that is located on the bottom portion of the application. Applications without the signed waiver will be returned. Late applications will be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and will require **DOUBLE THE FEES. NO REFUNDS after May 17, 2004 OR ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2003/2004 USFSA RULEBOOK RULE CR33.05 A. A CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2003/2004 USFSA RULEBOOK RULE CR33.05 C.**

Fees:

Include a check or money order payable to the Garden State Games. Cash payments will not be accepted. There will be a \$20 handling charge for returned checks.

BASIC SKILLS EVENTS	\$30
ALL OTHER EVENTS (first event)	45
EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT	25

Send application and fees to: BARBARA A. MISKIV, Chairperson
436 ALPINE TERRACE
RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07450
(201) 444-1087

Please enclose a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to receive a schedule of events as soon as it is available.

COMPETITION FORMAT

FREE SKATING	QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
No test	No test (no Axel or doubles)	1:30
Pre-Preliminary I	Pre-Preliminary (no Axel or doubles)	1:30
Pre-Preliminary II	Pre-Preliminary (no doubles)	1:30
Preliminary	Preliminary FS	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile FS	2:00
Juvenile	Juvenile FS	2:15
Intermediate	Intermediate FS	2:30
Novice	Novice FS	3:00 ladies, 3:30 men
Junior	Junior FS	3:30 ladies, 4:00 men
Senior	Senior FS	4:00 ladies, 4:30 men
Intermediate(SP)	Intermediate FS	2:00 max
Novice(SP)	Novice FS	2:15 max
Junior(SP)	Junior FS	2:40 max
Senior(SP)	Senior FS	2:40 max

Unless stated above, jump restrictions conform to USFSA Rulebook Rule SSR 4.05 – 4.13.

Required elements in the short program may be in accordance with 2003/2004 or 2004/2005 rules.

Intermediate – Senior long and short programs maybe skated at different levels.

No test skaters may not have passed a USFSA test of **ANY** kind.

ADULT	QUALIFICATIONS	TIME
Pre-Bronze	Pre-Bronze FS	1:10
Bronze	Bronze FS	1:40
Silver	Silver FS	2:10
Gold	Gold FS	2:40

SHOWCASE: Emphasis is placed on the illustration of character through music, props, costume and style. Costumes or props that “shed” (feathers, sequin, etc.) will result in a penalty to the skater. Props are limited to those the skater can carry or push onto the ice in one trip unassisted. Props may not include flame, smoke or any substance, which may alter the surface of the ice. Live props are not permitted. Skaters will be judged on costume, props, music, choreography, audience appeal and technical merit (only on style, flow and confidence of presentation). Skaters will be grouped according to freestyle level. Open to Pre-preliminary through Senior and Adult. 2:00 max. Skaters competing in freestyle events Beginner 1 thru 4 and No Test may not enter this event.

ARTISITIC: Competitors will be judged on the use and quality of edges, footwork, spins, spirals, as well as flow and expressing the rhythm and character of the music. Jumps are allowed will be judged only on the quality of the jump not the difficulty of the jump. Props are not permitted. Costumes that “shed” (feathers, sequin, etc.) will result in a penalty to the skater. Competitors will be grouped according to freestyle level. Open to Preliminary & Pre Juvenile 1:30 max, Juvenile & Intermediate 2:00 max, Novice through Senior 2:30 max and Adult 2:00 max. Skaters competing in freestyle events Beginner 1 thru 4, No Test and Pre-Preliminary may not enter this event.

BASIC SKILLS: Skaters who enter Basic Skills Events cannot compete in any other type of event (e.g. Freestyle, Showcase, etc). In addition, these categories are not open to Adult Skaters, or any other competitor who has passed either the Preliminary Moves in the Field or Pre-Preliminary Free skating tests. Skaters in the following categories will do a program to music of the skater’s choice. All moves listed for a category must be included in the program-only these moves will be judged for technical merit. Axels are not permitted.

BEGINNER TOTS: AGE 5 AND UNDER NO TEST 1:00

1. Forward Skating
2. One-foot glide
3. Two-foot glide
4. Forward two-foot sculling

BEGINNER 1: NO TEST 1:00

1. Forward Stroking
2. One-foot glide
3. Two-foot glide
4. Forward two-foot sculling

BEGINNER 2: NO TEST 1:00

1. Forward Stroking
2. Bunny Hop
3. Backward Sculling
4. Forward one-foot glide with one leg in spiral position
5. Forward lunge

BEGINNER 3: NO TEST 1:00

1. Forward Stroking
2. Forward Spiral
3. Waltz Jump
4. Backward one-foot sculling on a circle with beginning of crossovers
5. Half-Flip or Half-Lutz, skater's choice.
6. Two-foot spin

BEGINNER 4: NO TEST 1:00 – 1:30

1. Forward Stroking
2. Jump Combination Waltz Jump/Top Loop
3. One-foot Spin
4. Backward Crossovers
5. Straight Line Step Sequence
6. Forward outside Spiral

MOVES IN THE FIELD: Skaters will complete 3 moves per category as determined below. Where necessary, a draw to determine direction, edge or starting foot will be posted 15 minutes prior to the event.

PRE-PRELIMINARY

1. Stroking (Draw: clockwise or counterclockwise)
2. Backward consecutive edges (Draw: inside or outside edge)
4. Waltz eight

PRELIMINARY

1. Forward or Backward Crossovers (draw)
2. Consecutive outside and inside spirals
4. Alternating forward 3-turns (Draw inside or outside edge)

PRE-JUVENILE

1. Forward perimeter power crossover stroking, counterclockwise
3. Forward Outside/Back Inside 3-turns in field (DRAW: starting foot)
6. 5-step mohawk sequence, one lap of arena

JUVENILE

1. 8-step mohawk sequence, 3 sequence on large circle (DRAW: clockwise or counterclockwise)
2. Forward and backward cross strokes, one lap of arena
4. Forward double 3-turns, 2 lengths of arena

INTERMEDIATE

1. Stroking: forward power circles (DRAW: clockwise or counterclockwise)
4. Backward double 3-turns, 2 lengths of arena
6. Inside slide chasse pattern, one length of arena.

NOVICE

2. Forward perimeter power crossover stroking to a backward quick rocker turns sequence (DRAW: clockwise or counter clockwise)
4. Backward rocker choctaw sequence.
5. Spiral sequence

JUNIOR

1. Forward power circles (DRAW: clockwise or counterclockwise)
3. Forward and backward rockers (DRAW: inside or outside edge)
5. Straight line Choctaw sequence (DRAW: LBO/RFI or RBO/LFI)

SENIOR

1. Sustained edge step (DRAW: RBO or LBO start)
2. Extension spiral step (DRAW: RBO or LBO start)
3. Backward inside power double 3-turns to power double outside rockers

COMPULSORY MOVES

Separate events for ladies and men. Qualifications are same as Free Skating categories. Moves may be done in any order. Connecting steps are allowed except where stated. No music, half ice except for Juvenile, which is full ice. Skaters competing in freestyle events Beginner 1 thru 4 may not enter this event.

NO TEST 1:00 max

1. Waltz jump
2. Bunny hop (2 in a row)
3. Forward spiral
4. Lunge
5. Two-foot spin (3 rev)

PRE-PRELIMINARY 1:00 max

1. ½flip jump 2. Waltz jump 3. One foot spin (3 rev min) 4. Salchow jump 5. Forward spiral (either foot)

PRELIMINARY 1:00 max

1. Diagonal step sequence 2. Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination (no turn or step in between)
3. Backward spiral (either foot) on a curve 4. Flip jump 5. Sit spin (min 3 rev in position)

PRE-JUVENILE 1:00 max

1. Flip jump-loop jump combination (no turn or step in between) 2. Front scratch to back scratch spin (min 4 rev) 3. Diagonal step sequence 4. Lutz jump 5. Camel spin (min.3 rev in position)

JUVENILE 1:00 max

1. Axel 2. Circular step sequence (must be a complete circle) 3. Ladies: layback spin (min 4 rev)
Men: camel spin (min 4 rev) 4. Lutz jump-loop jump combination (no turn or steps in between)
5. Camel/sit/change sit combination spin (min 4 rev each foot)

SOLO DANCE- May enter more than one category, two maximum.

Category

Preliminary
Pre-Bronze
Bronze
Pre-Silver
Silver
Pre-Gold
Gold

Qualifications

Passed no Pre-Bronzes
Passed no Bronzes
Passed no Pre-Silvers
Passed no Silvers
Passed no Pre-Golds
Passed no Golds
Passed at least 1 Pre-Gold

Dance

Dutch Waltz or Canasta Tango (Draw)
Swing or Cha Cha (Draw)
Ten-Fox
Fourteenstep or European (Draw)
American Waltz or Tango (Draw)
Kilian or Paso Doble (Draw)
Argentine Tango or Viennese Waltz(Draw)

Rules: Unites States Figure Skating Association rules will apply unless state otherwise herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact Chairperson Barbara Miskiv at (201) 444-1087 evenings and (973) 263-3300 x123 during business hours.

Hotel Information

Hanover Marriot
1401 Route 10 East
Whippany, New Jersey
Rate is \$ 79.00

To make reservations call team meeting services at (609) 716-1175 .
Mention Garden State Games to receive above rate.

2004 GARDEN STATE GAMES APPLICATION

NAME _____ USFSA# _____ ISI# _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ COUNTY _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ SEX _____ HOME CLUB _____
HIGHEST USFSA/ISI TEST PASSED (AS OF 5/17/04) FREE _____ MOVES _____ DANCE _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____
SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS _____

-----EVENT REGISTRATION-----

BASIC SKILLS	SHORT PROGRAM	MOVES in the FIELD	SOLO DANCE
()Beginner Tots:5/under(01)	()Intermediate(15)	()Pre-Preliminary(27)	()Preliminary(41)
()Beginner 1(02)	()Novice(16)	()Preliminary(28)	()Pre-Bronze(42)
()Beginner 2(03)	()Junior(17)	()Pre-Juvenile(29)	()Bronze(43)
()Beginner 3(04)	()Senior(18)	()Juvenile(30)	()Pre-Silver(44)
()Beginner 4 (05)		()Intermediate(31)	()Silver(45)
	ADULT	()Novice(32)	()Pre-Gold(46)
FREE SKATE	()Pre-Bronze(19)	()Junior(33)	()Gold(47)
()No Test(06)	()Bronze(20)	()Senior(34)	
()Pre-Preliminary I (07A)	()Silver(21)		
()Pre-Preliminary II(07B)	()Gold(22)	COMPULSORY MOVES	SHOWCASE
()Preliminary(08)		()No Test(35)	()All levels(40)
()Pre-Juvenile(09)		()Pre-Preliminary(36)	
()Juvenile(10)	ARTISTIC	()Preliminary(37)	
()Intermediate(11)	()Prelim & Pre-Juv(23)	()Pre-Juvenile(38)	
()Novice(12)	()Juv & Inter(24)	()Juvenile(39)	
()Junior(13)	()Novice & above(25)		
()Senior(14)	()Adult(26)		

-----PAYMENT INFORMATION-----

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: _____ Entry Fee Enclosed \$ _____
Garden State Games ***NO REFUNDS OR CREDIT PER INSTRUCTIONS ***

Mail to: Barbara Miskiv, Chairperson 436 Alpine Terrace Ridgewood, NJ 07450

-----CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY-----

I hereby approve the entry of this skater and certify that to the best of my knowledge he or she is a member in good standing of our Club, is eligible to enter the specified event(s) and is an amateur in accordance with the rules of the USFSA.

Signature _____ Title _____
Club officer or test chairperson
Skating Club Name _____ Date _____

-----WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY-----

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Garden State Games and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that prior to participating, or in the case of a minor participant, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor or participant that prior to participating, he/she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything to be unsafe, he/she should immediately inform his/her coach or supervisor(s) of such condition(s) and refuse to participate
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk or serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses, which result not only from their actions, inaction's or negligence, but the actions, inaction's negligence of others, the rule of play, or the conditions of the premises or of any equipment, used. Further, that there may be risk not known to us or reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assume the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
4. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Garden State Games, its affiliated clubs, The National Congress of State Games, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and of applicable, owners, and leasers of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to a "releases" from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in party by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise.

Print Participant Name

Participant Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date