

14th ANNUAL GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, 2004

RULES: The Fourteenth 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 8, 2004, 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 Event (per skater).....	\$ 65.00
	Additional Event (per skater).....	\$ 25.00
Basic Skills Levels 1 – 6		\$ 30.00

All entry fees must be included with the completed application and must be postmarked by **January 8, 2004**. *(Please note that since the deadline is immediately following the holidays, you may want to obtain your signatures early.)*

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

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 for entry fees will only be given for physical injury with written documentation from your doctor. No changes in events will be allowed after January 8, 2004, without one of the following consequences: Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and are subject to a late fee of \$20.00 per skater. Any changes requested, including medical refunds, after the deadline, will be subject to a \$20.00 fee. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for returned checks.

JUDGING: All judging will be by USFSA appointed judges in accordance with USFSA standards, with the exception of the Musical Interpretation and Showcase events.

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 supply cassette tape or CD, clearly labeled with name, event to be skated, and exact music length, *on the side to be played*. CD's **MUST HAVE ONLY ONE TRACK**, and cassettes **MUST BE REWOUND** and ready to play. Music must be submitted at registration. Skaters are to have a back-up cassette tape or CD at rink side during event. Tapes and CD's 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 may 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: Our host hotels are: EMBASSY SUITES – TROY and TROY MARRIOTT
850 Tower Drive 200 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, Michigan Troy, Michigan, 48084
248.879.7500 800.777.4096

QUESTIONS: Any questions relative to the competition may be addressed to:

Cathy Mackillop (Competition Chair) 424 S. Bywood Clawson, MI 48017 248.280.2764 (after 6:00 p.m. EST weekdays) E-mail: cmackill@aol.com	Lynn Martin (Registrar) 31612 Edgeworth Madison Heights, MI 48071 248.930.1223 (6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. EST Sun-Thur) E-mail: rjjmartin@wideopenwest.com
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(For a faster response to your questions please use e-mail whenever possible.)

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.

- Low Beginner: (Time- 1:30 min.) May not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test.
May include any 1/2 revolution jumps plus salchows, toe loops, and 1/2 loops.
May not include flying spins, combination spins or back spins.
- High Beginner: (Time- 1:30 min.) May not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test.
May include any 1/2 revolution jumps plus salchows, toe loops, 1/2 loops, and loops.
May not include flying spins.
- Pre-Preliminary Limited: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May not include axels, double jumps, or flying spins.
- Pre-Preliminary: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May include axels. May not include double jumps, or flying spins.
- Preliminary Limited: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher.
May include axels and flying spins. May not include double jumps.
- Preliminary: (Time- 1:30 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-Juvenile: (Time- 2:00 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.
- Juvenile: (Time- 2:15 min.) Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Intermediate: (Time- 2:30 min.) Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Novice: (Time- 3:00 min.) Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Adult Bronze: (Time- 1:40 min.) 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- 2:10 min.) 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- 2:40 min.) 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 (may not commence with a jump, minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Forward spiral sequence (minimum 2 different spiral positions)

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.

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)

Intermediate Short Program (Time- 2:00 min) Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher. Must include required elements as defined in the current USFSA rulebook.

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.

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 in place
- d. Two foot backward sculling (swizzles) 6 – 8 in a row

Basic 3:

- a. Two foot spin, optional free foot may be used.
- b. Forward stroking showing correct use of blade
- c. Moving forward to backward two foot turn, either direction
- d. Forward ½ swizzle pumps 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

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. Guest judges may judge this event.

<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)	Adult - 25 years or older

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.

<u>Preliminary:</u>	(Time- 1:30 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
<u>Pre-Juv/Juvenile</u>	(Time- 1:30 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 sequence of any pattern Field element
<u>Intermed/Novice</u>	(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 sequence of any pattern Field element

SOLO DANCE: Each solo dance is final round only and is open to both men and ladies combined. Each dance is competed and judged separately. Dancers may compete in one or more dance events at their current test level and/or one level higher. The referee will determine the number of patterns skated.

<u>Silver:</u>	American Waltz Harris Tango Rocker Foxtrot	<u>Pre-Silver:</u>	European Waltz Fourteen Step Foxtrot
<u>Bronze:</u>	Hickory Hoedown Ten Fox Willow Waltz	<u>Pre-Bronze:</u>	Cha-Cha Fiesta Tango Swing
<u>Preliminary:</u>	Canasta Tango Dutch Waltz Rhythm Blues		

PAIRS FREE SKATE: Mailing pair entry forms together is encouraged, but not necessary, although, if both forms are not received before the deadline, registration will not be considered complete for either skater. One of the freestyle pair skaters may enter an event one level higher to compete with a higher leveled partner. In other words, a pair will compete no higher than the highest leveled skater. All events are final round.

Preliminary: 1:30 min. duration. No pair test passed. No lifts.

Juvenile: 2:15 min. duration. Highest leveled of the pair must have passed Juvenile Pair Test.

Intermediate: 3:00 min. duration. Highest leveled of the pair must have passed Intermediate Pair Test.

Novice: 3:30 min. duration. Highest leveled of the pair must have passed Novice Pair Test.

MUSIC INTERPRETATION: Music Interpretation consists of a single program **composed/choreographed entirely by the skater**, demonstrating ability to interpret music by combining moves, turns, footwork, jumps and spins. During warm-up, skaters are not to converse with coaches, parents or friends. There will be one minute without music, followed by four minutes with the selected music played twice. Skaters will finish the warm-up and be led to a locker room, where there will continue to be no communication with coaches, parents or friends. Each skater will hear the music a third time with his/her back to the ice at rink side while the prior competitor is performing. The judges will be marking on the interpretation of the music. Guest judges may judge this event.

Preliminary: 1:30 min. duration. Preliminary Freestyle Test, no higher.

Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile: 1:30 min. duration. Juvenile Freestyle Test, no higher.

Intermediate/Novice: 1:30 min. duration. Novice Freestyle Test, no higher.

Junior/Senior: 1:30 min. duration. Up to Senior Freestyle Test.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2004 Great Oaks Invitational / February 28-29, 2004/Royal Oak, Michigan
(Basic Skills participants – please fill out separate entry form)

Name _____ Age(as of 1/08/04) _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Home Club _____

Highest Test Passed: USFSA Free Skate: _____ No USFSA Test Passed: _____

Name of Pair Partner (if appropriate) _____

Name of Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____

Address of Coach _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mark an "X" in all appropriate events skater will enter.

**Note: All first events (per skater) ----- \$65.00
Each additional event (per skater) -----\$25.00**

	FREE SKATE	COMPULSORY PROGRAM	SHORT PROGRAM
Low Beginner			
High Beginner			
Pre-Preliminary Ltd.		Pre-Preliminary	
Pre-Preliminary			
Preliminary Ltd.		Preliminary	
Preliminary			
Pre-Juvenile			
Juvenile			
Intermediate			
Novice			

PAIRS - FREE SKATE	
Preliminary	
Juvenile	
Intermediate	
Novice	
PARTNER:	

MUSIC INTERPRETATION COMPETITION	
Preliminary	
Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile	
Intermediate/Novice	
Junior/Senior	

SPINS & MOVES COMPULSORY	
Preliminary	
Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile	
Intermediate/Novice	

SHOWCASE	
Group I	
Group II	
Group III	
Group IV	
Group V	

ADULT FREE SKATE	
Bronze	
Silver	
Gold	

SOLO DANCE		
Preliminary	Canasta Tango	
	Rhythm Blues	
	Dutch Waltz	
Pre-Bronze	Fiesta Tango	
	Cha-Cha	
	Swing	
Bronze	Willow Waltz	
	Ten Fox	
	Hickory Hoedown	
Pre-Silver	European Waltz	
	Foxtrot	
	Fourteen Step	
Silver	American Waltz	
	Harris Tango	
	Rocker Foxtrot	

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

CERTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR ADULT COMPETITOR:

The above information is accurate as of January 8, 2004.
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 8, 2004. 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 8, 2004. The competitor is eligible to enter the events as
indicated above.

Signature of Coach **Date**

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Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business size (#10) envelope with your entry form to receive your event schedule.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Print clearly. We wouldn't want to misinterpret the spelling of a skater's name.
- Check with your coach if you are not sure of test levels or events to enter.
- Check with your home club if you are unsure of USFSA number. If you have applied but have not received a number yet, please mark entry form with the word, "Pending".
- All certifications **MUST** be signed above!

BASIC SKILLS ENTRY FORM

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Name _____ Age(as of 1/08/04) _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Basic Skills Facility _____

Highest Basic Skills Level Passed (as of 1/08/04): _____

Name of Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____

Address of Coach _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mark an "X" in the appropriate event the skater will enter.

BASIC SKILLS: COMPULSORY MOVES	
Basic 1	
Basic 2	
Basic 3	
Basic 4	
Basic 5	
Basic 6	
Basic Skills Fees: \$30.00	

Please note: If skater has passed Basic 7 or higher, they cannot compete in Basic Skills Events. If they plan to compete at a higher level (e.g. Low Beginner), please complete the other entry form.

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Title Date

CERTIFICATION OF COACH:

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Signature of Coach Date

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