

2003-2004 Michigan High School Figure Skating Team Competition Series

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Dates & Locations:

See page three for competition dates and locations for each district.

Sanctioning:

Sanctioned by the USFSA; hosted by the Detroit Metro Skating Council. Chief Referee: Laura Maki.

Closing Dates, Fees and Admission:

New teams intending to participate must contact the competition chair by September 30, 2003.

Regular Season Team Competitions

Regular season team entry fees: \$225.00 per Level A Team, \$225.00 per Level B Team, \$105 per Level C Team

Team entry fees must be paid in full by November 15, 2003. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all late entries.

Individual District Competition

\$60.00 for 1st individual event, \$30.00 for 2nd individual event (LIMIT OF TWO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS).

Individual entry fees must be paid in full by December 15, 2003. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all late entries.

State Championship Competition **No charge**

Optional Invitational Competition **See Entry Form for Entry Fees. Entry fees must be paid in full by January 15, 2004.**

Make check or money order payable to Detroit Metro Skating Council. One check or money order is required per team (no cash and no individual skater checks). **A fee of \$20 will be charged for all returned checks.**

Mail entries to: Detroit Metro Skating Council, c/o Michelle Dittmer, 3012 Glenview, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

No admission will be charged during the regular season. Championship - Adults \$3, Students \$2, Children under 5 free.

Test Levels:

Skaters must compete at their registered USFSA or ISI test level or one level higher as of November 15, 2003.

USFSA Freestyle or Moves-in-the-field Test and ISI Test Equivalents

Senior - ISI Freestyle 10	Intermediate - ISI Freestyle 7 & 8	Preliminary - ISI Freestyle 4, 5 & 6
Junior - ISI Freestyle 9 & 10	Juvenile - ISI Freestyle 6, 7 & 8	Pre-Preliminary - ISI Freestyle 3 & 4
Novice - ISI Freestyle 8 & 9	Pre-Juvenile - ISI Freestyle 5, 6 & 7	Beginner - ISI Freestyle 1 or 2

Team Scoring:

Teams will receive points for each event based on the number of teams competing with the first place team receiving the highest number of points and the last place team receiving one point. Points from each event at the three regular season team competitions will be totaled to determine the placement of teams for District awards and advancement to the State Championship. Points for each event will be totaled to determine awards for the State Championship. At the Individual District event and the State Championship, teams will receive points in the same manner based on the placement of skaters in each individual event. Points will be totaled for each team to determine the high point total awards.

Advancing to State Championship:

The top three teams from districts with 7 or more teams and the top two teams from districts with 6 or less teams for Level A and Level B will advance to the State Championship. Level C teams do not advance to the State Championship.

The top two individuals from each event, from each district will advance to the State Championship. For individual events that require more than one flight, there will be a final round to determine the individuals who will advance to the State Championship. *If any of the qualifying teams/individuals from a district withdraws, the next highest ranked team/individual will advance to the championship.*

Awards:

Regular Season Team Events - First, Second and Third place medals will be awarded to the teams with the highest placement for each event for each level. Only skaters who participated in the event receive medals.

District Team Awards – At the conclusion of the final regular season team event, plaques will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place teams from each district for each level based on the accumulated point total from the three regular season events. First, Second and Third place District medals will be awarded to each member of these teams.

Individual District Events - First, Second and Third place District medals will be awarded to individuals with the highest placement for each event for each District. The team with the highest point total for each District will receive a team plaque.

Championship Event – Championship medals will be awarded for each team and individual event the same as the regular season events. Trophies will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place teams for each level based on the accumulated point total from the team events. First Second and Third place Championship medals will be awarded to each member of these teams. Trophies will be awarded to the First place individual for each event and the team with the highest individual point total.

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Rules & Eligibility

1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules as stated in the 2003-2004 USFSA Rulebook CR30.03 under "Special Competitions." This announcement will take precedence if there is a conflict with the USFSA Rulebook.
2. The team must be a U.S.F.S.A. School Affiliated Club (SAC). The SAC application is attached (form to be completed and returned to USFSA). Please submit a copy of the SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership along with your application to competition chair.
3. Each team must have high school administrative or athletic department approval.
4. A team will consist of at least three skaters from one high school.
5. If a team of three cannot be fielded from one high school, high schools may combine as per MHSAA rules. All combined teams must be listed on the team application form.
6. If combined teams are not from the same school district, the following rules apply: An administrator from each school must sign the team entry form. All skaters from the combined schools must be allowed to skate on the team. Combined teams may not have more than one school with three or more skaters. Combined teams not adhering to these guidelines will be disqualified. The competition committee reserves the right to limit the number of schools that may combine to form a team.
7. The competition committee will grant final approval of a team's membership.
8. All skaters who enter must be in at least 9th grade and be enrolled as a student in the high school as per MHSAA rules.
9. All skaters must be registered with the USFSA or ISI in order to qualify for competition entry and provide their membership number on attached forms.
10. Each team member must be a member in good standing with the USFSA or ISI and their local member club.
11. A skater will not be allowed to participate unless they have a signed Skater Entry Form on file with the Registrar.
12. Skaters who change schools mid-season may not continue with the prior school, but may skate on the team for the new school.
13. Males and females will skate on the same team.
14. Team or individual byes will not be granted for any competition including the State Championship as per MHSAA rules. Individual skaters must skate to be eligible for the Championship. If a skater is the only competitor at a given level, the skater must perform an exhibition to advance to the Championship. Except in the case of injury, a skater must have competed in at least one regular season team event in order to be eligible to skate in the team event at the State Championship.
15. The committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries, eliminate events due to insufficient entries, and combine or divide groups as necessary.
16. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the committee. A \$25 late fee will be assessed.
17. If a team does not have a skater capable of performing an element or eligible to perform an event, the team will receive no credit for that element or event.
18. If a team cannot participate at one of the district competitions, that team will receive no points for that competition.
19. Each participating team will need to provide a minimum of two volunteers and a food item for the individual and championship events.

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Team Events

Level A

Spins	Jumps	Moves
<i>Juvenile Freestyle & Above</i>	<i>Juvenile Freestyle & Above</i>	<i>Intermediate Move & Above</i>
1) Solo Sit , Bielman or Camel Spin (minimum 6 revolutions)	1) Solo Double Jump	1) Spiral Sequence – Serpentine or Circular or combination of both (see description in SSR 4.07 E)
2) Layback spin (minimum 6 revolutions)	2) Axel	2) Footwork Sequence – Pattern Free, using full ice surface (includes high level steps)
3) Flying Spin May include 1 change of position (minimum 6 revolutions)	3) Combination Jump – Double/Double or Triple/Double Jump	3) Spiral, Ina Bauer or Spread Eagle
4) Combination Spin – Must include 3 positions and at least 1 change of foot (minimum 5 revolutions per foot)	4) Split Jump sequence (3-4 jumps—positions optional)	4) Back Rocker/Choctaw Sequence (Novice pattern 4)

Level B

Spins	Jumps	Moves
<i>Pre-Juvenile Freestyle & Below</i>	<i>Pre-Juvenile Freestyle & Below</i>	<i>Juvenile Moves & Below</i>
1) Solo Spin (position optional) (minimum 4 revolutions)	1) Solo Single Jump – No Axels	1) Ina Bauer Back Spiral or Spread Eagle
2) Forward Scratch Spin (minimum 4 revolutions)	2) Any ½ Jump	2) Footwork Sequence – Circle or Straight Line (includes 3 turns and Mohawks)
3) Back Spin – position optional (minimum 4 revolutions)	3) Combination Jump – Single / Single Jump	3) Forward Spiral
4) Combination Spin, 1 or 2 positions and 1 change of foot (minimum 3 revolutions per foot)	4) Split or Stag Jump	4) 5-step Mohawk Sequence (PreJuvenile pattern 6)

Level C

(Trial Event)

Must Not have Passed Pre-Preliminary Moves or Pre-Preliminary Freestyle
1) Cross-overs (forward or back, one direction only)
2) Toe-loop Jump
3) ½ Jump
4) 2 Foot Spin
5) Forward Spiral

Team Event Rules

- Depending on the make-up of the team, a team may enter one or more levels. If there are not at least two Level C teams in any one district, no Level C events will be held in that district and skaters will be allowed to move up to Level B.
- Skaters must compete at the appropriate level, or one level higher based on their USFSA or ISI freestyle and moves-in-the-field levels as of November 15, 2003 (ISI level equivalency on page one). *Teams not adhering to the appropriate level restrictions will be disqualified for that event.*
- Skaters may only compete in one level and must remain at the same level for the entire season, including the State Championship, even if the skater tests beyond the level requirements during the season.
- Each team will assign 1 to 4 skaters for Levels A and B to compete the four elements listed above for the Spins, Jumps and Moves events and 1 to 5 skaters for Level C to compete the five elements listed above. **A skater may perform more than one element in each category, but teams are encouraged to remember that this is a team event and every effort should be made to include all team members.** Only one skater per team may warm up each element.
- Teams will be required to submit a Team Event Roster at check-in for each Team Competition. **(Trial Basis)**
- At the start of each competition one of the team events will be randomly drawn and designated as the tiebreaker, to be disclosed and used only in the event of a team tie.
- Each team will be allowed one retry per team per level (A, B, C) at Team Competitions. The second attempt has to be the exact same element as the first attempt by the same skater. The second attempt will count regardless of whether or not it was better than the first attempt. The coach would need to let the skater know in advance whether or not they should retry the element. The skater would signal for a retry immediately by raising their hand. The Referee would raise their hand in return in acknowledgement of the request for a retry. **(Trial Basis)**

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Individual Events

(LIMIT OF TWO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS PER SKATER)

Music:

Cassette tapes or CDs, cued and ready, marked with skater's name, school, level and program length. Tapes or CDs must be turned in at registration. **Bring a back-up tape.**

For individual events that require more than one flight, there will be a final round to determine the individuals who will advance to the State Championship. The level a skater is entered for the Individual District Competition must be the same for the State Championship, if the skater advances, even if the skater tests beyond the level requirements during the season.

FREESTYLE EVENT

Skaters may not skate below their USFSA or ISI test level as of November 15, 2003, but may skate up one level higher (ISI level equivalency on page one). Program times include a range of times to allow skaters that wish to compete one level higher the flexibility to do so without having to use a different program for the High School Competitions.

Long Program	Time	Rules
Pre-Preliminary Limited	1 ½ minutes	Single revolution jumps only. May not contain axels, double jumps or flying spins.
Preliminary Limited	1 ½ minutes	May contain axels. May not contain double jumps or flying spins.
Pre-Juvenile	1 ½ - 2 minutes	
Juvenile	2 – 2 ¼ minutes	
Intermediate	2 - 2 ½ minutes	
Novice	2 ½ - 3 min. Ladies 2 ½-3 ½ min. Men	
Junior	3-3 ½ min. Ladies 3-4 min. Men	
Senior	3 ½-4 min. Ladies 3 ½-4 ½ Men	

Deductions in freeskating programs are according to USFSA rules. (SSR 4.20)

Program requirements not specified above will follow the USFSA rulebook guidelines in SSR 4.00.

SOLO DANCE EVENT

If a skater has passed the first Dance at a level, they must skate at that level or one level higher.

Level	Dance	Rules
Preliminary	Rhythm Blues	3 patterns
Pre-Bronze	Fiesta Tango	3 patterns
Bronze	Willow Waltz	3 patterns
Pre-Silver	Fourteen Step	3 patterns
Silver	Rocker Fox-Trot	3 patterns
Pre-Gold	Blues	3 patterns
Gold	Quickstep	3 patterns

BEGINNER COMPULSORY EVENT

No Music. Program length – max 1:15 min.
Elements may be put together in any order with connecting and stroking steps

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| 1) Toe Loop, Salchow, or loop jump |
| 2) Waltz jump / toe loop combination |
| 3) Forward scratch spin |
| 4) Spiral |

ARTISTIC SHOWCASE EVENT

Programs are to be skated to music and should be designed specifically to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience. Costumes are encouraged. **Only hand-held props may be used.** Test requirements for are the same as the freestyle levels indicated.

Level	Time	Rules
Beginner – Pre-Preliminary	1 ¼ min.	No Axels or double jumps.
Pre- Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile	1 ¼ min.	No Axels or double jumps.
Juvenile - Intermediate	1 ½ min.	No double jumps.
Novice - Senior	1 ½ min.	May include one double jump.

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Events are listed by district. Each high school will be assigned to one of five districts and must participate in the competitions designated for their district only. If possible, teams will be assigned districts closest to their high school location, but first priority will be given to teams hosting competitions. District 4's competition dates are not listed below and will be comprised of teams from the Upper Peninsula.

(Competition times will be sent to the Team Advisor as soon as possible.)

District 1 Team Events		District 3 Team Events	
Event 1	Tuesday, December 2, 2003 Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Troy Sports Center Surface size 85x200	Event 1	Wednesday, December 10, 2003 Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Plymouth Cultural Center Surface size 85x200
Event 2	Tuesday, January 13, 2004 Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm John Lindell Ice Arena, Royal Oak Surface size 85x200	Event 2	Saturday, January 10, 2004 Time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm Arctic Edge - Canton Surface Size 85x200
Event 3	Wednesday, February 4, 2004 Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm Detroit Skating Club, Bloomfield Hills Surface Size 85x200	Event 3	Tuesday, February 24, 2004 Time: 4:30 pm – 7:20 pm Yack Arena, Wyandotte Surface size 85x185
District 2 Team Events		District 5 Team Events	
Event 1	Saturday, December 13, 2003 Time: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Dearborn Ice Skating Center Surface size 85x200	Event 1	Saturday, December 13, 2003 Time: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Dearborn Ice Skating Center Surface size 85x200
Event 2	Sunday, January 11, 2004 Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Midland Civic Arena Surface Size 85x200	Event 2	Sunday, January 11, 2004 Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Midland Civic Arena Surface Size
Event 3	Monday, February 23, 2004 Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Taylor Sportsplex Surface size 85x200	Event 3	Sunday, February 8, 2004 Time: After Edith Schoenrock Comp. McMorran Place, Port Huron Surface size 85x200

Individual District Event
 (Districts 1,2,3 and 5)
 Saturday, January 24, 2004
 Time: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Twin Star Ice Arena, Kalamazoo
 Surface size 100x200 and 85x200

Championship Event
 (Team and Individual)
 Saturday, March 20, 2004
 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 Dearborn Ice Skating Center
 Surface size 85x200

Invitational Team Event
 Sunday, March 14, 2004
 Time: Immediately following Garden City Competition
 Garden City Civic Arena
 Surface size 85x200

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Invitational Team Event

Sunday, March 14, 2004

Time: Immediately following Garden City Competition

Garden City Civic Arena

Surface size 85x200

1. Team entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
2. Special consideration will be given to teams that need five competitions to meet varsity requirements.
3. Teams from outside of Michigan are welcome to participate. Out of state teams must submit a Skater Entry Form for each skater.
4. Unless otherwise noted, the same rules and regulations apply to this event as to the regular season.
5. Skaters may skate at the same level as the regular season, but are not required to as long as they qualify for the level they are entering. Skaters may only skate in one level per event.
6. Teams will be required to submit an Invitational Team Event Roster at check-in.
7. Points will not be counted toward the regular season and will apply to this event only.
8. First, second and third place medals will be awarded to the teams with the highest placement for each event.
9. Jumps/Spins/Moves team events will be the same as the regular season for Levels A and B. Level C elements will be the same as the regular season.
10. New Event! The longest element - timed-only event.

Level A (Juvenile Freestyle and Above)

- Solo spin
- Combination spin (1 chg of foot only)
- Flying spin
- Ina Bauer or Spread Eagle (1 position only).

Level B (Pre-Juvenile Freestyle and Below)

- Solo spin
- Combination spin (1 chg of foot only)
- Back spin
- Forward Spiral (1 position only).

Elements will be skated in groups of up to 8 at a time. Each spinner will have a different timer. Spin timing will start with the first turn. Spirals, Ina Bauers and Spread Eagles timing will start with the position.

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Invitational Team Event

Entry Form

Name of School

Entry Fees:

Level A - Jumps/Spins/Moves (\$75.00)

Level A - Longest Element (\$25.00)

Level B - Jumps/Spins/Moves (\$75.00)

Level B - Longest Element (\$25.00)

Level C - (\$35.00)

TOTAL _____

Payment for Invitational Team Events must be submitted by January 15, 2004. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all late entries.

Tear off and mail completed form and payment to:

Detroit Metro Skating Council, c/o Michelle Dittmer, 3012 Glenview, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

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Instructions to Team Contact/Advisor/Coach

- Complete the application for School-Affiliated Club Membership (SAC) form and have it signed by the school administrator or athletic director. Send the SAC form to USFSA (address on form) along with the \$30.00 registration fee. Teams must submit this form and payment in order to participate (must be submitted every school year). Please submit a copy of the SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership along with your application to competition chair.
- Teams intending to participate must contact the competition chair by September 30, 2003.
- Distribute copies of pages 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, plus copies of the Arena Maps to each individual skater.
- Determine which athlete will perform each element for each event for each level A, B and C, for each team competition. Complete the Team Event Roster for each Team Competition and turn it in at check-in.
- Make sure to allow athletes ample time to practice.
- Complete the Team Entry form for the season and have it signed by the school administrator(s) or athletic director(s). The Team Entry form, Skater Entry forms and Team Roster forms need only to be submitted at the beginning of the season. If a team member is added to the Roster after the start of the season, it will be necessary to submit a Skater Entry form, for that team member along with an updated Team Roster.
- Appropriate entry fees must be submitted for each competition.
- Please note that skaters who test in the middle of the season are only eligible to compete at the level they designate at the beginning of the season. Consider having such skaters skate up a level.
- Work out a schedule to collect money from team members so that all paperwork and money can be submitted on time. It is suggested that the team, figure out a fee for the entire figure skating season and collect money up front or in installments from the athletes.
- Volunteers will be needed to run the competitions. Encourage the athletes to get their parents involved. Volunteers should check the appropriate line on the Skater Entry form, and they will be contacted.
- Please encourage all participants to invite schoolmates, school administrators, athletic directors, teachers, coaches, friends and relatives to the competition. *Encourage team members and fans to wear school colors to the event.* **TEAM BANNERS ARE ENCOURAGED.**

Please contact me with any questions.

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