

# North American Adult Invitational

## February 21 & 22, 2004

Hosted by: Wyandotte Figure Skating Club

Sanctioned By: The United States Figure Skating Association &  
Skate Canada

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility: All competitors must be members in good standing of a club having membership in the USFSA or the Skate Canada or individual members of the USFSA. Skaters may compete in as many disciplines as qualified by test level (or one level above, but not both) and age, but may compete in only one event per discipline (except Solo Dance); competitors may enter both team and solo dance events. Age and test qualifications as of January 2, 2004 (close of entries), will determine classification.

Entries: Entries must be US postmarked no later than January 2, 2004. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee and will require a double entry fee. Events and numbers may be limited at the discretion of the Competition Committee. **No refunds will be granted except if the referee and/or Competition Committee eliminate an event. This includes medical reasons.** The Competition Committee reserves the right to cancel the competition; in such cases refunds will be limited to the entry fees only. Except as stated herein, the competition will be conducted according to the rules of the USFSA as set forth in the 2003-2004 Rulebook. This Announcement will take precedence when there is a conflict with the Rulebook.

Schedule: Please include a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope or e-mail address to receive a tentative schedule of events. The schedule will also be available on the website: <http://ic.net/~burgoyne/wyandot/wyandot.htm>. **Please note that paper copies Will Not be sent unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.** A final schedule will be available at the registration desk, which will be open throughout the competition.

Age categories: The following age categories apply to all events:

Young Adult	18-24 years old
Class I	25-35 years old
Class II	36-45 years old
Class III	46-55 years old
Class IV	56 years old & up

All age categories may be divided or combined depending on the number of registrations and at the discretion of the referee and/or the Competition Committee. Also men and women events may be combined in Solo Dance and Interpretive depending on the number of registrations and at the discretion of the referee and/or the Competition Committee. Young Adults are allowed to enter the Solo Dance events. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age. Copy of birth certificate, passport, driver's license or similar proof of age is considered acceptable, but the Competition Committee reserves the right to require additional documentation.

Music: Music will be played from cassette tapes or compact discs (no cases, please) that must be clearly marked with the skater's name, event, length of music, and side to be played. Cassettes must be rewound and ready to play. Music must be turned in at the Registration Desk and is required to check-in. Music will be available for pickup at the Registration Desk at the conclusion of the event. All competitors must have an extra cassette or compact disc at rink side for backup during their event. The Competition Committee will accept no responsibility for damage to or loss of cassettes or compact discs, but will take every precaution to ensure their safety. Any tapes that are left at the conclusion of the competition become the property of Wyandotte Figure Skating Club or will be mailed back to the skater at the skater's expense. The Competition Committee will supply current dance music for compulsory dances.

Rink: All events will be held at the Benjamin Yack Arena, 246 Sycamore Street, Wyandotte, Michigan. Wyandotte, Michigan is located 20 miles southwest of Detroit, Michigan, with the closest airport being Detroit Metro. The ice surface measures 85' wide by 185' long, with rounded corners and a hockey barrier. Dressing Rooms will be available.

### II. COMPOSITION OF EVENTS

## **Free Skating Events**

*Masters Senior* - A competitor in the Masters Senior event must have passed at least the Junior Free Skating Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, the 6<sup>th</sup> figure test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.19. Masters Senior, Junior, and Novice will be combined into one event should there not be enough entries to warrant splitting the categories. Music not to exceed 3:40.

*Masters Junior* - A competitor in the Masters Junior event must have passed the Standard Novice Free Skating Test and no higher than the Standard Junior Free Skating Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, at least the 4<sup>th</sup> figure test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.18. Masters Senior, Junior, and Novice will be combined into one event should there not be enough entries to warrant splitting the categories. Music not to exceed 3:10.

*Masters Novice* - A competitor in the Masters Novice event must have passed the Standard Intermediate Free Skating Test and no higher than the Standard Novice Free Skating Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> figure test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.17. Masters Senior, Junior, and Novice will be combined into one event should there not be enough entries to warrant splitting the categories. Music not to exceed 2:40.

*Adult Gold* - A competitor in the Adult Gold event must have passed the Adult Gold Free Skating Test and no higher than the Standard Juvenile Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 6 Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, the 2<sup>nd</sup> figure test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.16. Music not to exceed 2:40.

*Adult Silver* – A competitor in the Adult Silver event must have passed the Adult Silver Free Skating Test and no higher than the Adult Silver Free Skating Test, the Standard Juvenile Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 5 Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, the 2<sup>nd</sup> figure test. No double jumps are allowed. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.15. Music not to exceed 2:10.

*Adult Bronze* – A competitor in the Adult Bronze event must have passed the Adult Bronze Free Skating Test and no higher than the Adult Bronze Free Skating Test, the Standard Preliminary Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 4 Test, or prior to October 1, 1977, the Preliminary figure test. No axels and no double jumps are allowed. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 4.14. Music not to exceed 1:40.

*Adult Pre-Bronze* – A competitor in the Adult PreBronze event may have passed no higher than the Adult PreBronze or PrePreliminary Free Skating Test or ISI Freestyle 3. No axels and no double jumps are allowed. Music not to exceed 1:40

*Young Adult Masters* (18-24 years old) – A Competitor in the Young Adult Masters event must have passed at least the Intermediate Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 6 test, or prior to October 1, 1977, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Figure Test. Music not to exceed 3:40.

*Young Adult Gold* (18-24 years old) – A competitor in the Young Adult Gold event must have passed at least the USFSA Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test and/or ISI Freestyle 5 Test and no higher than the Juvenile Free Skating Test or ISI 6 Test. Music not to exceed 2:40.

*Young Adult Silver* (18-24 years) – A competitor in the Young Adult Silver event must have passed the USFSA Preliminary Free Skating Test and/or ISI Freestyle 4 and no higher than the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test or ISI Freestyle 5 Test. Axels are permitted but no double jumps are allowed. Music not to exceed 2:10.

*Young Adult Bronze* (18-24 years) – A competitor in the Young Adult Bronze event must have passed the USFSA PrePreliminary Free Skating Test and/or ISI Freestyle 3 Test and no higher than the Preliminary Free Skating Test or ISI Freestyle 4 Test. No axels or double jumps are allowed. Music not to exceed 1:40.

*Young Adult Pre-Bronze* (18-24 years) – A competitor in the Young Adult Pre-Bronze event must have passed no test higher than the PrePreliminary Free Skating Test or ISI Freestyle 3 Test. No axels or double jumps allowed. No spin combinations or flying spins. Music not to exceed 1:40.

## **Pairs Events**

Adult, Young Adult and Masters Pairs events consist of free skating only. Each pair shall consist of a lady and a man and will be judged with emphasis on unison and musical interpretation.

*Young Adult Pairs (18 – 24 years old)* - Both partners in the Young adult pair event must have passed at least the preliminary pairs test and will be judged with emphasis on unison and musical interpretation. Music not to exceed 2:40

*Adult Pairs* – Both partners in the Adult Pair event must have passed the Juvenile Pair Test, the Adult Bronze Pair Test, or the Adult Silver Free Skating Test. Neither partner may have passed higher than the Adult Gold Pair Test, the Juvenile Pair Test, the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test, or the complete Adult Silver or Silver Dance Test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 6.11. Music not to exceed 2:40.

*Masters Pairs* – One partner in the Masters Pair event must have passed at least the Intermediate Pair Test, the Juvenile Free Skating Test, or the Adult Gold Free Skating Test. The other partner must have passed at least the Juvenile Pair Test, the Adult Silver Free Skating Test, or the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test. Well-balanced program rules apply per SSR 6.12. Music not to exceed 3:10.

## **Interpretive Events**

**Scoring:** Young Adult, Masters, and Adult Interpretive Free Skating shall consist of a variety of skating moves and elements selected for their value in enhancing the skater's interpretation of the music he or she has chosen. Axels and double jumps will not be permitted. Costumes that enhance the performance by appropriately reflecting the character of the music, thereby enhancing the theme, will be considered in the judging. Props on the ice will not be permitted. No "special effects" such as water, fire, pyrotechnics, dry ice or loud noises. Costumes containing particles that may mar or leave anything on the ice is unsafe and not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to feathers, boas, shaving cream, and excessive beading.

Two marks will be given by the judges, the first for Skating Technique and the second for Presentation.

In Marking Skating Technique, these aspects will be considered: the ease, flow, glide, sureness, power and depth of edges; the ability to vary the speed and direction of skating; the variety of expressive and innovative moves; the succession of movement within the program; the utilization of space and ice coverage; and style.

In marking Presentation, these aspects will be considered: the interpretation of the music and rhythm; the skater's musical timing and understanding of phrasing of music; the use of the entire body to develop artistic and musical expression; creativity; variations in tempo, tension, emotion and movements; the suitability of the music to the skater; and the internal motivation of movements and expression projected to the audience.

**Music:** In all Interpretive events, the length of music is not to exceed 1:40 minutes. Vocal music is permitted.

*Masters Interpretive* – A competitor in the Masters Interpretive event must meet the minimum requirements of the Adult Gold Free Skating event, any Masters Free Skating or Pairs event, or passed at least one of the Silver/Adult Silver dances. Music not to exceed 1:40.

*Adult Interpretive* – A competitor in the Adult Interpretive event must meet the requirements for the Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skating event, the Adult Bronze Free Skating event, the Adult Silver Free Skating event, or have passed the complete Pre-Bronze dance test; he or she should have passed no higher than the complete Pre-Silver/Adult Pre-Silver Dance Test. Music not to exceed 1:40.

*Young Adult Interpretive* - shall consist of skaters 18 to 24 years of age who have not yet passed the USFSA Juvenile Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 6 Test, or any of the USFSA Silver Dances. Music not to exceed 1:40.

*Young Adult Masters Interpretive* -shall consist of skaters 18 to 24 years of age who have passed at least the USFSA Juvenile Free Skating Test, the ISI Freestyle 6 Test or any of the USFSA Silver Dances. Music not to exceed 1:40.

## **Dance Events**

Dances will be skated in the order listed. Teams entering a nonqualifying dance event may not enter any other team dance event except championship adult dance. Young Adults are allowed to enter dance events. However, there will not be a separate Young Adult category.

The Skating Order shall remain the same for each dance of the Final Round (Silver and lower).

*Adult Pre-Gold/Gold Original Dance* - "Swing Combo" see CR 108.01 - C. Open to couples who meet the qualifications for the Pre-Gold or Gold Compulsory Dance event. The referee reserves the right not to hold separate Original Dance events for Pre-Gold and couples. Couples are required to list the rhythms chosen and the order in which they will be skated.

*Adult Gold Compulsory Dance* – One partner must have passed at least one Gold/Adult Gold Dance; the other partner must have passed at least one Pre-Gold/Adult Pre-Gold Dance.

Final Round: Starlight Waltz  
Killian

*Adult Pre-Gold Compulsory Dance*– One partner must have passed at least one Pre Gold/Adult Gold Dance; the other partner must have passed at least one Silver/Adult Silver Dance. Neither partner may have completed the Gold/Adult Gold Dance test.

Final Round: American Waltz  
Paso Doble

*Adult Centennial* - Both partners must be fifty (50) years of age or older by the close of entries. Both partners must have passed one pre-silver dance (regular, adult or masters).

Initial Round: Fourteenstep  
Rocker Foxtrot  
Final Round: American Waltz  
Blues

*Adult Silver* – One partner must have passed at least one Silver/Adult Silver Dance; the other partner must have passed one Pre-Silver/Adult Pre-Silver Dance. Neither partner may have passed more than one Pre-Gold/Adult Pre-Gold Dance.

Initial Round: Foxtrot  
Tango  
Final Round: American Waltz  
Blues

*Adult Pre-Silver* - Both partners must have passed at least one pre-silver dance. Neither partner may have passed more than one silver dance.

Initial Round: Willow Waltz  
Foxtrot  
Final Round: Hickory Hoedown  
American Waltz

*Adult Bronze* – One partner must have passed at least one Pre-Silver/Adult Pre-Silver Dance; the other partner must have passed at least one Bronze/Adult Bronze Dance. Neither partner may have passed more than one Silver/Adult Silver Dance.

Initial Round: Cha Cha  
Ten Fox  
Final Round: Hickory Hoedown  
Fourteenstep

*Adult Pre-Bronze* – Both partners must have completed the Pre-Bronze Dance test, but no higher than the Bronze Dance Test.

Initial Round: Dutch Waltz  
Cha Cha  
Final Round: Rhythm Blues  
Swing Dance

### **Solo Dance Events**

Events may be divided by age class at the discretion of the referee or events may be divided by gender at the discretion of the referee depending upon the number of entrants and the similarity or difference of the steps to be performed by each gender in performing the same dance. The decision of the referee shall be final. More than one Solo Dance event may be entered as long as the skater is qualified for such events. Young Adults are allowed to enter Solo Dance events. However, there will not be a separate Young Adult category. All Final Rounds consisting of a single dance.

Gold Solo Dance: Viennese Waltz – 2 patterns

Pre-Gold Solo Dance: Blues – 3 patterns

Silver Solo Dance: Harris Tango – 2 patterns

Pre-Silver Solo Dance: Foxtrot – 3 patterns

Bronze Solo Dance: Willow Waltz – 3 patterns

Pre-Bronze Solo Dance: Fiesta Tango – 3 patterns

Preliminary Solo Dance: Dutch Waltz – 3 patterns

### **III. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION (Entry Fee is U.S. Funds)**

Entries must be postmarked no later than January 2, 2004. Blank entry forms may be copied. Partner entries for pairs and dance events must be mailed together in the same envelope. Entry forms improperly or incompletely filled out will be returned to the competitor and must be properly resubmitted by the January 2, 2004 entry deadline. Entry fees are as follows:

\$65 for first singles, interpretive or solo dance event;

\$30 for second such event

\$30 for each partner of pairs or dance teams

Checks should be made payable to WYANDOTTE FIGURE SKATING CLUB (WFSC). There will be a \$20 service charge assessed for each returned check. No refunds will be granted except if an event is eliminated by the referee and/or Competition Committee. The Competition Committee reserves the right to cancel the competition. In such case refunds will be limited to the entry fees only. All fees must accompany this application.

Mail completed entry to with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

NAAI  
c/o Gail Sombati  
9861 Rosedale  
Allen Park, MI 48101

#### IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission: This event will be open to the public. There will be no fees charged.

Awards: Awards will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in each event.

Registration Desk: The Registration Desk will be located in the lobby and will be open throughout the competition. Competitors must check in at least 1 hour before their event.

Scratches: Please be courteous to your fellow competitors and hosts – if you find you will be unable to compete, please scratch as soon as possible. Contact Gail Sombati at [sombati@wideopenwest.com](mailto:sombati@wideopenwest.com), phone -(313) 388-6168 or Mary Moss at [mossmaryl@msn.com](mailto:mossmaryl@msn.com), phone - (313) 383-6121. Contact by email is preferred. **If phoning, please do not call before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. E.S.T.** Thank you.

Official Bulletin Board: The Official Bulletin Board will be located in the lobby of the rink. This will serve as official notice to competitors and professionals of schedule changes.

Practice Ice: Please see the attached form.

Video Taping: Video taping will be available. Please see videotaping personnel for additional information. Except for official videographers, only battery operated, hand-held cameras will be allowed and taping is not permitted at rink side.

#### Lodging

Holiday Inn Heritage Center  
17201 Northline Road  
Southgate, MI 48195

Phone: 734-283-4400

Please mention **Wyandotte Figure Skating Club** when reserving rooms. Room block will be released January 21, 2004

Other hotels in the area.....

Red Roof Inn  
Baymont Inn & Suites  
21230 Eureka  
Reeck Road

12888

Taylor, MI 48180 Phone: 734-374-1150  
3000

Southgate, MI 48195 Phone; 734-374-

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**

<http://ic.net/~burgoyne/wyandot/wyandot.htm>

**APPLICATION  
NORTH AMERICAN ADULT INVITATIONAL  
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**ENTRIES MUST BE U.S. POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2, 2004  
PLEASE PRINT (BLACK OR BLUE INK) OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA/Skate Canada # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest Tests Passed (as of 1/4/2004 ): Figure \_\_\_\_\_ Dance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Free \_\_\_\_\_ Moves \_\_\_\_\_ Pairs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's Name and USFSA/Skate Canada # \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU ARE ENTERING:**

**FREESKATING:**

**INTERPRETIVE:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Masters Senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masters Junior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masters Novice
- Young Adult Masters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Gold
- Adult
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Pre-Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Masters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult Pre-Bronze

**DANCE:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Original
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Interpretive
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Centennial
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Bronze

**SOLO DANCE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Gold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Silver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary

**PAIRS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Pairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Pairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masters Pairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Young

**AGE CATEGORIES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult 18-24 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ Class I 25-35 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ Class II 36-45 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ Class III 46-55 years

\_\_\_\_\_ Class IV 56 years & over

**CERTIFICATION BY CLUB OFFICER OR TEST CHAIR:**

**I CERTIFY THAT THE SKATER BELOW IS AN ELIGIBLE AMATEUR IN GOOD STANDING AND PROPERLY QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS ENTERED:**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/Club: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCIDENTS WAIVER ( CR15.01 ): The USFSA, Skate Canada, and Wyandotte Figure Skating Club undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation herein, all entrants and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they have against any officials, the USFSA, Skate Canada, Wyandotte Figure Skating Club and its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

**SKATER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION:**

Partner's entries for pair and team dance SHOULD BE MAILED TOGETHER IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. Entry fees (**Only U.S. Funds will be accepted. No foreign Funds will be accepted**) are as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00 for first singles or interpretive
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 for second such event
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 for each partner of pair or dance teams
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO WYANDOTTE FIGURE SKATING CLUB (WFSC)**

**APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application filled out completely
- \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Ice Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check made payable to WYANDOTTE FIGURE SKATING CLUB (WFSC)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or e-mail address** to receive a tentative schedule of events

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