



THE 23RD ANNUAL OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL INVITATIONAL

January 22 – 24, 2004

EVENTS WILL BEGIN THURS. JAN. 22, 2004

Sanctioned By: The United States Figure Skating Association

Sponsored By:

**Blade and Edge Figure Skating Club and
Figure Skating Club of Omaha**

**In Cooperation With
The City of Omaha Parks & Recreation Dept.**

**Location: Motto McLean Ice Arena
(formerly Hitchcock Park Ice Arena)
45th & 'P' Streets
Omaha, NE 68117**



The 23rd Annual Omaha Winter Festival Invitational will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Figure Skating Association, as set forth in the 2004 USFSA rulebook. The competition is open to all eligible USFSA members in accordance with CR 32.01. Skaters from foreign countries who are members in good standing of their respective federations are eligible. Skaters may compete in events according to their test level as of November 21, 2003 or one level higher, unless otherwise stated in this announcement. Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile will be grouped by age. Juvenile and above will be randomly seeded. Club, facility and USFSA liability shall be governed by USFSA rule CR 33.06.

ENTRIES

Entries must be postmarked by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003**. **Late entries (postmarked AFTER November 21, 2003) may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee, as space permits. There will be a \$25 fee added for late entries.** Metered mail is not accepted as proof of postmark. Please do not send mail by any means that requires a signature for delivery as this only serves to slow down receipt of your entry.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENTRY CAREFULLY WITH YOUR COACH BEFORE MAILING. Changes requested after the entry deadline may be made at the discretion of the competition committee, as space permits. A \$15 FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR EVERY CHANGE MADE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE. Changes made after December 19 may not appear in the Winter Festival program.

Each Skater must submit an entry form. For pairs, both entry forms must be submitted together in the same envelope. Checks should be payable to "OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL". Checks will not be deposited until after January 1, 2004. Returned check fee is \$25. The entry form, with proper signatures and fees, should be mailed to:

Omaha Winter Festival/Shawna Meyer 3413 S. 109 th Circle Omaha, NE 68144	Phone: Shawna Meyer (402) 384-8340 Email Winterfest04@yahoo.com or Paula Turpen (402) 397-5520 Email 5turpens@cox.net	Call Shawna for changes, problems, schedule info or general info Call Paula for practice ice or general info
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The general schedule will be available on the Winter Festival page of the Blade and Edge Web Site: www.bladeandedge.org and on the Figure Skating Club of Omaha Web Site: www.fscomaha.org. **To receive individual event and practice ice schedules, you must send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.**

REFUND POLICY: If an event is cancelled a refund will be given. Refund after the closing date will ONLY be given in event of illness documented by physician or by death in the immediate family (competition officials must be notified before skater's event for refund to be given.)

ENTRY FEES

Fee	Explanation
\$70	First Event
\$20	Each additional event
\$50	Applies to skaters entering <u>only</u> Pairs. Those entering any single event must designate that event as their first and pay the \$70.00 entry fee.
\$20	Pairs as additional event
\$110	Synchronized Team, \$110 per team + \$5 per team member (includes one-30 min practice)
\$9	30-minute Official Practice Ice Fee (see Practice Ice section below)
\$12	30-minute Official Practice Ice Fee (Pairs Only)

FACILITIES

Motto McLean Ice Arena (formerly Hitchcock Park Ice Arena), 45th and ‘P’ Streets in Omaha, NE, has an ice surface of 85’ x 200’ with rounded corners. Bleacher seating is available as is limited inside seating in the concession area. Concessions will be available daily. A map showing the rink and motel locations will be sent with Schedule/Practice Ice information.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Desk will be in the Lobby area, open Wednesday, 1/21/04 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and all other days from one hour before competition begins until close of events on that day.

MUSIC

Cassettes or CD (**No CD-RW**) will be used and must be plainly marked with the skater’s name, event and running time. Please make sure all tapes/CDs are recorded at adequate volume. Tapes/CD must be checked in at time of registration. Tapes/CDs will not be returned until the event has been skated. All skaters must supply another tape/CD for use on practice sessions. Once a competition tape/CD is turned in, it cannot be released for use on practice sessions. If a CD is used for competition and is not clean and in a jewel case at registration check-in the CD **will not** be accepted. A back-up tape (must be a tape **not** a CD) should be readily available at all event times.

VIDEO

The official competition photographer will be available for video taping events. Hand-held personal video equipment is permitted in the bleacher area only. *The competition committee restricts personal video taping to your child only.* No other recording will be permitted without committee approval. Video taping of any event for personal profit is not allowed. **NO VIDEO EQUIPMENT MAY BE PLUGGED INTO ARENA OUTLETS.**

PRACTICE ICE

THERE IS NO SEPARATE PRACTICE ICE FORM IN THIS PACKET. One (1 only) Official Practice may be requested on the Entry Form in this packet. Cost is \$9 for 30 minutes (pairs pay \$12 per couple for 30 minutes). Payment must be received before Practice Ice will be scheduled.

Official practice ice will be assigned starting at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Every entrant who orders and pays for the Official Practice will be guaranteed that practice will be scheduled before their Freeskate event (if they do not sign up for Freeskate, then before their first event). **SIGN UP FOR OFFICIAL PRACTICE ON THE ENTRY FORM, INCLUDE THE PROPER AMOUNT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES, AND LET US KNOW YOUR ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL.** Every effort will be made to accommodate your arrival time. No refunds will be made for official practice ice that is not used (except in cases where skater withdraws from the competition.)

If time allows, limited additional practice ice may be available for purchase when you arrive at the competition arena. You may also email or call Paula (numbers on page 1) with your pre-competition request for additional practice ice.

Additional Freeskate practice sessions will be available during Winter Festival week at other Omaha rinks; schedules and maps may be picked up at the Registration Desk at Motto McLean.

Music is guaranteed to be played on the skater's official practice ice provided that the skater checks in with the ice monitor and turns in their tape prior to the beginning of the session. Additional tapes will be played on a first come first serve basis as time permits.

AWARDS

The top three skaters in each division will receive medals. Ribbons will be awarded to fourth, fifth and sixth places. Medal awards and ribbons will be presented off ice at the photographer's desk after each event. A Team trophy will be awarded to the Club earning the most points. Points are awarded as follows: 6 points for 1st Place decreasing to 1 point for 6th Place. Hosting clubs are excluded from team trophies.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The official Winter Festival Hotel is:

Omaha Marriott Hotel
10220 Regency Circle
Omaha, NE 68114
Phone (402) 399-9000
Fax (402) 391-6408

You must mention "Omaha Winter Festival Figure Skating Competition" when making your reservation.

ROOM RATE IS \$69

This includes a Continental box breakfast

A block of rooms will be held until December 31, 2003. After that date, the special room rate cannot be guaranteed.

TEST SESSION

A USFSA test session is tentatively set for Thursday, January 22. Priority will be given to high level local testers AND out-of-town testers at any level. Test requests must be postmarked by December 30, 2003. Return the test request form from this packet and payment (checks payable to "Omaha Winter Festival") to the address below:

Gilbert Larson
9311 Corby Street
Omaha, NE 68134-5723

For more information, contact either of the following persons by December 30, 2003.

Sue Williams (402) 391-5438
OR
Gilbert Larson (402) 391-0946

SWEATSHIRT ORDERS

Crew neck and hooded sweatshirts are available to purchase. Please pre-order using the separate order form. You may enclose orders and include payment with your registration for the competition. A very small amount of sweatshirts in a limited range of sizes **may** be available at the competition.

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Official Practice Ice will be available beginning at 4:30 PM on WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2004. (See "Practice Ice" section on Entry Form.) Official events will begin after the Test Session on THURSDAY, January 22, 2004. The official competition schedule will be posted at the rink and mailed to those participants who have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope with their registration. For more information about the Omaha Winter Festival Invitational visit our

web sites at www.bladeandedge.org or www.fscomaha.org. The web sites will contain important information and the updated schedule.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO (AND PROBABLY WILL) CHANGE,
BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED.**

Official Schedule will be posted on Websites in January, sent to those who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their entry, and posted at Motto McLean Ice Arena during the competition.

It is the skater's responsibility to check the Official Schedule daily at the Ice Arena.

EVENTS WILL DEFINITELY BEGIN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRAVEL ACCORDINGLY

PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT THE RINK 45 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN.

Wednesday, 1/21/04	Official Practice Sessions begin at 4:30 PM	Saturday, 1/24/04	Official Practices precede competition events FS Programs continue
Thursday, 1/22/04	Test session until Noon Artistic Practices Artistic Competition Spins Dance Official Practices follow competition	Sunday, 1/25/04	Basic Skills Practice precedes competition events Basic Skills Competition
Friday, 1/23/04	Official Practices precede competition events Compulsory Programs Short Programs FS Programs start Official Practices follow competition		

Be sure to send a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry form if you wish to receive your event and practice ice schedules.

COMPETITION EVENTS

Competitors may skate up one test level unless otherwise noted. Event eligibility is based on test status as of November 21, 2003. Adult Introductory is open to skaters ages 18-25. Adult skaters must be 26 years of age or older. Freeskate and Short Program will be skated as separate events for Juvenile level and above. **NOTE: Freeskate Levels 1-6 will be skated as Beginner events (see below).** All skaters entering Beginner events **MUST** be current USFSA members (Basic Skills registration is NOT accepted). The event levels, requirements and program times are listed below:

FREESKATE

EVENT	REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS	TIME
Beginner – Low: Levels 1-3*	A well-balanced program with elements from Free Skate 1-3 plus any additional elements from a Basic Skills level up to a toe loop. NO LOOP, FLIP, LUTZ, AXEL, DOUBLE JUMPS OR FLYING SPINS. Program to be skated on full ice with music. Deductions will be made if elements from a higher test level are skated in the programs at the Beginner Levels.	1:00 -1:30
Beginner – High: Levels 4-6*	A well-balanced program with elements from Free Skate 4-6 plus any additional elements from previous Free Skate or Basic Skills levels. NO AXEL, DOUBLE JUMPS OR FLYING SPINS. Program to be skated on full ice with music. Deductions will be made if elements from a higher test level are skated in the programs at the Beginner Levels.	1:00 -1:30
Limited Pre-Preliminary: NO AXEL	Pre-Preliminary freeskate. May contain any ½ revolution jumps, single jumps, combination jumps and spins in any position. LOW: MAY NOT CONTAIN AXELS, DOUBLE JUMPS OR FLYING SPINS	1:30
Pre-Preliminary: AXEL	Pre-Preliminary freeskate. May contain any ½ revolution jumps, single jumps, combination jumps and spins in any position. HIGH: MAY CONTAIN AXEL BUT NO DOUBLE JUMPS OR FLYING SPINS.	1:30
Preliminary	Preliminary freeskate. Axel plus up to 2 different double jumps which can be repeated in combination or sequence. Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.11	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile freeskate. Axel plus up to 4 different double jumps which can be repeated in combination or sequence. Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.10	2:00
Open Pre-Juvenile	Same as Pre-Juvenile freeskate. Competitors who are 13 years of age and who have not reached 18 years of age. Elements are the same as Pre-Juvenile above.	2:00
Juvenile	Juvenile freeskate. Competitors may not have reached the age of 13 years (CR8.21-C). Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.09	2:15
Open Juvenile	Same as Juvenile freeskate. Competitors who are 13 years of age and who have not reached 18 years of age. Elements are the same as Juvenile above.	2:15
Intermediate	Intermediate freeskate. Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.08	2:30
Novice	Novice freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.07	3:00 L 3:30 M
Junior	Junior freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.06	3:30 L 4:00 M
Senior	Senior freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook SSR 4.05	4:00 L 4:30 M
Adult Introductory	Ages 18-25. If entries warrant, events will be divided into Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.	1:40 to 2:40
Adult	26 years or older. If entries warrant events will be divided into Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels.	1:40 to 2:40

*If numbers warrant separate groups will be created for each level.

SHORT PROGRAM

EVENT	ELEMENTS/RESTRICTIONS	TIME
Juvenile	No age requirement. Elements are the same as Intermediate Short Program (below)	2:00
Intermediate	2004 USFSA Rule Book SSR 3.08 (men) and SSR 3.09 (ladies)	2:00
Novice	2004 USFSA Rule Book SSR 3.06 group (i) (men) and SSR 3.07 group (i) (ladies). Double Flip preceded by connecting steps	2:15
Junior	2004 USFSA Rule Book SSR 3.04 group B (men) and SSR 3.05 group B (ladies). Double or Triple Flip preceded by connecting steps	2:40
Senior	2004 USFSA Rule Book SSR 3.02 (men) and SSR 3.03 (ladies)	2:40

COMPULSORY MOVES

Qualifications are the same as freeskating. A skater may enter either Juvenile Compulsory Moves or Juvenile Short Program, but not both. There is no age requirement for Juvenile Compulsory Moves. Elements must be executed without music and with no stops between moves. Double jumps may not be substituted for single jumps. An axel is considered a single jump. For jump combinations, no change of foot or turn is allowed between the two jumps. **NOTE: Freeskate Levels 1-6 Compulsories will be skated as Beginner events (see below).** The times listed are maximums and less time may be used. Beginner through Pre-Juvenile will compete on half ice. Additional elements will not be judged.

EVENT	ELEMENTS	TIME
Low Beginner Freeskate 1-3	1. Waltz jump from backward crossovers 2. Half flip 3. Forward upright spin (optional free leg position) 4. Forward Spiral	1:00
High Beginner Freeskate 4-6	1. Salchow/toe loop 2. FI spiral 3. Loop 4. Forward upright spin to back upright spin	1:00
Pre-Preliminary	1. Sit spin (3 revolutions) 2. Flip jump 3. Waltz jump/loop combination 4. Forward inside spiral	1:00
Preliminary	1. Single jump of choice (axel permitted) 2. Combination jump of any 2 single jumps (may not repeat single jump above) 3. Camel spin (min. 3 rev.) 4. Forward outside spiral	1:00
Pre-Juvenile	1. Camel spin (4 revolutions) 2. Lutz jump 3. Combination jump–axel-loop or axel-toe loop 4. Combination spin, one change of position, no change of foot 5. Footwork sequence – straight line or diagonal	1:15
Juvenile	1. Ladies – Layback spin. Men - Crossfoot spin (min 4 revolutions) 2. Combination spin with one change of foot, one change of position (4 revolutions each foot) 3. Combination jump (single loop with any other single or double jump, any order) 4. Axel 5. Spiral step sequence containing forward and backward spirals and utilizing full length of ice (at least one spiral on each foot)	1:30

PAIRS FREESKATE

The pairs freeskate will be held according to section SSR 6.00 in the 2004 USFSA Rulebook. If sufficient interest is shown in having a Pairs Short Program event, section SSR 5.00 in the 2004 USFSA Rulebook will apply. Interested pairs teams should contact the Winter Festival Committee by November 21, 2003 to indicate their interest in competing in a Short Program event.

EVENT	TEST REQUIREMENT	TIME
Preliminary	Passed Preliminary Pairs Test	1:30
Pre Juvenile	Passed Preliminary Pairs Test and PJMIF. Both partners age 13 or under.	1:30
Juvenile	Passed Juvenile Pairs Test	2:15
Intermediate	Passed Intermediate Pairs Test	3:00
Novice	Passed Novice Pairs Test	3:30
Junior	Passed Junior Pairs Test	4:00
Senior	Passed Senior Pair Test	4:30

SPINS EVENTS

Entrants qualify according to freeskate level and may skate up one level, but may not skate down. Spins may be joined with minimal connecting moves. The connecting moves will not be judged. There will be a 1-1/2 minute time limit. All levels will be skated on 1/2 ice. No music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be skated in any order. **Spins are 4 revolutions unless otherwise stated** and may not be repeated.

EVENT	PATTERN
Pre-Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One foot spin, optional free leg (3 rev) 2. One foot back upright 3. Sit spin
Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One foot forward scratch spin 2. Sit spin 3. Camel spin
Pre-Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camel spin 2. Combination spin: Camel spin to sit spin, no change of foot (min. 6 total revolutions); 3. Front scratch to back scratch – exit on spinning foot (min. of 4 revolutions on each foot).
Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward sit spin (min. 4 revolutions in position) 2. Combination spin with one change of foot (min. 4 revolutions each foot; change of position is optional) 3. Ladies – Layback or attitude spin. Men – Forward Camel spin (min. 4 revolutions in position).
Intermediate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin to change foot sit spin (4 revolutions on each foot in position) 2. Flying Camel spin 3. Spin Combination consisting of one change of foot and one change of position (min. 4 revolutions on each foot).
Novice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying Camel spin (min. 5 revolutions in position) 2. Spin Combination consisting of one change of foot and one change of position (min. 5 revolutions on each foot) 3. Ladies – Layback spin. Men – Crossfoot spin (min. 6 revolutions in position).
Junior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying sit spin (min. 6 revolutions in position) 2. Spin Combination consisting of three positions and one change of foot (min. 5 revolutions on each foot) 3. Ladies – Layback. Men – Crossfoot spin (min. 6 revolutions in position).
Senior	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying Sit Spin or Flying Reverse Sit spin (min. 6 revolutions in position) 2. Spin combination consisting of three positions and at least one change of foot (min. 10 total revolutions). 3. Ladies – Layback spin. Men – Crossfoot spin (min. 6 revolutions in position).
Adult	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin 2. scratch spin 3. back scratch spin (min. 4 revolutions).

ARTISTIC

Qualifications are the same as freeskating. Skaters will select their own music and must interpret the theme and tempo of the music. Artistic expression and musical interpretation are the major elements being judged. Appropriate costumes are encouraged but not required. Props may be used if they can be placed and removed by the skater in 30 seconds, and do not

present a danger to the skater. All props must be inanimate objects. **The Beginner groups have been separated into “Low” and “High” designations AND Novice, Junior and Senior have been combined into one event.** If there are a large number of Novice, Junior and/or Senior entrants in the Artistic event, this group may be split by level (time limits will be the same for all three levels). All other events may be combined based on total number of entries received.

EVENT	TIME
Low Beginner (Freeskate Levels 1-3)	1:00-1:30
High Beginner (Freeskate Levels 4-6)	1:30
Pre Preliminary (No Axels allowed)	1:30
Preliminary	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	1:30
Juvenile	1:30-2:00
Intermediate	2:00
Novice – Junior – Senior	2:00-2:30
Adult	1:30 to 2:30

SOLO DANCE

Requirements for Solo Dance are set forth in the 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook. Skaters may skate up as high as they wish, but may NOT skate down. Please list dances you wish to participate in on the enclosed entry form. Each dance is a separate event. Ladies and men will be grouped together for the Solo Dance events. If there are enough adult entrants (over age 18) registered for Solo Dance, a separate group, consisting of both ladies and men, will be created for adults only. The Open Dance event may be entered by anyone of any age or test level (skaters who have tested above the level of the Open Dances may skate down for this event only).

SOLO DANCE

EVENT

Dutch Waltz
 Rhythm Blues
 Cha Cha
 Fiesta Tango
 Hickory Hoedown
 Fourteen Step
 Tango
 Paso Doble
 Viennese Waltz
 Silver Samba
 Open Dance – Fourteen Step

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Has not passed more than one Pre-Bronze Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Pre-Bronze Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Bronze Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Bronze Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Pre-Silver Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Silver Dance.
 Has not passed more than one Pre-Gold Dance.
 No restrictions.
 No restrictions.
 No restrictions.
 Open to anyone – no age or test requirement.

SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS

Competitions will be held in the Preliminary, Junior, Youth Introductory, Teen Introductory and Adult Introductory categories where two (2) or more teams are entered. Eligibility requirements are as stated in the CR 47:00, 2004 USFSA Official Rule Book.

EVENT	TEAM REQUIREMENTS
Preliminary	2004 USFSA Rule Book CR 48.03A
Junior Classic	2004 USFSA Rule Book CR 48.03B
Youth Introductory	2004 USFSA Rule Book CR 48.03C
Teen Introductory	2004 USFSA Rule Book CR 48.03D
Adult Introductory	2004 USFSA Rule Book CR 48.03F

ENTRY FORM – OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL INVITATIONAL – 2004

NAME _____ USFSA # _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

BIRTH DATE _____ AGE ____ GENDER ____ COACH'S NAME(s) _____

HOME CLUB _____

HIGHEST USFSA TEST PASSED: FREESKATE _____ DANCE _____ PAIR _____

PAIR PARTNER'S NAME & USFSA

Mark the events you wish to enter. Remember that changes may only be made if time allows and a \$15 charge will apply for each change made. Your coach should review any events for which you sign up.

FREESKATE	COMPULSORY	ARTISTIC	SPINS	SOLO DANCE
Low Beginner	Low Beginner	Low Beginner	Pre-Preliminary	Dutch Waltz
High Beginner	High Beginner	High Beginner	Preliminary	Rhythm Blues
Limited Pre	Pre-Preliminary	Pre Prelim.	Pre-Juvenile	Cha Cha
Prelim.	Preliminary	Preliminary	Juvenile	Fiesta Tango
Pre Prelim.	Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile	Intermediate	Hickory Hoedown
Preliminary	Juvenile*	Juvenile	Novice	Fourteen Step
Pre-Juvenile		Intermediate	Junior	Tango
Open Pre-Juvenile	SHORT PROGRAM	Novice/Jr/Sr	Senior	Paso Doble
Juvenile		Adult	Adult	Viennese Waltz
Open Juvenile	Juvenile*			Silver Samba
Intermediate	Intermediate			Open Dance
Novice	Novice			
Junior	Junior			
Senior	Senior			
Adult	Pairs **			
Level ? _____				

PAIRS FREESKATE

Preliminary
Pre-Juvenile
Juvenile
Intermediate
Novice
Junior
Senior

*Juvenile Level may enter EITHER Compulsory OR Short Program, but not both.

** Pairs Short Program will only be offered if there is enough interest. Please call if interested.

ENTRY FEES

CATEGORY	RATE	# OF EVENTS	TOTAL
First Event	\$70		
Each Addl Event	\$20		
Pairs (as first event)	\$50		
Pairs (as addl event)	\$20		
Official Practice***	\$9 (\$12 pairs)		
		GRAND TOTAL =	

*** You may only sign up for one (1) Official Practice (only one pairs partner needs to sign up for the official practice)

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 21, 2003.**

Metered Mail is not accepted. CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO: OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL

Mail Entry and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Omaha Winter Festival/Shawna Meyer
3413 S. 109th Cir.
Omaha NE 68144

Due to time constraints, the referee and/or competition committee reserves the right to limit entries and/or events of the competition. Refund will be given if event is cancelled.

If you wish to receive your Event and Practice Ice schedules in the mail, you must enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. If you fail to do so, you will not receive these schedules in advance.

The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees to hold harmless the USFSA, Host clubs and Motto McLean Ice Arena from any and all loss, damage and/or injury that may be sustained in any manner while participating in any activities of said competition, (in accordance with 2004 rule book CR 33.06)

ENTRANT _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

WHEN WILL YOU ARRIVE? Date _____ Approximate Time _____

Club Certification: To the best of my knowledge, the above is true and correct. The competitor is a member in good standing of my club. **Skaters entering Beginner level events must be current "regular" members of the USFSA**

CLUB OFFICER: _____ TITLE: _____

***Professionals:** Do NOT sign this form before you check the events being requested. Changes will only be made if time and space permits. Entrants will be charged \$15 per change made. Coaches are responsible for making sure skaters are signed up for the proper events and levels BEFORE form is signed!*

PROFESSIONAL: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Office Use Only
Date Rcvd _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____
Needs: _____

ENTRY FORM OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS – 2004

***THIS FORM SHOULD BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED BY THE COACH
PLEASE INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW***

TEAM NAME _____

CLUB NAME _____

COACH'S NAME _____ COACH'S USFSA # _____

COACH'S ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LEVEL ENTERED:

PRELIMINARY ____ JUNIOR ____ YOUTH INTRODUCTORY ____ TEEN INTRODUCTORY ____

	SKATER'S NAME	USFSA #	DOB	A G E	SKATER'S ADDRESS	SKATER'S PHONE
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IF MORE THAN 16 MEMBERS ON TEAM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET

SYNCHRONIZED TEAM ENTRY FEES

TEAM ENTRY FEE	REGULAR FEE
	\$110.00
Number of members _____ X \$5.00=	
TOTAL ENTRY FEE =	

REGULAR FEE INCLUDES ONE (1) 30-MINUTE PRACTICE.

**Absolutely no registrations will be accepted if postmarked later than November 21, 2003.
Metered Mail is not accepted. Please do not send mail that requires a signature for acceptance.**

Mail to: Omaha Winter Festival/Shawna Meyer
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Omaha, NE 68144

DEADLINE: November 21, 2003. Checks will not be deposited until after Jan 1, 2004. **Please make checks payable to: OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL.** Returned check fee is \$25.

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The Skaters and the Point of Contact will be notified, by mail, of event and practice ice schedules as soon as they are available.

PLEASE ENCLOSE SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR NOTIFICATION BY MAIL.

The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees to hold harmless the USFSA, Host Clubs and the Motto McLean Ice Arena from any and all loss, damage and/or injury that may be sustained in any manner while participating in any activities of said competition (in accordance with USFSA Rule Book CR 33.06). All skaters listed as members of this team are, to the best of my knowledge, amateurs and eligible to compete under USFSA rules.

CLUB OFFICER: _____ TITLE _____

PROFESSIONAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FUTURE CHAMPIONS SERIES SUMMARY SHEET

This competition is part of the 2004 Future Champions Series (FCS), a new and exciting program sponsored by the USFSA and the Association's Program Development Committee (PDC). The following is a brief summary of the FCS. A full description of the 2004 program including points and factoring can be found at <http://www.usfsa.org/about/forms/programdev/FCSProgramSpecificsand2004.pdf>

- **What events are in the FCS?** At all FCS designated competitions (such as this one) juvenile (not open), intermediate and novice freeskating, dance (not solo), and pairs (not similar) events are part of this series and will count towards the earning of FCS points. Short program events are not included in the FCS, and if there is a final round, it is not included. That doesn't mean you shouldn't enter such events – it just means that your placement in SP, final rounds, solo dance or similar pairs will not earn you FCS points.
- **How do I enter the FCS?** By skating in this competition in eligible events you are automatically enrolled in the FCS. You don't need to do anything else. To have your points calculated at the end of the year, however, you must enter at least 3 FCS competitions (in the same event). These competitions can be in any part of the country, although when we tally your points you will be compared to other skaters from the section where your home club resides. Again, a full explanation on this can be found in the FCS program summary noted above.
- **How do I know if I'm eligible to be part of the series?** First, FCS participation and your ability to skate in this (or any other competition) are two separate things. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements for this competition, and for the events you want to enter, you are eligible to skate in this competition. In most cases, if you skate in an FCS eligible event, you will receive FCS points. There are only a three scenarios where skaters are not eligible to receive FCS points: 1) skaters who medalled at Junior Nationals and skate in the same event in a subsequent FCS competition won't get FCS points for that event, 2) any skater who has competed in the novice division at the US Nationals (regardless of placement) and who skates in the same division at an FCS event won't receive FCS points, and 3) any skater who has competed in a North American Challenge Series competition will not be eligible for FCS points in that discipline. Note that for pairs and dance, points are awarded to couples not individuals, so if the couple that otherwise would not be eligible to receive FCS points dissolves and each skater finds a new partner, then the new teams can receive points.
- **What do I have to pay to enter the FCS?** Nothing outside of the registration fee for the FCS designated competition itself.
- **Who will keep track of my points?** A National level accountant selected by the PDC will tally all points for all FCS competitions.
- **How are my FCS points determined?** Points are awarded based on your placement. The points are also factored based on the number of entrants in the events. For a full description of the point system see the program summary noted above. At the end of the 2004 season, we will take your best three point totals (based on place and group size) to calculate your final FCS point total.
- **Is there a prize?** Yes! At the end of the season, all skaters who have participated in at least three FCS competitions in the same discipline will receive a certificate of participation in the series. Also, in each section, the skaters with the top four point totals in each discipline will get a special FCS medal and their names will be listed in *Skating*. In the event that more than one skater has the same point total, each skater will receive a medal. In addition, unlike in competitive events where a tie results in the next place being skipped, this will not be done in the FCS. For example, if at the end of the 2004 season, the point tally for juvenile girls in the East shows two skaters tied for first, three for second, only one in third, and four in fourth, then all ten skaters will get medals.
- **If I have questions about the program whom do I ask?** Lynn Goldman is the National Vice Chair for the FCS. She can be reached via e-mail at lgoldman1@austin.rr.com. You can also contact Ron Dei Cas, MD, Chair of the Program Development Committee at skatjudg@aol.com. Please note "Future Champions Series" in the subject line.
- **What other competitions are part of the 2004 FCS?** The following is a list of 2004 FCS competitions by section:

2004 Future Champions Series Competitions

Pacific Coast

Central Pacific Region

Timpanogos Classic
Red, White and Blue Ice
Silicon Valley Open
Skate San Francisco

Timpanogos FSC
Vaca Valley FSC
Peninsula SC
SC of San Francisco

Southwest Pacific Region

La Jolla Open

La Jolla FSC

Orange County Open

Los Angeles Open
Cactus Classic
Golden West Championships

Orange County FSC

Los Angeles FSC
Coyotes SC of Arizona
All Year FSC

Northwest Pacific Region

Jackson Hole Invitational
Sourdough Competition
May Blades
Top of the World Skate
Sun Valley Summer Comp

Jackson Hole FSC
Fairbanks FSC
Lakewood Winter Club
Alaska Association of Figure Skaters
Sun Valley FSC

Midwesterns

Eastern Great Lakes Region

Springtime Spectacular
Grand Rapids Open
Troy Summer Competition
Skate Detroit
Indy Challenge Dance/Pair Comp
Albert Viviani Memorial Comp

Fort Wayne ISC
Greater Grand Rapids FSC
Troy SC
Detroit SC
Indiana World Skating Academy
Wyandotte FSC

Southwestern Region

Winterfest
Heart of America
Skate Houston
Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open
Broadmoor Open
Autumn Classic

Blade & Edge and FSC of Omaha
Silver Blades FSC of Greater Kansas City
Texas Gulf Coast FSC
Austin FSC
Broadmoor SC
Colorado SC

Upper Great Lakes Region

Eastern Iowa Invitational
Ladybug
Roseville Open
Quad Cities FS Championships
Greater Chicagoland Fall Invit.

Eastern Iowa FSC
Glenwood FSC
Roseville FSC
FSC of Quad Cities
Wagon Wheel FSC

Easterns

North Atlantic Region

Genesee Invitational
Morris Open
Skate Hickory
Lake Placid Dance Competition
Rochester Fall Skate

Genesee FSC
SC of Morris
Hickory Hill FSC
SC of Lake Placid
Rochester SC

New England Region

The Darian Open
The North Shore Open
Charter Oak Open
Boston Open

SC of Southern Connecticut
North Shore SC
Charter Oak SC
SC of Boston

South Atlantic Region

Central Carolina Skating Classic
Florida Open Championships
Mt. Lebanon Invitational
Skate Wilmington
Nancy Archie-Meyer Memorial

Central Carolina SC
Central Florida FSC
SC Mt. Lebanon
SC of Wilmington
Southwest Florida FSC

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