U. S. Figure Skating

2004 PACIFIC COAST ADULT SECTIONAL QUALIFYING & NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENTRY FORM PACKAGE



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2004 U.S. ADULT FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information for the 2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships will be given to qualified skaters at their respective Adult Sectional Championships

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GENERAL INFORMATION

RULES (all rule numbers used in this document and on the appended forms and tables are from the 2004 Rulebook)

The adult sectional qualifying competitions are sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2004 edition of the official USFSA Rulebook and this announcement. If a conflict exists between this Announcement and the USFSA Rulebook, this Announcement will take precedent. In addition, Special Olympics Events will be offered.

The Host Club(s) and/or Interclub Association, the Organizing Committee, U. S. Figure Skating, and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (see CR 10.12).

WELL BALANCED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Recently passed rules which define the well-balanced free skating program for adult singles and adult pairs will be in effect. Those specific requirements can be found in the 2004 Rulebook in SSR 4.14 through 4.19 (pages 132-134) for singles and SSR 6.11 and 6.12 (page 144) for pairs.

ENTRIES

Entries for the 2004 Adult Qualifying Competition season will close at midnight, **January 15, 2004**. **Test** requirements must be met by **January 15, 2004**. Skaters may only enter at their test level. **Age** requirements are as of **January 15, 2004**. One entry form may be used for all qualifying events entered.

Online Electronic Entries –You may enter a qualifying competition by means of a link from the USFSA website www.usfsa.org and click on MEMBERS ONLY. U.S. Figure Skating is encouraging the use of the online entry system. The deadline for entry and the age and tests deadlines below apply. For the purpose of online entry, the time zone of your Home Club will determine the entry deadline of midnight, January 15. A password is necessary to use the MEMBERS ONLY site. If you do not already have your password, click on MEMBERS ONLY from the U.S. Figure Skating Home Page and find the link "Request Password". Follow the online instructions for obtaining your password. It can take up to two business days to get your password – so plan ahead! Online entries will be "turned on" on November 3.

Paper Entries - In accordance with CR 10.01 and CR 105.01, any entry **not** postmarked on or before the deadline date and in the prescribed manner will **not** be accepted and the skater will **not** be permitted to compete.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR ENTRY FORMS

Qualifying (Championship) Events:

U.S. Figure Skating 2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships 20 First Street Colorado Springs, CO 80906

All other events:

PCAS 2004 c/o Lexi Foy – Registrar 34266 Rosewood Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90066

THE ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR ENTRY IS BASED ON THE POSTMARK. PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE AS LISTED BELOW.

- A postage meter will NOT be considered acceptable proof of mailing date. A faxed entry is NOT acceptable.
- Entry forms may be submitted by any method that provides evidence that the entry was submitted on or before the January 15 deadline, i.e., U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx and the like.
- 3. If using the Postal Service, mail the entry from a post office desk. Ask for a receipt, which will show the date, post office and amount of postage. Keep your proof of mailing. **DO NOT put it** <u>in a mailbox.</u> Confirm that the mark is correct and legible. You are responsible for the postmark. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
- 4. Electronic (online) entry deadlines will be calculated based on the location of your Home Club and the U.S. Figure Skating server will refuse access once the deadline has passed.
- 5. Electronic entries will be acknowledged at the time of entry.
- 6. Entry fees are refundable only if the competition is not held, or if withdrawal of an entry is made before the close of entries, or because of a death in the competitor's immediate family. Refunds are not made for medical reasons.

BYES

There will be no byes to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships

CITIZENSHIP

For ALL QUALIFYING EVENTS at an Adult Sectional Championships and for ALL EVENTS at the U.S. Adult Championships, the requirements of CR 8.80 will be strictly enforced.

CR 8.80 NON-U.S. CITIZENS

CR 8.81 Non-U.S. citizen Eighteen (18) Years or Older;

- A. In order to be eligible to compete at a national, sectional or regional championship, a non-U.S. citizen eighteen (18) years or older shall make application to the chair of the Competitions Committee by submitting a Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete.
- B. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted in English no later than June 30 of the year in which the applicant wishes to compete, and shall include the following:
 - 1. Proof that the applicant has reached the age of eighteen as of the deadline for entries for the regional championships as provided in CR 10.01.
 - A copy of the applicant's valid traveling passport issued by the authorities of the skater's country of citizenship establishing that the applicant has resided in the United States for one (1) year prior to the date of application. (Hereinafter the "One Year Residency Requirement"):
 - 3. Competitive record of the applicant in its entirety:
 - 4. Proof that applicant has initiated the process of filing an application with the proper authorities of the United States government to become wither a lawful permanent resident or a full citizen of the United States. A copy of the filing application along with the filing date must accompany the application;
 - a. The term "citizen" means a status of full citizen without qualification or restriction, and must be equal in status to a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States:
 - b. The term "resident" means one who has established residency. To establish residency, a person must be physically present in a place for a minimum of one (1) year with an intention to remain for an indefinite period of time. There should be no temporary character to residency, such as student, visitor, tourist, etc. The United States government may grant permanent residence status pending admission to citizenship;
 - 5. Is a current member of the USFSA;

- 6. The chair of the Competitions committee may request additional documentation:
- An application shall not be considered complete until the chair of the Competitions Committee has received all required or subsequently requested documentation.
- C. In order to qualify for the level of competition, the applicant must have passed the necessary skating tests before the deadline established in CR 10.01. The chair of the Competitions Committee will determine what tests are to be taken, and may elect to waive all or part of this requirement.
- D. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed application, the chair of the Competitions Committee, along with the appropriate sectional vice chair of the Competitions Committee and the appropriate sectional vice president in which the applicant resides, shall rule by majority vote.
- E. Once an applicant has been approved to compete, they do not need to reapply for permission to compete in future competitions.

CR 8.82 [Section omitted – does not apply] CR 8.83 [Section omitted – does not apply]

- **CR 8.84** Any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact on the application, the entry form or on any documents provided shall subject the applicant to discipline as specified in the USFSA Rulebook. For purposes of this rule, a material fact is a fact which, if it were properly disclosed, would result in an application being denied and an entry rejected.
- CR 8.85 In the case of pair and ice dance couples, one partner of the couple shall be a citizen of the United States. All other requirements of CR 8.80 shall apply to the non-U.S. partner. Notwithstanding the provisions of CR 8.87 a pair or ice dance couple may represent the United States in international if the non-citizen partner has never represented a foreign country in an international or world competition. In addition, the non-citizen partner must be in full compliance with all applicable ISU rules pertaining to applicant's participation in any international or world competition.

ELIGIBILITY

The provisions of CR 103.01, ER 1.02 and 1.05 for qualifying events will be enforced. The provisions of CR 32.01 for non-qualifying events will be enforced.

ENTRY FEES

Every skater entering the Adult Sectionals must submit an entry fee. The entry fees are as follows:

For Qualifying Events:

- \$120.00 Championship Singles Events**
- \$120.00 Per Team Championship Dance**

For Non-Qualifying Events:

- \$ 90.00 1st non-qualifying event (Per team if pair or dance)
- \$ 60.00 each subsequent non-qualifying event (Per team if pair or dance)

PAYMENT:

For Qualifying (Championship) events, checks should be made payable to U.S. Figure Skating.

For non qualifying events checks should be made payable to: All Year FSC (AYFSC)

Persons using checks without sufficient funds will be charged an additional \$25.00 fee per check and all further payments must be made by money order. Skaters will not be allowed to practice or compete until all such debts are satisfied.

FOUR OR FEWER ENTRIES

This rule will not apply to Adult Qualifying events. All skaters must compete at the Adult Sectional Championships in order to qualify to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

AGE CATEGORIES

Per CR 104.00, the Chief Referee reserves the right to combine or divide age categories based on the number of entries. Proof of age will be required at check-in.

PRACTICE ICE

Please refer to the Announcement for practice ice information. All practice ice requests should be mailed directly to the respective Local Organizing Committee.

COACHES

All coaches requesting credentials at an adult sectional championship must be a current registered member of U.S. Figure Skating.

MUSIC

Only cassette tapes (no cases, please) or CDs (standard Compact Disk format only) will be accepted. Cassettes must be clearly marked with name, event entered, length of music and side to be played. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length. Each disc must have only ONE track on it. Any disc with more than one track will not be accepted! Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed 3 seconds. Each CD must be in a standard hard sided "jewel case" also labeled with the skater's name and event. Jewel cases and CD's that are not properly identified will NOT be accepted.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs. These are also requirements for CDs at ISU level competitions.

Competition music must be turned in at the Registration Desk at the time of registration and will be available for pick up at the Registration Desk at the conclusion of the event. All music must be picked up at the completion of each event. Tapes or CDs will not be mailed back to competitors.

All competitors must have an additional copy (cassette or CD) available for practice sessions. Competitors must also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event. The Organizing Committee will accept no responsibility for damage or loss of cassettes or CDs but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

The USFSA will supply current dance music for compulsory dances.

THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE U.S. ADULT FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top four finishers in each qualifying event at an adult sectional championships will qualify to compete at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. There is no fill-up rule in effect for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

An official announcement will be given to those who qualify to advance from the adult sectional championships to the U.S. Adult Championships. **ALL** appropriate <u>forms for the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships</u> must be completed and sent to USFSA Headquarters within 48 hours of the completion of your adult sectional championships.

2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
U.S. Figure Skating
20 First Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

All information required to be sent to the <u>U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Local Organizing Committee</u> (photos, practice ice requests, etc.) must be sent no later than the TUESDAY FOLLOWING YOUR ADULT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Any information postmarked after the Tuesday following your sectional championship will be accepted ONLY at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. Information should be mailed to:

U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
Jennifer Hayes
Olympic Center Arena
Main Street
Lake Placid, NY 12946
Hayes@orda.org
518-523-1655, ext. 223

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for the Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships

If you have any questions, please contact:

Lexi Foy
Sectional Competition Registrar
(310) 710 - 4527
LexiSk8@aol.com

Doug Williams
Sectional Chief Referee
(323) 654 - 4596
Dwilliams@allyearfsc.com

Bill Nelson
Sectional Vice Chair For Competitions
(650) 574 – 2204
NelsonW@pacbell.net

2003-2004 Competitive Season Qualifying Competition Requisites

NOTE: all rule numbers used in this chart and in the entry package and forms are from the 2004 rulebook. See the 2004 Rulebook for further details.

QUALIFYING FREE SKATING EVENTS

LEVEL	Test Requirements as of 1/15/04 Age as of 1/15/04 Must be 25 years of age or older	Free Skate	Time
Championship Masters Men Free Skating	At least the Standard Intermediate Free Skating Test, or prior to Oct 1, 1977, the 3 rd Figure Test	SSR 4.00	Not to exceed 3:40
Championship Masters Ladies Free Skating	At least the Standard Intermediate Free Skating Test, or prior to Oct 1, 1977, the 3 rd Figure Test	SSR 4.00	Not to exceed 3:40
Championship Adult Gold Men Free Skating	Must have passed the Adult Gold Free Skating Test and no higher than the Standard Juvenile Free Skating Test or the ISI Freestyle 6 or prior to Oct 1, 1977, the 2 nd Figure Test	SSR 4.00	Not to exceed 2:40
Championship Adult Gold Ladies Free Skating	Must have passed the Adult Gold Free Skating Test and no higher than the Standard Juvenile Free Skating Test or the ISI Freestyle 6 or prior to Oct 1, 1977, the 2 nd Figure Test	SSR 4.00	Not to exceed 2:40

QUALIFYING DANCE EVENT

LEVEL	Test Requirements as of 1/15/04 Age as of 1/15/04 Must be 25 years of age or older	Compulsory Dance-CD	Original Dance-OD
Championship Adult Dance	One partner must have passed at least one Pre-Gold Dance; the other partner must have passed at least one Silver Dance (standard or Adult)	CR 108.01 (C) Paso Doble Starlight Waltz	CR 108.01 (C) Duration is 2:15 maximum

RULEBOOK DEFINED NON QUALIFYING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OFFERED

LEVEL	Test Requirements as of 1/15/04		
	Age as of 1/15/04		
	Must be 25 years of age or older		
Masters Senior Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Masters Junior Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Masters Novice Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Adult Gold Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Adult Silver Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Adult Bronze Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table A		
Masters Interpretive Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table B		
Adult Interpretive Free Skating	CR 109.01 Table B		
Masters Pairs	CR 109.01 Table C		
Adult Pairs	CR 109.01 Table C		
Centennial Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Gold Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Pre Gold Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Pre Silver Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Silver Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Bronze Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		
Adult Pre Bronze Dance	CR 109.01 Table D		

In addition, for the Adult Sectional Championships, there may be other events offered which are not defined in the Rulebook. The requirements and description for those events are attached.