

2005 Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition

June 23, 24, & 25, 2005

Hosted by the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club

Contact:

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Location:

Standard Federal Ice Center (two-rink indoor facility with ice surfaces 200 ft. by 100 ft. and 200 ft. x 85 ft.) 2550 Patterson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Sanctioning:

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by USFS and will be conducted in accordance with the rules of USFS as set forth in the 2005 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement. Chief Referee: Dr. Barry Doren

Eligibility and Entries:

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of USFS and shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of April 17, 2005 Low-level flights will be divided in age groups of approximately 8 whenever possible. All Juvenile and above events may be divided into larger groups based on random draws. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Entrants may "skate up" a level but may not skate more than one level in any one event except dance (up to 4 dances). Artistic Showcase is a ladies/men (combined) event. Compulsory, jumps, and spins events may be ladies and men combined.

Closing Date:

Entries must be postmarked by *April 17, 2005*. Late entries may be accepted, when space is available, at the discretion of the Competition Committee and will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date unless the event is cancelled for lack of participation. Entries will be limited so early registration is encouraged.

Competition Events:

Single Free Skating (Basic Beginner through Adult Masters), Pairs Free Skating (Juvenile, Intermediate, and Adult), Compulsory (Basic Beginner through Pre-Juvenile), Short Program (Juvenile through Senior), Jumps Only (Pre-Preliminary through Senior), Spins Only (Pre-Preliminary through Senior), Solo Dance (Preliminary through Silver), and Artistic Showcase (Beginner through Intermediate). Critiques will be available for Intermediate through Senior Long Programs.

Fees:

\$65. First event

\$30. Each additional event

\$70. Pairs event (\$35 per person)

Other Fees:

\$25. NSF fee for all returned checks

\$25. Late fee for registrations received after 4/17/05

\$20. Change of Event Fee

You must include a SELF-ADDRESSED (SKATER'S NAME), STAMPED, BUSINESS-SIZED #10 ENVELOPE in order to receive a competition and practice ice schedule. Make checks payable to GGRFSC, and mail to: *Becky Somsel*, 6484 Ridgemont Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Registration:

The Registration Desk (located on the Main Level) will be open concurrent with the first practice ice session through the end of the day's competition. Skaters must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

Scheduling of Events and Practice Ice:

A tentative schedule of competition events will be *mailed* to each competitor as soon as provided by the referee. The schedule will be posted on our web site (www.ggrfsc.org) as soon as it is known. All times are *approximate*. Please check with Registration for changes and exact times.

Practice ice will be available at various times on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Practice ice will be sold on a first come first served basis. A practice ice schedule will accompany each competitor's confirmation letter. Reservations can be mailed in, with appropriate fees, at that time. If you do not get the ice you want, you will be notified.

Music:

Music must be left at the registration desk on the day of the event. Competitors must have extra copies of their music available. Cassettes are preferred and *must* be rewound and marked clearly.

Awards:

Awards will be given in each group as follows: 1) Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places; 2) ribbons for 5th through 9th place.

Competition Events

Free Skating:

All events will be skated on full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. Judging will be based upon technical merit and presentation. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level. All Free Skating events will be judged according to Part Two in the 2005 Official USFS Rulebook, Information for Competitors, Coaches and Parents.

Single Free Skating

Basic Beginner:

1½ minutes

Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May only include half revolution jumps. May include scratch or two foot spins.

Low Beginner:

1½ minutes

Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus salchow, toeloops, and half-loops. May not include flying spins, combination spins or backspins.

High Beginner:

1½ minutes

Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus salchow, toe-loops, half-loops, and loops. May not include flying spins.

Pre-Preliminary Limited:

1½ minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. May not include axels, double jumps, or flying spins.

Preliminary Limited:

1½ minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. May include axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins.

Preliminary:

11/2 minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. (3700)

Pre-Juvenile:

2 minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher. (3690)

Juvenile:

2 minutes 15 seconds

Must be **12** years old or younger as of closing date. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher. (3680)

Open Juvenile:

2 minutes 15 seconds

Must be **13** years old or older as of closing date. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher. (3680)

Intermediate:

2 ½ minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Intermediate Free Skating Test and no higher. (3670)

Novice:

Ladies - 3 minutes Men - 3½ minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Novice Free Skating Test and no higher. (3660)

Junior:

Ladies - 3½ minutes

Men - 4 minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Junior Free Skating Test and no higher. (3650)

Senior:

Ladies - 4 minutes

Men - 4½ minutes

Open to skaters who have passed the Senior Free Skating. (3640)

Adult:

Open to skaters who are **25** years old or older. Categories and tests passed as follows:

Bronze:

1 minute 40 seconds

Open to skaters who have passed Adult Bronze Free Skating Test and no higher than Preliminary Free Skating Test. (3800)

Silver:

2 minutes 10 seconds

Open to skaters who have passed Adult Silver Free Skating Test and no higher than Juvenile Free Skating Test. (3790)

Gold:

2 minutes 40 seconds

Open to skaters who have passed Adult Gold Free Skating Test and no higher than Intermediate Free Skating Test. (3780)

Masters Championships:

3 minutes 40 seconds

Open to skaters who have passed at least Intermediate Free Skating and/or Adult Gold Free Skating. (3740)

Pairs Free Skating

Juvenile: 2 minutes 15 seconds

Must have passed USFS Juvenile Pair test and no higher. (4080)

Intermediate: 3 minutes

Must have passed USFS Intermediate Pair test and no higher. (4070)

Adult Bronze: 2 minutes 10 seconds

See Rule 4124 for test requirements.

Compulsory and Short Program

NOTE: Test requirements are the same as listed under Single Free Skating Events

Beginner through Pre-Juvenile Compulsory events will be skated on one-half (½) of the ice surface. Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Short Programs will be skated on full ice and set to non-vocal music of the skater's choice. Moves must be skated exactly as stated and may be skated in any order. There must be no change of foot between jumps in a combination jump. An axel is considered a single jump. If a program exceeds the time limit, that portion of the program will not be judged. *All times listed are maximum*. All moves in all levels are to be connected in a free flowing presentation. Excessive footwork and added elements will be penalized. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted.

Compulsory Events (no music)

Basic Beginner:

1 minute

Open to skaters who have passed no higher than Basic Skills Badge 8 or its equivalent. Skating groups will be divided by age.

- 1. Bunny hop
- 2. 3-turn sequence
- 3. Forward or backward crossovers (minimum 4 each foot)
- 4. Any stop

Low Beginner:

1 minute

- 1. 1/2 revolution jump
- 2. Toe-loop
- 3. Two-foot spin (min. 3 revolutions)
- 4. Lunge

High Beginner:

1 minute

- 1. Waltz jump/toe-loop combination
- 2. Loop or salchow jump
- 3. Forward scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- 4. Forward spiral

Pre-Preliminary Limited: 1 minute, 15 seconds

- 1. Single jump (no axel, may not be repeated in combination)
- 2. Single-single jump combination (no axel)
- 3. Forward spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- 4. Forward spiral sequence

Preliminary Limited & Preliminary: 11/2 minutes

- 1. Single jump (may be an axel)
- 2. Single/single jump combination (no axel)
- 3. 1-foot backspin (position optional, may not commence with a jump, minimum 3 revs)
- 4. Edge spiral, Spread Eagle or Bauer
- 5. Step sequence

Pre-Juvenile:

1½ minutes

- 1. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination)
- 2. Double/single jump combination (must include loop)
- 3. Combination spin with 1 change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions each foot)
- 4. Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions)
- 5. Step sequence

Short Programs (with music)

Juvenile/Open Juv Short Program: 2 minutes

- 1. Lutz jump
- 2. Axel jump
- 3. One jump combination consisting of one single jump and one double jump or two double jumps.
- Solo spin minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump.
- 5. Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position (4 revs each foot)
- Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)

Novice Short Program: 2 minutes 15 seconds As stated by the 2005 USFS Official Rulebook (3661 & 3662) Elements to be skated will be for the 2006 competitive season

Junior Short Program: 2 minutes 50 seconds
As stated by the 2005 USFS Official Rulebook
(3651 & 3652) Elements to be skated will
be for the 2006 competitive season

Senior Short Program: 2 minutes 50 seconds
As stated by the 2005 USFS Official Rulebook
(3641 & 3642) Elements to be skated will
be for the 2006 competitive season

Intermediate Short Program: 2 minutes

As stated by the 2005 USFS Official Rulebook (3671 & 3672)

Jumps Only Event (no music)

Entrants will qualify according to their Free Skating level. Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile will be skated on halfice. All other levels will be skated on full ice. Jumps should be performed **exactly** as stated. Skaters will be given two opportunities to perform each jump and will be judged on the best one. The following format will be used for this event: **Each skater will perform all of her/his jumps in sequence**. If the two jumps to be performed are the double flip and the double loop, Skater #1 will take the ice individually and be given two attempts at the double flip. Skater #1 will then be given two attempts for the double loop. The best flip and the best loop of the two performed by Skater #1 will then be judged. The process will then be repeated for Skater #2, and the rest of the skaters. An axel will be considered a single jump. In situations where the skater is given the choice of the jumps to be performed, the first attempt will determine the jumps to be judged and the skater will not be allowed to change jumps on the second attempt.

Pre-Preliminary:

Toe loop; combination of any two single jumps (no axels)

Preliminary:

Loop; combination of any two single jumps

Pre-Juvenile:

Axel; double toe loop

Juvenile & Open Juvenile:

Axel; combination of any double jump with a loop jump

Intermediate:

Axel; Double flip; combination of any two double jumps

Novice:

Double loop; Double flip; combination of any two double jumps

Junior:

Double loop; Double lutz; combination of any two double jumps or a triple jump with a double jump

Senior:

Double lutz; Double axel; combination of any two double jumps or a triple jump with a double jump

Spins Only Event (no music)

Entrants will qualify according to their Free Skating level. Spins may be joined with appropriate connecting moves and will be skated on one-half ice. There will be a one and a half minute time limit, and no music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be performed in any order. Revolutions stated are minimums.

Pre-Preliminary:

One-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs); two foot spin 3 revs); sit spin (3 revs).

Preliminary:

Scratch spin (5 revs); sit spin (3 revs); camel spin (3 revs).

Spins Only Event (continued)

Pre-Juvenile:

Camel spin (4 revs); change foot sit spin (4 revs each foot); front to back scratch spin (4 revs each foot)

Juvenile:

Spin combination with 1 change of foot and 1 change of position (4 revs each foot); flying camel spin (5 revs); change foot sit spin (5 revs each foot)

Open Juvenile:

Same as Juvenile

Intermediate:

Spin combination with 1 change of foot and 2 changes of position (5 revs each foot); camel spin to back camel spin (4 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-5 revs) or camel spin (men-5 revs)

Novice:

Flying camel (6 revs); spin combination with 1 change of foot and 2 changes of position (15 revs total); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)

Junior:

Flying sit spin; spin combination with 3 changes of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)

Senior:

Flying spin of choice (6 revs); spin combination with at least 2 changes of position and 2 changes of foot (15 revs total); solo spin of skater's choice (8 revs)

Solo Dance

Each dance is a separate event. Solo dance will be one round only and is open to men and ladies. The dance you wish to enter may be selected from those listed, in your present level, and/or from one level higher. Awards will be presented for each individual dance event. The number of sequences to be danced is listed in Rule 4231.

Preliminary: Skater may have passed all Preliminary Dances but not all Pre-Bronze Dances.

Dance events: Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Canasta

Tango Tango

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Pre-Bronze: Skater may have passed all Pre-Bronze

Dances but not all Bronze Dances.

Dance events: Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Swing Dance

Bronze: Skater may have passed all Bronze but not all

Pre-Silver Dances.

Dance events: Willow Waltz, Ten Fox, Hickory

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Pre-Silver: Skater may have passed all Pre-Silver Dances but not all Silver Dances.

Dance events: Fourteen Step, European Waltz, Foxtrot.

Silver: Skater may have passed all Silver Dances but not all Pre-Gold Dances.

Dance events: American Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot,

Harris Tango.

Artistic Showcase

Showcase events are to be skated to music. Programs should be designed specifically to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience. Costumes are encouraged. Props will be allowed and the skater will have 30 seconds to place and remove the prop (no props are allowed on the ice during the warm-up). Test requirements for each showcase group are the same as the freestyle levels indicated. The program cannot exceed the indicated time.

Group I:11/4 minutes
Beginner – No axels, no double jumps
Beginner – No axels, no double jumps

Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile – No double jumps

Group II: 1½ minutes Group IV: 1½ minutes

Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary – No axels, no double jumps

Intermediate/Above – May include one double jump

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The Standard Federal Ice Center (616-940-1423) is conveniently located to I-96 and a wide array of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and local attractions. The shores of beautiful Lake Michigan are a pleasant drive away.

HOST HOTEL

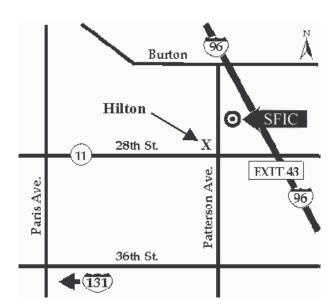
Grand Rapids Airport Hilton 4747 28th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 (616) 957-0100

Please make your reservation directly with the hotel. Ask for Janet or Tricia 1-877-944-5866 (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)

The Airport Hilton welcomes competitors with a special room rate of \$81 per night (plus taxes). Be sure to call hotel directly for your reservation. The Hilton features fine dining at the Spinnaker Restaurant, indoor pool, room service, and fitness facilities. It is only a short walk to the Standard Federal Ice Center.

DIRECTIONS





From the east: Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the north: Take US 131 south to I-96. Go east on I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the west: Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the southwest: Take I-196 north. I-196 will merge with I-96. Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the south: Take US 131 north to 28th St. Go east on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

Entry Form

2005 Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition Form must be completely filled in before it can be processed

Read all information carefully and talk to your coach first before calling us with questions. Changes will be subject to a \$20. change fee.

First Name:				Last Name:				US	USFS #:		
Address:			City:			_		State:		Zip:	
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Artistic Showcase: Group I (Beginner) Group III (Pre-Juv & Juv) Group II (Pre-Prelim & Prelim) Group IV (Intermed/Above) Check List: Entry Form Entry Form Check \$65. First Event Certificate of Competitor Form \$30. Each additional event Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment \$70. Pairs event (\$35.00 per skater) Self-addressed, stamped, BUSINESS #10 After April 17, include a late fee of \$25.00. envelope. Deadline for Postmark is: April 17, 2005 Mail to: Becky Somsel, 6484 Ridgemont Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546											

Certificate of Competitor by Club Officer

I hereby approve the entry of	ed in the official Rules of USFS,	y that he/she is a full mem and has passed the approp						
Club Officer:								
Signature:								
Title:		Telephone #	::					
Club:								
Certifica	tion by Athlete and	Parent/Guardia	ın					
Athlete: I agree to conduct myself, be and upon the sport of figure skating, a person and property of others, and in hereby indemnify USFS, the local Conficers, directors, members, committed against any and all claims that another with any reasonable costs and attorney.	and that is consistent with the hat the event I cause injury, damage inpetition Committee, the Greate tees, representatives, employees or person may have or which may	igh standards of the sport. e, or loss to another or to t er Grand Rapids Figure Ska and agents, and agree to h y arise out of such injury, o	I agree to respect the he property of another, I ating Club, and their old them harmless damage or loss, together					
Athlete/Parent/Guardian: I under of this competition undertake no responsible. As a condition of and in constheir parents and guardians and officing property resulting from, caused by or release any and all claims which they Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club and	consibility for damages or injuries sideration of the acceptance of the ials shall be deemed to agree to a connected with, the conduct and may have against any officials, L	es, or loss of property suffer neir entries or participation assume all risks of injury to d management of the com- JSFS, organizers of the cor	ered by the skaters or in therein, all entrants, to their person and petition, and to waive and inpetition, the Greater					
Athlete's Signature		Date						
Parent/Guardian's Signature: (If Athlete is under age 18) Coach's Information								
Coach's Name: (print clearly)								
Coach's Address:	City:	State:	Zip:					
Day Phone #:	Evening Phone #:	E-Mail:						

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Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

Note: Must be completed and returned with official entry form.

Athlete's Name:		USFS #:							
Address: City:					Stat	Zip:			
Date of Birth: Sex: Male Female Telepho						ne #:			
Home Club:									
Emergency medical information (allergies, pre-existing conditions, etc.)									
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In the event I am unavailable, I hereby give permission for any emergency medical treatment and further authorize and consent to the release of any pertinent medical information and records regarding the treatment, diagnosis, and/or examination of (myself) (my son/daughter) to authorized medical personnel.									
Athlete's Signature				Date					
Parent/Guardian's Signature (If athle	ete is unde	r 18 years of ag	ge)	Date					
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