



## TAYLOR SPORTSPLEX BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual TSX Basic Skills Competition will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex at 13333 North Telegraph Road, Taylor, Michigan, 48180 **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

This Basic Skills Competition is approved by the USFS and conducted in accordance with the USFS Rulebook.

This competition is to encourage skaters to become proficient in the basics of figure skating.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC SKILL ENTRIES:** This Basic Skills competition is open to all skaters in any Learn to Skate Program. Basic Skills skaters **DO NOT** need to belong to a USFS Club and may not have passed any formal USFS freestyle tests. Compulsory Moves and Free Skate events will be offered. Skaters may choose the events in which they wish to compete, based on their test level and ability. **IF YOU COMPETE IN A BASIC SKILL LEVEL ENTRY EVENT, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SKATE IN ANY LOW BEGINNER, HIGH BEGINNER, PRE-PRELIMINARY OR PRELIMINARY EVENTS.** Basic Skills skaters should skate at current level only.

All events will be divided into groups according to age. Age groups will be combined at the discretion of the Referee and/or Competition Chair. Two entries will constitute an event. This is a co-ed competition. Boys may be grouped with girls in Low Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary Compulsory Moves. **Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary skaters MUST be members of the USFS.**

**ENTRY FEES:** The entry fee is \$35.00 for the first event and \$15.00 for any additional events. Fees are to be made payable to the Taylor Sportsplex and are to accompany the application. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1st, 2005.** Late applications will be **accepted ONLY** at the discretion of the competition chairpersons and must be accompanied by a \$15.00 late fee. Refunds will be made for medical reasons only if there is a Medical Doctor's order in writing presented to the chairperson by April 3, 2005. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for all returned checks due to insufficient funds. All fees must be settled in order to compete.

**AWARDS:** All awards will be presented off ice. Awards will be given in each group as follows: Medals for first through eighth place.

**MUSIC:** Music will be reproduced through the arena system on cassettes/CDs furnished by each competitor at registration. All cassettes/CDs must be clearly marked with name, event and actual time of the music on the side to be played. Damaged or improperly marked cassettes/CDs or practice cassettes/CDs will not be accepted. **CASSETTES MUST BE REWOUND AND READY TO PLAY.** Competitors must have a suitable emergency back-up at rink side during his/her event.

**SCHEDULE of EVENTS:** Will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board no later than **April 3rd, 2005**. Information regarding groups and skating times will be mailed out one week prior to the beginning of the competition.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be available on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 7:00-7:30 AM and 7:30-8:00. AM Practice ice is done on a first come/ first serve basis and will be \$6.00 per session. There will be 25 skaters allowed on the ice during any one session.

**VIDEO TAPING:** This will be available through ( company to be named). And can be arranged for at the rink. You may furnish your own tape or purchase same. Photographs will be taken of all individual children and award pictures will also be taken.

**COMPETITION FORMATS**

**BASIC SKILLS (TOTS THROUGH BASIC 8 LEVELS) COMPULSORY MOVES**

- To be skated on 1/2 or 1/3 ice
- No music
- All elements must be skated in the order listed
- Each skater performs one element at a time and will perform the next element only when directed by a judge or referee. (Format examples: Each skater performs element 1 before moving onto the second element and so on OR each skater performs all of the required elements before moving onto the next skater).

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Snowplow Sam (Tots)</b>	1. March followed by a two-foot glide and dip 2. Forward two-foot swizzles - 2-3 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles - 2-6 in a row
<b>Basic 1</b>	1. Forward two foot glide 2. Forward two-foot swizzles - 6-8 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles - 6-8 in a row
<b>..... Basic 2</b>	1. Forward one foot glide 2. Backward two-foot swizzles – 6-8 in a row 3. Two-foot turn in place – forward to backward 4. Moving snowplow stop 5. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps in a straight line across width of ice
<b>Basic 3</b>	1. Forward stroking 2. Forward 1/2 swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise - 6-8 consecutive 3. Moving forward to backward two-foot turn - either direction 4. Backward one-foot glide - either foot 5. Two-foot spin

<b>Basic 4</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward outside edge on a circle - either clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>2. Forward crossovers - 6-8 consecutive, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>3. Forward outside 3-turn - either R or L</li> <li>4. Backward stroking</li> <li>5. Backward snowplow stop - either R or L</li> </ol>
<b>Basic 5</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>2. Backward crossovers - 6-8 consecutive - both directions</li> <li>3. One-foot upright spin - minimum of 3 revolutions</li> <li>4. Hockey stop</li> <li>5. Side toe hop - either direction</li> </ol>
<b>Basic 6</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward inside 3-turn – R or L</li> <li>2. T-stop – R or L</li> <li>3. Bunny Hop</li> <li>4. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line – R or L</li> <li>5. Lunge - R or L</li> </ol>
<b>Basic 7</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward inside open Mohawk – R to L and L to R</li> <li>2. Ballet jump – either direction</li> <li>3. Backward crossovers to a backward outside edge landing position clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>4. Forward inside pivot</li> </ol>
<b>Basic 8</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moving forward outside or forward inside 3-turns – R and L</li> <li>2. Waltz jump</li> <li>3. Mazurka – either direction</li> <li>4. Combination move – clockwise or counter clockwise (from Basic 8 curriculum)</li> <li>5. One-foot upright spin, optional free foot position</li> </ol>

**BASIC PROGRAMS (BASIC SNOWPLOW 1 THRU 3, BASIC 1 THRU 8 AND FREESTYLE 1-4) – WITH MUSIC**

- The skating order of the required elements is optional
- The elements are not restricted as to number of times element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions in a spin etc., unless otherwise stated
- Minimum number of connecting steps are allowed
- May use vocal music
- May use element from a previous level. Deduction will be made if elements from a higher level are skated
- **Time one minute + or – 10 seconds to be skated on full ice**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Snowplow Sam Program Tots</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward skating</li> <li>2. Backward wiggles</li> <li>3. Glide forward and dip</li> <li>4. Snowplow stop</li> </ol>
<b>Basic Freeskate A (Basic 1 and 2)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glide forward and dip</li> <li>2. Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>3. Forward two foot swizzles</li> <li>4. Backward skating (wiggles or swizzles)</li> </ol>
<b>Basic Freeskate B (Basic 3 and 4)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle – clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>2. Two-foot spin</li> <li>3. Forward crossovers – minimum of 5 consecutive clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>4. Backward one foot glide – R or L</li> </ol>
<b>Basic Freeskate C (Basic 5 and 6)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Backward crossovers – minimum of 5 consecutive clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>2. One-foot spin</li> <li>3. Bunny hop</li> <li>4. Forward (arabesque spiral) on a straight line- R or L</li> </ol>
<b>Basic Freeskate D (Basic 7 and 8)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beginning one-foot upright spin- optional free foot</li> <li>2. Mazurka or ballet jump</li> <li>3. Waltz jump</li> <li>4. Combination move (Basic 8 curriculum- one set only)</li> </ol>

## FREESTYLE COMPULSORY PROGRAMS BASIC FREESTYLE 1 THRU 6

- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels (where applicable)
- The skating order of the required elements is optional
- To be skated on ½ ice – no music permitted
- In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps
- Time 1:30 or less
- Deductions will be made if elements from a higher level are performed

LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS
<b>Freestyle 1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advanced forward stroking – 4-6 consecutive strokes</li> <li>2. Basic forward outside edges and forward inside consecutive edges 2-4 outside and 2-4 inside edges</li> <li>3. Scratch spin from backward crossovers</li> <li>4. Waltz jump from backward crossovers</li> <li>5. Half flip jump</li> </ol>
<b>Freestyle 2</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward outside spiral – R or L, and a forward inside spiral R or L</li> <li>2. Waltz Three's – R or L</li> <li>3. Beginning backspin – optional entry</li> <li>4. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump series</li> <li>5. Toe loop jump</li> </ol>
<b>Freestyle 3</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8</li> <li>2. Advanced forward outside swing rolls – 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>3. Back spin</li> <li>4. Salchow jump</li> <li>5. Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop</li> </ol>
<b>Freestyle 4</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spiral sequence, forward inside spiral, forward inside Mohawk, backward outside spiral – clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>2. Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets – R or L</li> <li>3. Sit spin</li> <li>4. Loop jump</li> <li>5. Waltz jump/loop jump</li> </ol>
<b>Freestyle 5</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spiral sequence, FO spiral, forward outside 3 turn, one backward crossover, backward inside spiral</li> <li>2. Camel spin</li> <li>3. Forward upright spin to back upright spin</li> <li>4. Loop/loop jump</li> <li>5. Flip jump</li> </ol>
<b>Freestyle 6</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Five step Mohawk sequence – 1 set alternating pattern</li> <li>2. Camel, sit spin combination – minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>3. Split jump or stag jump</li> <li>4. Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow combination</li> <li>5. Lutz jump</li> </ol>

## **FREESTYLE PROGRAM 1-6 – WITH MUSIC**

- Groups must be divided by age
- Program duration 1:30 +/- 10 seconds
- Vocal music is permitted in Freeskate program
- Skated on full ice surface
- Deductions will be made if elements from a higher level are performed

## **GENERAL RULES FOR LOW BEGINNER THROUGH PRELIMINARY (WITH MUSIC)**

- The effective test date is March 1, 2005
- A Low Beginner or High Beginner is a person who has not passed any formal USFS freestyle test
- Skaters may skate up ONE level
- In this event, the skater may select music of their choice. Vocals are not permitted
- Overall program is judged on technical quality of the elements and artistic impression
- Deductions are made if elements from a higher level are included

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS</b>	<b>PROGRAM TIME</b>
<b>Low Beginner</b>	Must have not passed the Pre-Preliminary F/S Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus Salchow, toe loops, and half -loops. <b>MAY NOT INCLUDE FLYING SPINS, COMBINATION SPINS OR BACKSPINS.</b>	1:30 minutes
<b>High Beginner</b>	Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary F/S Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus Salchow, loops, toe loops, and half-loops. <b>MAY NOT INCLUDE FLYING SPINS or AXELS</b>	1:30 minutes
<b>Pre-Preliminary Limited</b>	Open to skaters who have passed U.S.F.S. Pre-Preliminary Freestyle Test and no higher. There may be only single revolution jumps in the program. Program may not include axels. No double jumps or flying spins allowed.	1:30 minutes
<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>	Open to skaters who have passed U.S.F.S. Pre-Preliminary Freestyle Test and no higher. There may be only single revolution jumps in the program. Program may include axels. No double jumps or flying spins.	1:30 minutes

<b>Preliminary Limited</b>	Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Pre-Preliminary Freestyle Test and no higher. Program may include axels but may NOT contain any double jumps or flying spins.	1:30 minutes
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<b>Preliminary</b>	Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Preliminary Freestyle Test and not higher. Program may contain axels, double jumps and flying spins. Only (2) different double jumps are allowed, but may be repeated either as individual jumps or in a sequence or combination	1:30 minutes
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### COMPULSORY MOVES LOW BEGINNER THROUGH PRELIMINARY

- Performed on a half sheet of ice in program form – no music

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS</b>	<b>PROGRAM TIME</b>
<b>Low Beginner</b>	1. ½ Revolution Jump 2. Toe-loop 3. Two-foot spin (minimum of 3 Revolutions) 4. Lunge	1:15 minutes
<b>High Beginner</b>	1. Waltz Jump/Toe Loop Combination 2. Loop or Salchow Jump 3. Forward Upright Scratch Spin (Minimum of 3 Revolutions) 4. Forward Spiral	1:15 minutes
<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>	1. Flip jump 2. Single-single jump combination (no axel) 3. Sit spin (minimum of 3 revolutions) 4. Forward outside spiral	1:15 or less
<b>Preliminary</b>	1. Single jump of choice (axel permitted) 2. Combination jump consisting of any two single jumps (may not repeat single jump selected above) 3. Camel spin (min. of 3 revolutions) 4. Combination spin (no change of foot) 5. Footwork sequence – straight line or diagonal	1:30 or less

**TSXSA  
1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
"BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION"  
ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2005**

Skater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Only)

USFS Basic Skills #: \_\_\_\_\_ ISIA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coaches Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Contestants check events to be skated:

<b>COMPULSORY EVENTS</b>	<b>FREESTYLE EVENTS</b>
Snowplow Sam	Snowplow Sam
Basic 1	Basic A
Basic 2	Basic B
Basic 3	Basic C
Basic 4	Basic D
Basic 5	Freestyle 1
Basic 6	Freestyle 2
Basic 7	Freestyle 3
Basic 8	Freestyle 4
Freestyle 1	Freestyle 5
Freestyle 2	Freestyle 6
Freestyle 3	Low Beginner
Freestyle 4	High Beginner
Freestyle 5	Pre-Preliminary Limited
Freestyle 6	Pre-Preliminary
Low Beginner	Preliminary Limited
High Beginner	Preliminary
Pre-Preliminary	
Preliminary	

**1<sup>st</sup> Event (\$35.00)** \_\_\_\_\_ **+ 2<sup>nd</sup> Event (\$15.00)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Happy Ads \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **=TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_



I have reviewed the above application. I hereby certify that the above skater is an amateur member and is eligible to enter the event (s) specified: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)  
Instructor

It is agreed that the competitor and family hold the TSXSA and the Taylor Sportsplex Arena harmless from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competitor Parent or Guardian Date

**Certification of Club Officer: Only Low Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary skaters need to have this.** To the best of my knowledge, the information on this form is true and correct. This competitor is a member of our club and is a member in good standing. (Taylor Club members do not need a signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club Officer Title Date

I have reviewed the above application and to the best of my knowledge the above skaters' information is correct and true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Skating Director Date

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TAYLOR SPORTSPLEX ARENA AND MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**TAYLOR SPORTSPLEX ARENA  
13333 N. TELEGRAPH RD  
TAYLOR, MI. 48180  
ATTENTION: SKATING DIRECTOR**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KAROLYN FLAHERTY AT (734) – 374-8900 EXT. 3209**

The Taylor Sportsplex Arena is located at 13333 North Telegraph Road, Taylor, Michigan. The Ice surface is 200' X 85' standard NHL size. A snack bar will be open during the competition.

**HAPPY AD'S**

Mail in a "Happy Ad" to support your skater(s). The "Happy Ad" will be included in the TSX Basic Skills Competition Program. The price for 25 Characters is \$3.00 and \$5.00 for 50 characters. Punctuation marks are included as characters.

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Please include "Happy Ad" form and Entry Form with payment and mail to:  
**TAYLOR SPORTSPLEX, 13333 TELEGRAPH ROAD, TAYLOR, MI 48180**  
**ATTENTION: SKATING DIRECTOR**