



January 19-21, 2006

Motto McLean Ice Arena
5015 South 45th St
Omaha, NE 68117

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**The 25th Annual
Omaha Winter Festival Invitational
January 19-21, 2006**

EVENTS WILL BEGIN THURS. JAN. 19 2005

Sanctioned By: US Figure Skating

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.)
5015 S 45th St. (45th and "P" St)
Omaha, NE 68117

The 25th Annual Omaha Winter Festival Invitational will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of US Figure Skating, as set forth in the 2006 US Figure Skating rulebook and will be judged using the 6.0 system. The competition is open to all eligible US Figure Skating members in accordance with Part 2 #3056. 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 25, 2005 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 US Figure Skating liability shall be governed by US Figure Skating rule Part 2 #3222.

ENTRIES

Entries must be postmarked on or before **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2005**. Entries postmarked on or before November 11 are eligible to receive a \$25 early bird discount. **Late entries (postmarked AFTER November 25, 2005) may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee, as space permits.** Metered mail is not accepted as proof of postmark. Please do not send entries that require a signature for receipt since this will only delay 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 31 may not appear in the Winter Festival program. Please note that your “early bird” discount will be forfeited should you request a change be made after the “early bird” deadline of November 11.

Each Skater must submit an entry form. For pairs, both entry forms must be submitted together in the same envelope. Returned check fee is \$25.

MAIL ENTRY FORM WITH PROPER SIGNATURES AND FEES TO:
Omaha Winter Festival, Sheila Bissell, 4319 Parker St., Omaha, NE 68111
Make checks payable to “OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL”

The announcement, general information and tentative 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.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: If your entry is postmarked on or before November 11, 2005 you will receive a \$25 discount.

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.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information	Paula Turpen	402-397-5520	Sturpens@cox.net
Registration	Sheila Bissell	402-733-6798	Winterfest06@cox.net
Practice Ice	Sheryl Moeller	402-896-5494	Smoeller25@aol.com
Test Session	Gilbert Larson	402-391-0946	maskinsjef@aol.com

ENTRY FEES

Fee	Explanation	Fee	Explanation
\$90	First Event	\$30	Pairs as additional event
\$25	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 \$90.00 entry fee.
\$10	30-minute Official Practice Ice Fee (see Practice Ice section below)	\$12	30-minute Official Practice Ice Fee (Per Skater Pairs Only)
\$110	Synchronized Team, \$110 per team + \$5 per team member (includes one-30 min practice)		

FACILITIES

Motto McLean Ice Arena (formerly Hitchcock Park Ice Arena), 5015 S 45th St. (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.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Desk, in the Lobby area, will be open Wednesday 1/18/06 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and all other days 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. Any competition CD not clean and in a jewel case when turned in at registration **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 Local Motion Production will be the official competition event vidographer and photographer. Hand-held personal video equipment is permitted in the bleacher area only. The competition committee restricts personal video taping of 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 \$10 for 30 minutes (pairs pay \$12 per skater 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 18, 2006. 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 for reasons outlined in the refund policy section above.)

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 Sheryl Moeller with your pre-competition request for additional practice ice.

Additional Practice Ice Requests: Sheryl Moeller, 402-896-5494, smoeller25@aol.com

Additional practice sessions will also be available during Winter Festival week at other Omaha rinks; addresses 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 music prior to the beginning of the session. Additional music 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.

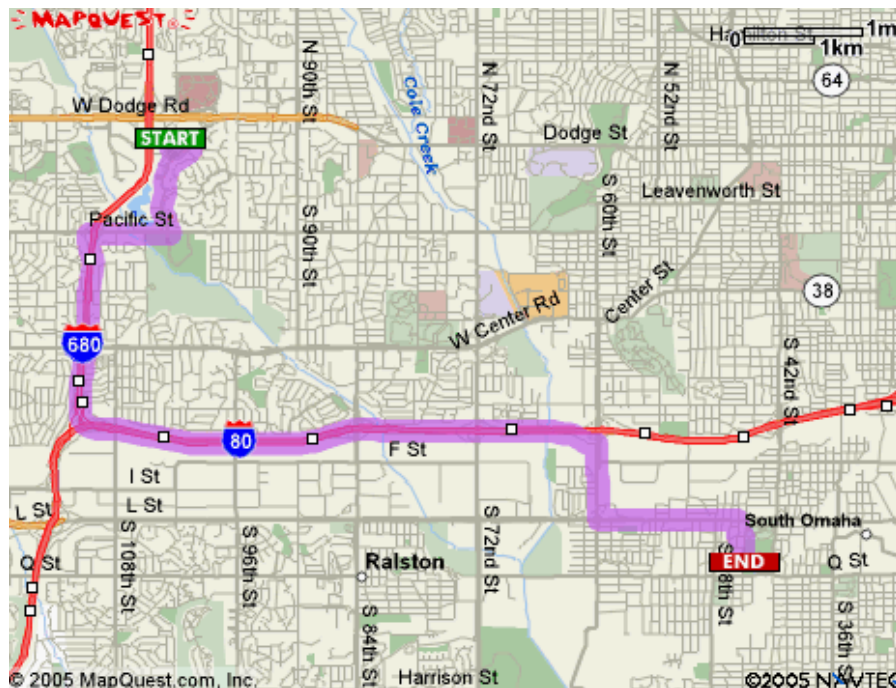
ACCOMMODATIONS

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

DOUBLE ROOM RATE \$70
This includes a Continental box breakfast

Distance to rink: 10 miles, 17 minutes

You must mention "Omaha Winter Festival Figure Skating Competition" when making your reservation. A block of rooms will be held until December 31, 2005. After that date, the special room rate cannot be guaranteed.



TEST SESSION

A US Figure Skating test session is tentatively set for Thursday, January 19. 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, 2005. Return the test request form enclosed and payment (checks payable to "Omaha Winter Festival") to the address below:

Omaha Winter Festival Test Session, Gilbert Larson, 9311 Corby St., Omaha, NE 68134

For more information, contact: Gilbert Larson (402) 391-0946, maskinsjef@aol.com
Sue Williams (402) 391-5438, smbwill@aol.com

TEST APPLICATION

TEST DATE: January 19, 2006

Please fill out completely and return on or before: **January 05, 2006** to:

V. Gilbert Larson-Blade & Edge FSC Test Chair, 9311 Corby Street, Omaha, NE 68134
Phone #: 402-391-0946 E-MAIL: Maskinsjef@aol.com

SKATER'S NAME: _____	USFSA#: _____
ADDRESS: _____	PHONE: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____	HOME CLUB: _____
PRO'S PRINTED NAME: _____	PRO'S PHONE #: _____
PRO'S SIGNATURE: _____	PRO'S E-MAIL: _____
CLUB TEST CHAIR SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____

NOTE: Skaters who are not members or associate members of one of the above host club must submit a *permission to test letter* signed by their home club Test Chair verifying their test level and granting permission to test.

TEST FEE SCHEDULE

FIELD MOVES*	FREESTYLE*	DANCE* (per dance)
PRE-PRELIMINARY 15	PRE-PRELIMINARY 15	PRELIMINARY DUTCH WALTZ, CANASTA TANGO, RHYTHM BLUES 10
PRELIMINARY 20	PRELIMINARY 20	PRE-BRONZE SWING DANCE, CHA CHA, FIESTA TANGO 15
PRE-JUVENILE 25	PRE-JUVENILE 20	BRONZE HICKORY HOEDOWN, WILLOW WALTZ, TEN FOX 20
JUVENILE 30	JUVENILE 25	PRE-SILVER 14 STEP, EUROPEAN WALTZ, FOXTROT 25
INTERMEDIATE 35	INTERMEDIATE 25	SILVER AMERICAN WALTZ, TANGO, ROCKER FOXTROT 25
NOVICE 35	NOVICE 30	PRE-GOLD KILIAN, BLUES, PASO DOBLE, STARLIGHT WALTZ 30
JUNIOR 40	JUNIOR 30	GOLD VIENNESE WALTZ, WESTMINSTER WALTZ, QUICKSTEP, 45
SENIOR 45	SENIOR 35	INTERNATIONAL ARGENTINE TANGO 45
ADULT PRE-BRONZE 20	ADULT PRE-BRONZE 15	INTERNATIONAL RHUMBA, AUSTRIAN WALTZ 45
ADULT BRONZE 25	ADULT BRONZE 15	CHA CHA CONGELADO
ADULT SILVER 30	ADULT SILVER 20	YANKEE POLKA, RAVENSBURGER WALTZ, GOLDEN WALTZ, 45
ADULT GOLD 35	ADULT GOLD 25	TANGO ROMANTICA, SILVER SAMBA, MIDNIGHT BLUES

Circle test level and fee

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: All skaters testing will pay \$5.00 to cover costs incurred, such as hospitality for the judges, stamps, copies and USFSA fees.

TOTAL FOR TESTS REQUESTED - HOST CLUB/ASSOCIATE MEMBERS/NON-CLUB APPLICANTS	\$ _____
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE - (MANDATORY FOR ALL SKATERS)	+ \$5.00
TOTAL - Payable to: OMAHA WINTERFESTIVAL 2006	\$ _____

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED IN THE TEST SCHEDULE AT THE DESCRETION OF THE TEST CHAIR AS TIME PERMITS

FEES, (PAYABLE TO THE ABOVE HOST CLUB) MUST BE TURNED IN WITH TEST APPLICATION TO RESERVE A SPACE ON THE TEST SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Official Practice Ice will be begin at 4:30 PM on WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2006. (See "Practice Ice" section on Entry Form.) Official events will begin after the Test Session on THURSDAY, January 19, 2006. The official competition schedule will be posted at the rink and mailed to participants who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or via e-mail address. 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.

The official schedule will be posted on websites in January, mailed to participants who include a self-addressed stamped envelope or e-mail address 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 ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRAVEL ACCORDINGLY

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

Wednesday 1/18/06	Official Practice Sessions begin at 4:30 PM
Thursday 1/19/06	Test session until Noon Artistic, Spin, Dance Official Practices follow competition
Friday 1/20/06	Official Practices precede competition events Compulsory Programs, Short Programs, FS Programs start Official Practices follow competition
Saturday 1/21/06	Official Practices precede competition events FS Programs continue
Sunday 1/22/06	Basic Skills Practice precedes competition events Basic Skills Competition

MERCHANDISE

Crew neck sweatshirts, long-sleeve and short-sleeve T-shirts, programs and pins 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 limited number of merchandise items **may** be available at the competition.

ADVERTISING

The following ads will be available for the Winter Festival program:

Inside Front or Back Cover	\$120	*
Full Page	\$100	*
Half Page	\$50	*
Quarter Page	\$25	*
Business Card-size	\$10	
Skating Box Ads A-D below	\$10	

* All Ads EXCEPT Business Cards and the Skating Box Ads must be submitted camera-ready. There is a \$20 additional charge if these ads are not camera ready.

To order ads, use advertising form at the end of this announcement.

COMPETITION EVENTS

For each event, competitors may enter only one level. Competitors may skate up one test level unless otherwise noted. Event eligibility is based on test status as of November 25, 2005. 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). If a skater competes at a non-qualifying competition in a "Beginner or No Test" category, then that skater must compete at the equivalent level or higher in any future Basic Skills approved competitions and may no longer compete in Basic Skills Freeskate 1-6.** All skaters entering Beginner events MUST be currently registered in a Basic Skills program or full members of US Figure Skating. 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. Elements from higher test levels will not be judged. 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. Elements from higher test levels will not be judged. 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 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3701	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile freeskate. Axel plus up to 4 different double jumps which can be repeated in combination or sequence. Per 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3691	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 (Part 2 #3680). Per 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3681	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 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3673	2:30
Novice	Novice freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3663	3:00 L 3:30 M
Junior	Junior freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3653	3:30 L 4:00 M
Senior	Senior freeskate - Ladies - Men - Per 2006 Official USFS Rulebook Part 2 #3643	4:00 L 4:30 M
Adult Introductory	Ages 18-20. If entries warrant, events will be divided into Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.	1:40 to 2:40
Adult	21 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	Competitors may not have reached the age of 13 years. (Part 2 #3680). Elements are the same as Intermediate Short Program (below)	2:00
Open Juvenile	Competitors who are 13 years of age and who have not reached 18 years of age. Elements are the same as Intermediate Short Program (below).	2:00
Intermediate	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #3671 (men) and Part 2 #3672 (ladies)	2:00
Novice	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #3661 group (iii) (men) and Part 2 #3662 group (iii) (ladies). Any double or triple jump preceded by connecting steps	2:30
Junior	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #3651 group A (men) and Part 2 #3652 group A (ladies). Double or Triple Lutz preceded by connecting steps and Flying Sit spin	2:50
Senior	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #3641 (men) and Part 2 #3642 (ladies)	2:50

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 and Adult Pre-Bronze through Silver will compete on half ice. Additional elements will not be judged.

EVENT	ELEMENTS	TIME
Low Beginner Freeskate 1-3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salchow/toe loop 2. FI spiral 3. Loop 4. Forward upright spin to back upright spin 	1:00
Limited Pre- Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin (3 revolutions) 2. Flip jump 3. Waltz jump/loop combination 4. Forward inside spiral 	1:00
Pre- Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin (3 revolutions) 2. Flip jump 3. Waltz jump/loop combination 5. Forward inside spiral 	1:00
Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Open Pre- Juvenile (Delete if group is small)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ladies – Layback spin. Men - Crossfoot spin (min 4 revolutions) 2. Combination spin with one change of foot, one change of position (4 revs each foot) 3. Combination jump (single loop with any other single or double jump, any order) 	1:30

EVENT	ELEMENTS	TIME
	4. Axel 5. Spiral step sequence containing forward and backward spirals and utilizing full length of ice (at least one spiral on each foot)	
Open-Juvenile (Delete if group is small)	1. Ladies – Layback spin. Men - Crossfoot spin (min 4 revolutions) 2. Combination spin with one change of foot, one change of position (4 revs 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
Adult Pre-Bronze	1. Waltz jump 2. Choice of : half-flip, half Lutz, or split jump, 3. 2 foot spin (min 3 revs) 4. Forward Spiral	1:00
Adult Bronze	1. Salchow 2. Waltz Jump/Toe Loop combination 3. 1 foot upright spin (min 4 revs) 4. Backward Spiral	1:00
Adult Silver	1. Single/Single combination jump 2. Flip 3. Combination spin with one change of position (3 revs per position) 4. Spiral step sequence.	1:30
Adult Gold	1. Axel 2. Single/Single combination jump 3. Sit spin 4. Spiral step sequence 5. Combination spin with 1 change of foot, 1 change position (4 revs per foot)	1:30

PAIRS FREESKATE

The pairs freeskate will be held according to Part 2 #4030 in the 2006 USFS rulebook. If sufficient interest is shown in having a Pairs Short Program event, Part 2 #4020 in the 2006 US Figure Skating rulebook will apply. Interested pairs teams should contact the Winter Festival Committee by November 25, 2005 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.	2:00
Juvenile	Passed Juvenile Pairs Test	2:30
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

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
Beginner	1. One foot spin, optional free leg (3 rev) 2. One foot back upright 3. Sit spin
Pre-Preliminary	1. One foot spin, optional free leg (3 rev) 2. One foot back upright 3. Sit spin
Preliminary	1. One foot forward scratch spin 2. Sit spin 3. Camel spin
Pre-Juvenile	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	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	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	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	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	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	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. Some levels that have been combined into ONE event (see table). Note all times are maximums; there are no minimum times.** Artistic may be any length under the allowable max. A large number of Juvenile, Intermediate, and Novice entrants in the Artistic event may necessitate splitting this group by level (time limits will be the same for all three levels). Other events may be combined based on total number of entries received.

EVENT	TIME (MAX)	EVENT	TIME (MAX)
Low Beginner (Freeskate Levels 1-3)	1:30	Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile	1:40
High Beginner (Freeskate Levels 4-6)	1:30	Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice	2:10
Pre Preliminary (No Axels allowed)	1:30	Junior, Senior	2:40
		Adult, Masters	1:40

Skaters placing fourth and higher in preliminary and higher artistic/showcase /interpretive solo events, including adult events, will be qualified to enter the next National Showcase. National Showcase contestants must also be qualified by test level. Duets and production ensembles are not required to qualify for National Showcase. For more information about qualifications, contact Melissa Bowman, National Vice Chair for National Showcase, at patinge@earthlink.net

SOLO DANCE

Requirements for Solo Dance are set forth in the 2006 Official US Figure Skating 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

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Dutch Waltz	Has not passed more than one Pre-Bronze Dance.
Rhythm Blues	Has not passed more than one Pre-Bronze Dance.
Cha Cha	Has not passed more than one Bronze Dance.
Fiesta Tango	Has not passed more than one Bronze Dance.
Hickory Hoedown	Has not passed more than one Pre-Silver Dance.
Fourteen Step	Has not passed more than one Silver Dance.
Tango	Has not passed more than one Pre-Gold Dance.
Paso Doble	No restrictions.
Viennese Waltz	No restrictions.
Silver Samba	No restrictions.
Open Dance – Fourteen Step	Open to anyone – no age or test requirement.

SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS

Competitions will be held in the Preliminary, Junior Classic, Youth Introductory, Teen Introductory and Adult Introductory categories where two (2) or more teams are entered. Eligibility requirements are as stated in Part 2 #3080, 2006 US Figure Skating Official Rule Book.

EVENT	TEAM REQUIREMENTS
Preliminary	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #4710
Junior Classic	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #4750
Youth Introductory	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #4760
Teen Introductory	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #4770
Adult Introductory	2006 USFS Rule Book Part 2 #4780

ENTRY FORM – OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL INVITATIONAL – 2006

NAME _____ USFS # _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME CLUB _____

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

E-MAIL _____

HIGHEST USFS TEST PASSED: FREESKATE _____ DANCE _____ PAIR _____

PAIR PARTNER'S NAME & USFS # _____

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

- Low Beginner
- High Beginner
- Limited Pre Prelim.
- Pre Prelim.
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior
- Adult
- Level ? _____

COMPULSORY

- Low Beginner
- High Beginner
- Limited Pre Prelim
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile*
- Open Juvenile
- Adult
- Level ? _____

ARTISTIC

- Low Beginner
- High Beginner
- Pre Prelim.
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice/Jr/Sr
- Adult

SPINS

- Beginner
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior
- Adult

SOLO DANCE

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

SHORT PROGRAM

- Juvenile*
- Open Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior
- Pairs **

* You may enter Juv Compulsory or Short Program, but **not both**

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

PAIRS

FREESKATE

- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

ENTRY FEES

CATEGORY	RATE	# OF EVENTS	TOTAL
First Event	\$90		
Each Addl Event	\$25		
Pairs (as first event)	\$50		
Pairs (as addl event)	\$30		
Official Practice***	\$10 (\$12 pairs)		
Early Bird Discount	Save \$25 if prior to Nov. 11		(\$25)
		GRAND TOTAL =	

*** You may only sign up for one (1) Official Practice (both partners need to sign up for the official practice)

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 25, 2005. EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 11, 2005.**

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

Mail Entry to: Omaha Winter Festival/Sheila Bissell
4319 Parker St.
Omaha NE 68111

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.

Include a self addressed stamped envelope or e-mail address to receive your event(s) schedule.

The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees to hold harmless the US Figure Skating, 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 2006 rule book Part 2 #3222)

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 US Figure Skating.**

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: _____

SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS ENTRY FORM OMAHA WINTERFESTIVAL– 2006

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

TEAM NAME _____

CLUB NAME _____ TEAM REGISTRATION # _____

COACH'S NAME _____ COACH'S USFS # _____

COACH'S ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LEVEL ENTERED: PRELIMINARY ____ JUNIOR CLASSIC ____
 YOUTH INTRODUCTORY ____ TEEN INTRODUCTORY ____ ADULT INTRODUCTORY ____

	SKATER'S NAME	USFS #	DOB	A G E	SKATER'S ADDRESS	SKATER'S PHONE
1						
2						
3						
4						
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16						

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 25, 2005.
Metered Mail is not accepted. Please do not send mail that requires a signature for acceptance.**

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 4319 Parker St. .
 Omaha, NE 68111

DEADLINE: November 25, 2005. Early Bird Deadline November 11,2005.
Make checks payable to: OMAHA WINTERFESTIVAL. Returned check fee is \$25.

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

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

Include a self addressed stamped envelope or e-mail address to receive your event(s) schedule.

The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees to hold harmless US Figure Skating, 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 US Figure Skating Rule Book Part 2 #3222). All skaters listed as members of this team are, to the best of my knowledge, amateurs and eligible to compete under US Figure Skating rules.

CLUB OFFICER: _____ TITLE _____

PROFESSIONAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM



NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Design above in Silver (foil effect) on navy shirt, registrants names printed on back in white.
 (late registrants will not be included).

Items	Size (Circle size)	Quantity	Pre-Order Price	Total Cost
Crew sweatshirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$30	
Crew sweatshirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$30	
Long-sleeve T-shirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$25	
Long-sleeve T-shirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$25	
Short-sleeve T-shirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$20	
Short-sleeve T-shirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$20	
Official Program	note pre-order discount		\$3	
25th Anniversary Pin	note pre-order discount		\$4	
GRAND TOTAL				

Prices at the Competition

Crew Sweatshirts:	\$30	Short-sleeve T-shirts:	\$20	25th Anniversary Pin	\$6
Long-sleeve T-shirt:	\$25	Official Program:	\$5		

No refunds or exchanges on programs.

Make checks payable to "Omaha Winter Festival".
 If you have any questions call Ann Kauffman at 402-392-2933 or e-mail Winterfest06@cox.net.

Mail Order Form and Payment to:

Omaha Winter Festival
 Sheila Bissell
 4319 Parker St.
 Omaha, NE 68111

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

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The following ads will be available for the Winter Festival program:

Inside Front or Back Cover	\$120	*
Full Page	\$100	*
Half Page	\$50	*
Quarter Page	\$25	*
Business Card-size	\$10	
Skating Box Ads A-D below	\$10	

* All Ads EXCEPT Business Cards and the Skating Box Ads must be submitted camera-ready. There is a \$20 additional charge if these ads are not camera ready.

I would like to order the following ad(s):

# of Ads	Location/Type/Price of Ad	Amount Due
_____	Inside Front Cover (\$120)	\$ _____
_____	Inside Back Cover (\$120)	\$ _____
_____	Full Page (\$100)	\$ _____
_____	Half Page (\$50)	\$ _____
_____	Quarter Page (\$25)	\$ _____
_____	Business Card (\$10)	\$ _____
_____	Skating Box Ads (\$10)	\$ _____
_____	Extra Charge NOT Camera Ready (\$20)	\$ _____
_____	TOTALS	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email (opt) _____

USE THIS SECTION TO ORDER THE SKATING BOX ADS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

AD: A B C D

MESSAGE TO BE ON ADVERTISEMENT: (PLEASE PRINT)

For additional ads, please indicate below or attach additional sheet:

Mail Order Form and Payment to:

Omaha Winter Festival
Sheila Bissell
4319 Parker St. ...
Omaha, NE 68111

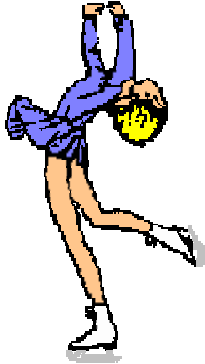
Office Use Only
Date Rcvd _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____



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Do Your Best!

A



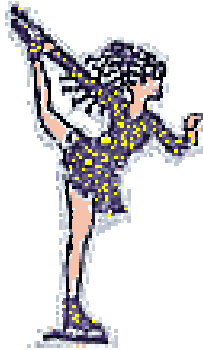
Have a Great Skate!

B



To A Special Skater:

C



You Can Do It!

D

OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

- ENTRY FORM OR SYNCHRONIZED ENTRY FORM**
- PAYMENT MADE OUT TO “OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL”**
- ADVERTISING ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT**
- MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM**

NOTE THAT ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

**OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL
% SHEILA BISSELL
4319 Parker St.
OMAHA, NE 68111**