



Hosted by the Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy, Rochester, Michigan

August 25, 2006 –August 27, 2006

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating and SkateCanada

Note: Short Programs for Juvenile through Senior will not be scheduled before 6:00 PM on Friday so that those skaters already back in school may join us.

Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, 52999 Dequindre, Rochester, MI 48307, Office phone - 248-601-6699. Three ice surfaces (each surface is 200 x 85), dressing rooms, ample parking, and a concession area.

Rules

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules as set forth in the current US Figure Skating rulebook or those adopted at the May 2006 meeting of the Governing Council. Chief Referee is Barry Doren and Chief Accountant is Kathy Cook. The **International Judging System** may be used for select events.

Eligibility and Entries

The competition is open to all eligible persons who are members in good standing of US FIGURE SKATING or SkateCanada and shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of **July 15, 2006**. Single skaters may skate at their free skating test level (**as of July 15, 2006**) or at one level higher, **BUT NOT BOTH**. Skaters may not compete below their test level as of **July 15, 2006**. Any event with a large number of entries will be divided into smaller groups. Levels Low Beginner through Juvenile will be divided in age groups of 8-10 skaters whenever possible. Intermediate and above will be divided into groups by random draws and group size will be based on total entries received. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Compulsory events may be ladies and men combined.

Combined Events

Intermediate level and above will be combined events with skaters receiving points for placement in their Short Program event and their Free Skate event to determine final standings for each qualifying group. Awards will be given for final standings only.

Championship Rounds

Championship Rounds will be held for PreJuvenile through Senior if number of entries allow. The number of skaters advancing to Final Rounds from each Level/Qualifying Event or Group will be determined after closing date. PreJuvenile, Juvenile, and Open Juvenile levels will advance based on Free Skate qualifying event. Intermediate and above will advance to the Championship Round based on final standings determined by placement in the Short Program combined with placement in the Free Skate. Practice Ice for Final Rounds will be available for sale after each Free Skate event has been completed and results posted.

Fees and Closing Date

Spaces are limited so mail early. Any entry not postmarked on or before July 15, 2006 will be considered late and will be accepted only if space allows and will be charged a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date for any reason, including medical, unless event is cancelled due to lack of entries. **Any change to skating level or event after the deadline is subject to a \$30 administrative fee.** Any check returned for NSF will be charged a \$30 administrative fee. **Any and all additional fees assessed must be paid at the time of registration and must be paid by cash or money order before skater will be allowed to compete in their event(s).**

Practice Ice

There will be practice ice available beginning Friday, August 25, 2006 at the Onyx Rochester Ice Arena. Practice ice will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis **by mail only**. Music will NOT be played on any practice ice session. Dance practice ice will be available with predefined music per session. Practice ice schedules and request forms will be mailed with each competitor's confirmation letter. Reservations must be submitted by return mail only. No practice ice will be sold over the telephone or by fax or email. If you do not get the practice ice session you want, you will be notified by phone or email.

Registration

The official registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. Registration will open one hour before the start of the competition each day and remain open through the end of the competition each day. Competitors must register at least one hour prior to their event.

Official Notices

The official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of the arena. Posting of schedules and announcements thereon shall constitute sufficient official notice to competitors, coaches, and officials.

Schedule of Events

A schedule of events and confirmation will be mailed to each competitor approximately two weeks before the competition. Please check the official bulletin board immediately upon arrival for any changes.

Music

Music will be reproduced through the rink sound system from cassettes or CDs furnished by each competitor. **ALL CASSETTES AND CD'S MUST BE PROPERLY LABELLED AND TURNED IN AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.** All tapes must be rewound and CD's must have only ONE track on it. In the event of short and long programs, two separate CD's or tapes must be used. Any CD with more than one track will not be accepted. Tapes should be recorded on one side only and no broken cassettes will be accepted. ALL skaters must have an additional tape or CD available as back-up.

****NEW for 2006****

Please legibly label all CD's and tapes with skater name, level, and "FS" or "SP." In an effort to avoid any problems that may be caused by stick-on labels, we will not be putting labels on CD's or tapes.

Awards

Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place in each event and ribbons will be awarded for all other placements for all Low Beginner through Open Juvenile events. For Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior combined events; medals will be awarded for 1st – 4th place and ribbons for remaining placements based on Final Standings only. In addition, medals will be given for 1st – 4th place for all Championship Rounds. A trophy will be presented to the visiting club with the greatest number of competitors entered. In addition, a trophy will be presented to the visiting club that accumulates the most points during the competition. Points will be awarded for 1st through 4th place only. Award Ceremonies will take place immediately following the posting of each event's results.

INTERMEDIATE – SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS Includes Short Program & Free Skate.....\$100.00	Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2006
FIRST EVENT (Low Beginner –Juvenile) FS, SP, Compulsory, Spins, Pairs and/or Dance.....\$ 70.00	
EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT (Low Beginner –Juvenile) FS, SP, Compulsory, Pairs, and/or Spins..... \$ 30.00	
EACH ADDITIONAL DANCE EVENT \$ 25.00	
If doing PAIRS ONLY (per person) \$45.00	
	Mail to: Onyx FS Challenge c/o Lynne Minish 566 May Road Rochester Hills, MI 48307
	NO NEED TO SEND RETURN ENVELOPES – WE WILL MAIL SCHEDULE AND PRACTICE ICE INFO TO ALL SKATERS.
	<i>Direct Inquires to Lynne Minish (248) 703-5709 OR email to lmminish@msn.com (preferable)</i>

Single Free Skate

Balanced program requirements are defined in Rule 3630.

All events will be skated on full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit as stated. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level.

All Free Skating events will be judged according to the 2006 Official US Figure Skating Rulebook or those adopted at the May 2006 meeting of the Governing Council except where modified by this announcement.

Low Beginner	1:30	Open to skaters who have not passed their PrePreliminary Free Skate Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus, Salchow, Toe-loops, and half-loops (but no other full revolution jumps). May not include flying spins, combination spins or backspins.
High Beginner	1:30	Open to skaters who have not passed their PrePreliminary Free Skate Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus, Salchow, Toe-loops, half-loops, and loops (but no other full revolution jumps). May not include flying spins.
PrePreliminary Limited	1:30	Must have passed the PrePreliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. May not include axels, double jumps, or flying spins.
PrePreliminary	1:30	Must have passed the PrePreliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. May include axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins. (Rule 3711)
Preliminary Limited	1:30	Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. May include axels and flying spins. May not include double jumps.
Preliminary	1:30	Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. May include axels, plus up to two different double jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump combinations or jump sequences (Rule 3701).
PreJuvenile	2:00	Must have passed the PreJuvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. May include axels, plus up to four different double jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump combinations or jump sequences (Rule 3691).
Open Juvenile	2:15	Open to skaters 13 years old or older as of closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3681)
Juvenile	2:15	Open to skaters who have not reached the age of 13 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3681)
Intermediate	2:30	Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3672)
Novice	3:00 (Ladies) 3:30 (Men)	Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3663)
Junior	3:30 (Ladies) 4:00 (Men)	Must have passed the Junior Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3653)
Senior	4:00 (Ladies) 4:30 (Men)	Must have passed the Senior Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3643)

Pairs Free Skate

Balanced program requirements are defined in Rule 4030. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit as stated.

PreJuvenile	2:00	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Preliminary Pair Test & no higher (Rule 4091)
Juvenile	2:30	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Juvenile Pair Test & no higher (Rule 4081)
Intermediate	3:00	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Intermediate Pair Test & no higher (Rule 4071)
Novice	3:30	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Novice Test & no higher (Rule 4062)
Junior	4:00	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Junior Test & no higher (Rule 4052)
Senior	4:30	Must have passed US FIGURE SKATING Senior Test (Rule 4042)

Compulsory Moves

Skated without music

Test requirements are the same as listed under Single Free Skate Events. To be skated on one-half (1/2) of the ice surface. Moves must be skated exactly as stated and may be skated in any order. There must be no change of foot between jumps in the combination jump. An axel is considered a single jump. If 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.

CATEGORY	MINUTES	REQUIRED ELEMENTS
Low Beginner	1:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ½ revolution jump 2. Toe-loop 3. 2 foot spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Lunge
High Beginner	1:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump/toe-loop combination 2. Loop or Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Forward spiral
PrePreliminary	1:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (no axel, may not be repeated in combination) 2. Single/single jump combination (no axel) 3. Forward spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Forward spiral sequence (3 or 4 positions)
Preliminary	1:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (axel permitted) 2. Single-single jump combination (may not repeat single jump selected above) 3. 1 foot back spin (position optional, may not commence with jump, min. 3 revolutions) 4. Edge spiral, spread eagle or bauer 5. Step sequence
PreJuvenile	1:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination) 2. Double/single jump combination (must include loop as either single or double jump) 3. Combination spin with no change of position and 1 change of foot (may not commence with jump, min. 4 revolutions) 4. Solo spin (may not commence with jump, min. 4 revolutions) 5. Step sequence

Short Program

To be skated with music. All times are maximums.

Juvenile OR Open Juvenile (separate events)	2:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Axel (may not be repeated in the combination) 2 Double jump (may not be repeated in the combination) 3 One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one single jump and one double jump. 4 Solo spin – minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not commence with a jump 5 Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position (min 4 revolutions each foot) 6 Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)
Intermediate	2:00	As stated in the 2006 US Figure Skating Rulebook (Rule 3671)
Novice	2:30	As stated in the 2006 US Figure Skating Rulebook (Rule 3661)
Junior	2:50	As stated in the 2006 US Figure Skating Rulebook (Rule 3651 & 3652) Elements to be skated are for the 2007 season
Senior	2:50	As stated in the 2006 US Figure Skating Rulebook (Rule 3641 & 3642)



Solo Dance

Each dance is a separate event. Each will be limited to two patterns only and is open to men and ladies. You may select the dance you wish to enter from those listed below in your present level and/or from one level higher. Awards will be presented for each individual dance event. You may enter up to four (4) dances.

Preliminary: Skater may have passed all Preliminary Dances but not all PreBronze Dances <i>Events: Dutch Waltz; Rhythm Blues; Canasta Tango</i>	Silver: Skater may have passed all Silver Dances but not all Pre-Gold Dances <i>Events: American Waltz; Rocker Foxtrot; Tango</i>
Pre-Bronze: Skater may have passed all PreBronze Dances but not all Bronze Dances <i>Events: Cha-Cha; Fiesta Tango; Swing Dance</i>	Pre-Gold: Skaters may have passed all Pre-Gold dances but not all Gold Dances <i>Events: Kilian; Blues; Paso Doble</i>
Bronze: Skater may have passed all Bronze Dances but not all Pre-Silver Dances. <i>Events: Willow Waltz, Ten Fox, Hickory Hoedown</i>	Gold: Skater may have passed all Gold Dances <i>Events: Quickstep; Westminster Waltz; Argentine Tango</i>
Pre-Silver: Skater may have passed all Pre-Silver Dances but not all Silver Dances <i>Events: Fourteen-Step; European Waltz; Foxtrot</i>	

Spins Only

Skaters 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 are minimums.

PrePreliminary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs) • Two-foot spin (3 revs) • Forward sit spin (3 revs) 	PreJuvenile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel spin (4 revs) • Forward sit to back sit spin (4 revs each foot) • Front to back scratch spin (4 revs each foot)
Preliminary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scratch spin (5 revs) • Forward sit spin (3 revs) • Camel spin (3 revs) 	Juvenile / Open Juvenile (combined for this event): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin combination with 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (4 revs each foot) • Flying camel spin (5 revs) • Forward sit to back sit spin (5 revs each foot)

Deadline for entries: July 15, 2006

Consult with your coach before submitting your entry form to ensure that you have entered the correct event.

HOTEL GUIDE

Host Hotel	Royal Park Hotel 600 East University Rochester, MI 48307 248-652-2600	2.52 miles www.royalparkhotel.net
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They have a limited block of rooms that are available for a much discounted rate of \$92 + taxes per night. Please be sure to mention you are with the “Onyx Skating Academy” to get this special rate.

Comfort Inn – Utica 11402 Hall Road Utica, MI 48317 586-739-7111 or 800-663-4230	7.89 miles	Courtyard By Marriot – Utica 46000 Utica Park Blvd. Utica, MI 48315 586-997-6100	9.66 miles
Staybridge Suites – Utica 46155 Utica Park Blvd. Utica, MI 48315 586-323-0101	9.56 miles	Hampton Inn 1461 N. Opdyke Road Auburn Hills, MI 48328 248-370-0077	14.34 miles
Amerisuites 45400 Park Avenue Utica, MI 48315 586-806-0100 or 800-663-4230	8.64 miles	Embassy Suites 850 Tower Troy, MI 48098 248-879-7500	9.71 miles
Baymont Inn 45311 Park Avenue Utica, MI 48315 586-731-4700	8.59 miles	Red Roof Inn 2580 Crooks Rd Rochester Hills, MI 48309 248-853-6400	6.73 miles
Hilton Suites 2300 Featherstone Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-334-2222	10.08 miles	Staybridge Suites –Auburn Hills 2050 Featherstone Auburn Hills, MI 48326	10.68 miles



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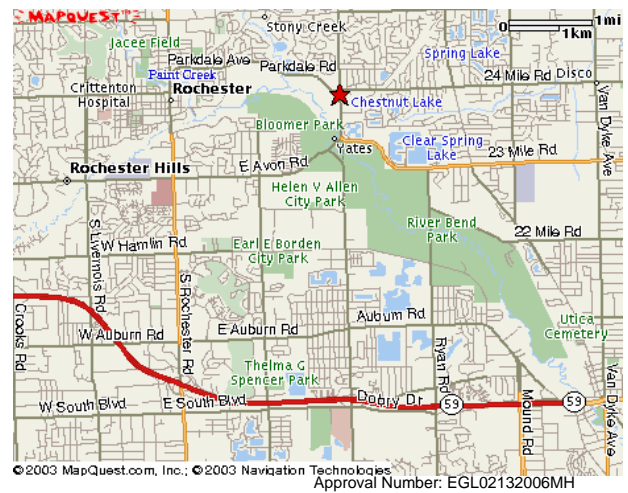
From the south: Take I-75 north; exit M-59 east to Dequindre Road. At light at end of exit ramp, turn onto eastbound South Blvd then left onto northbound Dequindre. Take Dequindre Rd. north approximately 4 miles to rink.** (SW corner of Dequindre and Parkdale (24 Mile Rd.))

From the north: Take I-75 south; exit M-59 east to Dequindre Road. At light at end of exit ramp, turn left onto eastbound South Blvd then left onto northbound Dequindre. Take Dequindre Rd. north approximately 4 miles to rink.** (SW corner of Dequindre and Parkdale (24 Mile Rd.))

From the east: Take M-59 west to Dequindre Rd North exit. Turn right onto Dequindre. Take Dequindre Rd. north approximately 4 miles to rink.** (SW corner of Dequindre and Parkdale (24 Mile Rd.))

From the west: Take M-59 east to Dequindre Road exit. At light at end of exit ramp, turn left onto Eastbound South Blvd; Left onto northbound Dequindre. Take Dequindre Rd. north approximately 4 miles to rink.** (SW corner of Dequindre and Parkdale (24 Mile Rd.))

****NOTE:** Dequindre will appear to end at Avon Road (next to Yates Cider Mill). At that light, turn right onto Avon Road which will quickly turn to the north and become Dequindre again.



2006 COMPETITION PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

Make the Onyx Figure Skating Challenge memorable!! Place an advertisement for your business, send a message to a fellow skater, or thank your coach for being there for you!! Just complete the information below, enclose proper payment and mail by the **August 1, 2006 deadline**.



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Camera-ready artwork on CD, disk, or email attachment is preferred in Adobe or .jpg format. You may also provide a camera-ready, black and white hard copy of your advertisement. For further information or questions, please contact Adriana Geffert at email address: aigeffert@sbcglobal.net

Please return this form with a check payable to **Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy** to:

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