

17th ANNUAL GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25, 2007
Hosted by the North Suburban Figure Skating Club

RULES: The Seventeenth Annual Great Oaks Invitational Competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations set forth in the 2007 edition of the USFS Rule Book.

ELIGIBILITY: This competition is open to any eligible member in good standing of the USFS. Skaters may compete in as many events as qualified by USFS test levels as of January 6, 2007, or one level higher. Skaters participating in Basic Skills Levels 1 – 6 **may not** participate in any other events. Basic Skills skaters may not have passed any official USFS tests including moves in the field or individual dance and must be members of a USFS Basic Skills program.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees are as follows:

	First Event (per skater).....\$ 70.00
	Additional Event (per skater).....\$ 25.00
Basic Skills Levels 1 – 6	\$ 30.00
	First pairs event (\$50 per skater).....\$100.00

All entry fees must be included with the completed application and must be postmarked by **January 6, 2007**. *(Please note that since the deadline is immediately following the holidays, you may want to obtain your signatures early.)*

Please make check payable to **GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL**, in U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Confirmation of your entry form information will be sent to you via e-mail if you provide your e-mail address. It is recommended that you include your coach's e-mail address as well so that we may include them in the confirmation.

Refunds for entry fees will only be given for physical injury with written documentation from your doctor. No changes in events will be allowed after January 6, 2007, without one of the following consequences: Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and are subject to a late fee of \$25.00 per skater. **Any changes requested after the deadline (including medical refunds), will be subject to a \$25.00 administrative fee.** A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for returned checks.

JUDGING: All judging will be by USFS appointed judges in accordance with USFS standards, with the exception of the Musical Interpretation and Showcase events. The 6.0 system of scoring will be used for all events.

AWARDS: All events are final round events. Medals will be awarded to the top three skaters in each flight. All other participants will receive a ribbon.

MUSIC: Skaters must supply cassette tape or CD, clearly labeled with name, event to be skated, and exact music length, *on the side to be played*. CD's **MUST HAVE ONLY ONE TRACK**, and cassettes **MUST BE REWOUND** and ready to play. Music must be submitted at registration. Skaters are to have a back-up cassette tape or CD at rink side during event. Tapes and CD's left at the conclusion of the competition will not be returned.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Saturday, one hour before the start of the competition, and continue through Sunday. Skaters may not be allowed to compete unless they have checked in at the registration desk **one hour prior to their event**.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: All official notices will be posted in the arena lobby on the N.S.F.S.C. bulletin board. Skaters, coaches, and officials are responsible for checking the official bulletin board for pertinent information.

FACILITIES: The John Lindell Arena is located at 1403 Lexington Boulevard in Royal Oak, MI. The arena telephone number is 248.246.3950. The arena has two 200 x 85 foot indoor surfaces. There is ample seating available for spectators.

PRACTICE ICE: Limited practice ice will be available. Practice ice schedules and reservation forms will be included in the mailing with each skater's confirmation.



VIDEOTAPING and PHOTOGRAPHY: Videotaping will be available through Ledin Photography. Tapes may be purchased or you may supply your own. No power is available for individual videotaping. **Flash photography is NOT permitted**, as it is a distraction and danger to skaters.

ACCOMODATIONS: Our host hotels are: EMBASSY SUITES – TROY and TROY MARRIOTT
850 Tower Drive 200 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, Michigan Troy, Michigan, 48084
248.879.7500 800.777.4096

QUESTIONS: Any questions relative to the competition may be addressed to:

Doug Guidry (Competition Chair)	Catherine MacKillop (Registrar)
30440 Iroquois Drive	424 South Bywood
Warren, MI 48088	Clawson, MI 48017
586-558-8692(after 6:00 p.m. EST weekdays)	248-280-2764 (after 6:00 p.m. EST weekdays)
E-mail: DJGuidry@comcast.net	E-mail: cmackill@wowway.com

(For a faster response to your questions please use e-mail whenever possible.)

Special Notice: In the following events, unless otherwise specified, an axel is considered a single jump.

EVENTS AND TEST REQUIREMENTS

FREE SKATING EVENTS: All events will be skated on the full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. Judging will be based upon technical merit as well as composition and style. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit.

- Limited Beginner: (Time- 1:30 min.) May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests. A well-balanced program consisting of half jumps only, salchow and toe loops, combinations consisting of these jumps only, upright forward one and two foot spins, one step sequence and/or spiral sequence. No flying spins or combination spins permitted.
- Beginner: (Time- 1:30 min.) May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests. (Refer to the Rulebook #3721) A well-balanced program consisting of single jumps (no axel or doubles permitted), at least one jump combination or series, a minimum of two spins of a different nature and one step or spiral sequence.
- Pre-Preliminary Limited: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of all single jumps (no axel or double jumps permitted), single combination jumps, single jump sequences. A minimum of two spins of a different nature. One step sequence or spiral sequence.
- Pre-Preliminary: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of all single jumps (axel permitted), single combination jumps, single jump sequences, no double jumps permitted. A minimum of two spins of a different nature. (Refer to the Rulebook #3711)
- Preliminary Limited: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. May include axels and flying spins. No double jumps.
- Preliminary: (Time- 1:30 min.) Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. (Refer to the Rulebook #3701) A well-balanced program, may include all single jumps, axels and two different double jumps which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations. A minimum of two spins of a different nature. One step or spiral sequence.
- Pre-Juvenile: (Time- 2:00 min.) Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher. May include axels plus up to four different double jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations.

- Juvenile: (Time- 2:15 min.) Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Intermediate: (Time- 2:30 min.) Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Novice: (Time- 3:00 min.) Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test and no higher.
- Adult Bronze: (Time- 1:40 min. max.) Must have passed no higher than the Adult Bronze Freestyle test or the Preliminary Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 21 years of age.
No axels or double jumps.
- Adult Silver: (Time- 2:10 min. max.) Must have passed the Adult Bronze Freestyle test or the Juvenile Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 21 years of age.
No double jumps. Axels are permitted.
- Adult Gold: (Time- 2:40 min. max.) Must have passed the Adult Silver Freestyle test or the Intermediate Freestyle test. Skaters must be at least 21 years of age.
No jump restrictions.

COMPULSORY PROGRAMS: All events shall be skated without music, in a program form of the skater's selection using ½ the ice surface. Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit. Test requirements for compulsory programs are the same as the freestyle level indicated.

Beginner (Time – 1:15 min)

- a. Waltz jump
- b. Salchow jump
- c. Upright scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Forward spiral
- e. Half flip or half lutz jump

High Beginner (Time- 1:15 min)

- a. Waltz jump/toe loop combination
- b. Loop jump
- c. Upright scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Forward spiral
- e. Salchow jump

Pre-Preliminary (Time- 1:15 min)

- a. Flip jump
- b. Split jump
- c. Forward outside spiral
- d. Sit spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- e. Combination jump consisting of any two single jumps (no axel)

Preliminary (Time- 1:30 min)

- a. Single jump (axel permitted)
- b. Single-single jump combination (may not repeat jump above)
- c. Camel spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- d. Combination spin (no change of foot)
- e. Step sequence-straight line or diagonal

Pre-Juvenile (Time-1:30 min)

- a. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination)
- b. Single-single jump combination (must include loop)
- c. Combination spin with 1 change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions each foot)
- d. Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions)
- e. Step sequence

SHORT PROGRAMS: The required elements will be skated on the full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit.

Juvenile Short Program (Time- 2:00 min) Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher.

- a. Double Jump
- b. Axel Jump
- c. One jump combination consisting of one double and one single or two double jumps. No steps or turns between jumps.
- d. Solo spin – minimum 5 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump.
- e. Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position (min. 4 revolutions each foot)
- f. Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)

Intermediate Short Program (Time- 2:00 min) Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher. Must include required elements as defined in the 2007 USFS rulebook.

Novice Short Program (Time- 2:30 min) Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test and no higher. Must include required elements as defined in the 2007 USFS rulebook.

COMPULSORY MOVES: To be skated on 1/2 ice. No Music. All elements must be skated in the order listed. Each skater will have the option to perform one element at a time OR will perform the next element when directed by a judge or referee. (format examples: all skaters perform element 1 before moving on to element 2 and so on OR each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.)

Basic 1:

1. Forward two foot glide
2. Forward two foot swizzles - 6-8 in a row
3. Backward wiggles 6 – 8 in a row.
4. Forward snowplow stop.

Basic 2:

1. Forward one foot glide – either foot
2. Two foot turn in place – forward to backward
3. Backward two foot swizzles – 6 – 8 in a row.
4. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line – across width of ice
5. Moving snowplow stop

Basic 3:

1. Forward stroking
2. Forward ½ 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

Basic 4:

1. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise
2. Forward crossovers – 6-8 consecutive – both directions
3. Forward outside 3-turn - right and left
4. Backward stroking
5. Backward snowplow stop, right or left

Basic 5:

1. Backward outside edge on a circle - clockwise or counter clockwise
2. Backward crossovers – 6-8 consecutive – both directions
3. One foot spin – minimum of 3 revolutions
4. Side toe hop – either direction
5. Hockey stop

Basic 6:

1. Forward inside 3-turn - right and left
2. Bunny hop
3. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line - right or left
4. Lunge - right or left
5. T-stop – right or left

BASIC SKILLS SKATERS MAY ONLY COMPETE AT THE BASIC SKILLS LEVEL THEY HAVE PASSED

SHOWCASE EVENTS: 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.** Skaters placing fourth or higher in preliminary and higher artistic showcase solo events, including adult events, will be qualified to enter the next National Showcase. For more information about qualifications, contact Melissa Bowman at patinage@earthlink.net.

<u>Group I:</u>	(Time- 1:30 min)	Beginner – Must not have passed any USFS tests
<u>Group II:</u>	(Time- 1:40 min)	Preliminary
<u>Group III:</u>	(Time- 1:40 min)	Pre-Juvenile
<u>Group IV:</u>	(Time- 2:10 min)	Juvenile
<u>Group V:</u>	(Time- 2:10 min)	Intermediate
<u>Group VI:</u>	(Time- 1:40 min)	Adult - 21 years or older. Must not have passed higher than Adult Silver Free Skating Test

SPINS AND MOVES COMPULSORY: All events shall be skated without music, in a program of the skater's selection using ½ the ice surface. Two marks will be awarded, technical merit and presentation of the elements. The technical merit mark will include the quality of spins (centering, speed of rotations, positions and revolutions) and difficulty of the footwork. The presentation mark will include ice utilization, flow, quality of the field element and creativity. Quality of the spins will be the emphasis. In addition to the required spins, each skater must include in their program, one field element such as spread eagle, spiral or bauer, and one footwork sequence. Skaters are to link the elements together using minimal crossovers, instead using turns and moves in the field. The technical merit mark will break a tie. Test requirements for compulsory spins and moves are the same as the freestyle level indicated.

<u>Preliminary:</u>	(Time- 1:30 min)	One-foot spin (min. 4 revolutions) Sit spin (min. 4 revolutions) Back scratch spin (min. 4 revolutions) Footwork sequence of any pattern Field element
<u>Pre-Juv/Juvenile</u>	(Time- 1:30 min)	Camel spin (min. 4 revolutions) Combination spin with only one change of foot (min. 4 revs on each foot) Layback spin (min. 4 revolutions) Footwork sequence of any pattern Field element
<u>Intermed/Novice</u>	(Time- 1:30 min)	Flying spin (min. 5 revolutions) Layback spin (min. 5 revolutions) Combination spin with three different positions and only one change of foot (min. 5 revolutions on each foot) Footwork sequence of any pattern Field element



SOLO DANCE: Each solo dance is final round only and is open to both men and ladies combined. Each dance is competed and judged separately. Dancers may compete in one or more dance events at their current test level and/or one level higher. The referee will determine the number of patterns skated.

<u>Silver:</u>	American Waltz Harris Tango Rocker Foxtrot	<u>Pre-Silver:</u>	European Waltz Fourteen Step Foxtrot
<u>Bronze:</u>	Hickory Hoedown Ten Fox Willow Waltz	<u>Pre-Bronze:</u>	Cha-Cha Fiesta Tango Swing
<u>Preliminary:</u>	Canasta Tango Dutch Waltz Rhythm Blues		

PAIRS FREE SKATE: Mailing pair entry forms together is encouraged, but not necessary, although, if both forms are not received before the deadline, registration will not be considered complete for either skater. One of the freestyle pair skaters may enter an event one level higher to compete with a higher leveled partner. In other words, a pair will compete no higher than the highest leveled skater. All events are final round.

<u>Preliminary:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	No pair test passed.
<u>Pre-Juvenile:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	Both partners must have passed the Preliminary Pair Test and the Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field Test.
<u>Juvenile:</u>	2:15 min. duration.	Both partners must have passed the Juvenile Pair Test and the Juvenile Moves in the Field Test.
<u>Intermediate:</u>	3:00 min. duration.	Both partners must have passed the Intermediate Pair Test and the Intermediate Moves in the Field Test.
<u>Novice:</u>	3:30 min. duration.	Both partners must have passed the Novice Pair Test and the Novice Moves in the Field Test.

MUSIC INTERPRETATION: Music Interpretation consists of a single program **composed/choreographed entirely by the skater**, demonstrating ability to interpret music by combining moves, turns, footwork, jumps and spins. During warm-up, skaters are not to converse with coaches, parents or friends. There will be one minute without music, followed by three minutes with the selected music played twice. Skaters will finish the warm-up and be led to a locker room, where there will continue to be no communication with coaches, parents or friends. Each skater will hear the music a third time with his/her back to the ice at rink side while the prior competitor is performing. The judges will be marking on the interpretation of the music. Guest judges may judge this event.

<u>Preliminary:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	Preliminary Freestyle Test, no higher.
<u>Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	Juvenile Freestyle Test, no higher.
<u>Intermediate/Novice:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	Novice Freestyle Test, no higher.
<u>Junior/Senior:</u>	1:30 min. duration.	Up to Senior Freestyle Test.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2007 Great Oaks Invitational / February 24-25, 2007/Royal Oak, Michigan
(Basic Skills participants – please fill out separate entry form)

Name _____ Age(as of 1/06/07) _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male _____ Female _____ USFS #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Home Club _____

Highest Test Level Passed: USFS Free Skate: _____ (or) **No USFS Test Passed as of 1/06/07:** _____

Name of Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____ Coach's e-mail: _____

Address of Coach _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mark an "X" in all appropriate events skater will enter.

Note: All first events (per skater).....\$70.00
Each additional event (per skater) \$25.00
First pairs event (\$50 per skater) \$100.00

	FREE SKATE	COMPULSORY PROGRAM	SHORT PROGRAM
Limited Beginner			
Beginner			
High Beginner			
Pre-Preliminary Ltd.		Pre-Preliminary	
Pre-Preliminary			
Preliminary Ltd.		Preliminary	
Preliminary			
Pre-Juvenile			
Juvenile			
Intermediate			
Novice			

PAIRS - FREE SKATE	
Preliminary	
Pre-Juvenile	
Juvenile	
Intermediate	
Novice	
PARTNER NAME:	

MUSIC INTERPRETATION COMPETITION	
Preliminary	
Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile	
Intermediate/Novice	
Junior/Senior	

SHOWCASE	
Group I	
Group II	
Group III	
Group IV	
Group V	
Group VI	

SPINS & MOVES COMPULSORY	
Preliminary	
Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile	
Intermediate/Novice	

ADULT FREE SKATE	
Bronze	
Silver	
Gold	

SOLO DANCE		
Preliminary	Canasta Tango	
	Rhythm Blues	
	Dutch Waltz	
Pre-Bronze	Fiesta Tango	
	Cha-Cha	
	Swing	
Bronze	Willow Waltz	
	Ten Fox	
	Hickory Hoedown	
Pre-Silver	European Waltz	
	Foxtrot	
	Fourteen Step	
Silver	American Waltz	
	Harris Tango	
	Rocker Foxtrot	

Please complete the reverse side of this form.



CERTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR ADULT COMPETITOR:

The above information is accurate as of January 6, 2007.

I am/My child is an eligible skater under the rules of the USFS and eligible to enter the events as indicated above.

I am aware there is a \$25.00 fee for any changes made after the deadline.*

Parent/Guardian Signature* Date
(Skater must sign if 18 or older)

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY:

I fully understand that skating involves risks of serious bodily injury.

I accept such risks and assume responsibility for any losses, costs or damages incurred as a result of participation in this competition.

I hereby release the North Suburban Figure Skating Club, it's board of directors, volunteers and agents from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account.

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CERTIFICATION OF CLUB OFFICER OR BASIC SKILLS DIRECTOR:

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate as of January 6, 2007. The competitor is a current member in good standing of the listed club or a current participant in the figure skating program of the listed facility.

Signature of Club Officer or Basic Skills Director

Title Date

CERTIFICATION OF COACH:

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Signature of Coach* Date

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- **All certifications MUST be signed above!**



BASIC SKILLS ENTRY FORM

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Name _____ Age(as of 1/06/07) _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male _____ Female _____ USFS No. _____ E-mail address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Basic Skills Facility _____

Highest Basic Skills Level Passed (as of 1/06/06): _____

Name of Coach _____ Coach's Phone _____ Coach's e-mail: _____

Address of Coach _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mark an "X" in the appropriate event the skater will enter.

BASIC SKILLS: COMPULSORY MOVES	
Basic 1	
Basic 2	
Basic 3	
Basic 4	
Basic 5	
Basic 6	
Basic Skills Fees: \$30.00	

Please note: If skater has passed Basic 7 or higher, they cannot compete in Basic Skills Events. If they plan to compete at a higher level (e.g. Limited Beginner), please complete the other entry form.

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Sanction #: 27000

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