

## **What you need to know about practice ice**

### **Practice Ice Selection:**

If you pre-purchased practice ice prior to June 22, 2007 you will be able to select the sessions that you want, and are eligible for, online.

You will need your first and last name exactly as you registered and you will need your AUTHORIZE ID/PIN number from your confirmation email. This is your password to get into the online system to select your practice ice. If you do not have your Authorize ID/PIN number, please contact Stori Peterson at 719-634-7333 x1000 and she can re-send your confirmation to you in email.

You will receive an email message that will let you know the day and start time that the practice ice selection will be available. It will also be posted online in the Schedule section of the State Games of America website at least 2 days prior to the start.

### **Practice Ice Rules:**

**There are separate practice ice sessions for Freeskate, Dance, Pairs, and Artistic. The following rules apply to the sessions:**

1. **No Dancers on Freeskate, Pairs, or Artistic sessions**
2. **No props allowed on Freeskate sessions**
3. **Props only allowed on Artistic sessions**
4. **No Pairs allowed on Freeskate, Dance, or Artistic sessions**
5. **Dance couples and singles allowed on Dance sessions**
6. **You will be allowed to skate on sessions that are designated to your competition level (see chart below)**
7. **If you do not sign up for all your sessions online, you will be able to use them at your discretion at the practice ice table at the World Arena only**
8. **Walk-ons will NOT be allowed – your name must be on the list for that session or you must have a “Waitlist Ticket” for that session**
9. **“Waitlist Tickets” will be issued for sessions that are full**
  - a. **To get a ticket, you must pre-pay for the session at the Practice Ice table in the World Arena only – cost will be \$20.00**
  - b. **If you do NOT get on the session, you may bring your ticket back and your \$20.00 will be refunded to you**
  - c. **Sessions will be opened up to waitlist tickets 5 minutes after the start of the session**
  - d. **You MUST have a ticket to get on the session if your name is not on the list**
10. **Music playing will be done by draw at the beginning of each session and will be played in the order drawn. We do not guarantee that you will have your music played.**
11. **Dance sessions will have copies of the dance music that will be used for competition and each dance will be played once**
12. **Sashes will be required on every Freeskate and Artistic session where music is played – you must have on a sash or your music will be stopped and your turn forfeited**

### **Practice Ice Designations and levels:**

If you only purchased one session of practice ice, it was set to be a freeskate practice session based on your competition level unless you were competing only in a dance event (in which case it was set to a dance practice session) or only in an artistic event (in which case it was set to an artistic practice session at your skating level). If you purchased multiple sessions, you were set to have at least 1 in each type that you are competing in this order up to the number you purchased (Freeskate, Artistic, Dance, Pairs). Additional sessions were assigned to Freeskate.

Here are the designations:

#### **FREESKATE:**

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| § BEGINNER: | No test skaters in beginner events (ISI pre-alpha through Freestyle 2) |
| § LOW:      | Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary (ISI Freestyle 3-4)                      |
| § MED:      | Pre-Juvenile - Juvenile (ISI Freestyle 5-6)                            |
| § HIGH 1:   | Intermediate – Novice (ISI Freestyle 7-8)                              |
| § HIGH 2:   | Junior – Senior (ISI Freestyle 9-10)                                   |
| § SYNCHRO:  | Synchro Teams only (One (1) team per session)                          |

DANCE: Dance competitors only  
PAIRS: Pairs teams only  
ADULT: Adults only (19 and older)  
ARTISTIC:  
§ ARTISTIC LOW: Beginner and Bronze  
§ ARTISTIC MED: Silver  
§ ARTISTIC HIGH: Gold and Platinum  
§ TEAM: Team Entertainment groups only (1 team per session)

Adults will be allowed to skate on an ADULT session for freeskate as well as BEGINNER through MED. Please make sure to choose sessions that fit your skating ability and where you will feel most comfortable. Adult Masters skaters were assigned to HIGH1 or HIGH2.

Team entertainment teams of 2 or 3 will be allowed on Artistic Low, Med, and High sessions – please be aware that if your team is made up of skaters of different levels, you will not be able to schedule your sessions online as the system will only let you sign up for sessions that are appropriate to your individual level. In these cases, you will need to schedule your sessions at the Practice Ice Desk at the World Arena and your session level will be based on the level of the LOWEST test level of the team.

There will also be designated team entertainment sessions where teams of any size will be allowed on that session (up to the skater limit) and the charge will be \$20.00 per person or a team may take the entire session by paying \$170.00 for the session.

Team entertainment teams who purchased Team ice will have 1 team per session and those will be available to select from online. The person listed as the team contact will be the one who can schedule the session.

If a session is designated with a (FR) at the end, it is reserved for those skaters making Final Rounds and will be opened to those skaters first after the last qualifying group has skated and results have been posted. You may sign up at the Practice Ice Desk at the World Arena. These will not be available online.

#### **Practice Ice Locations:**

The World Arena (WA), Olympic (OLY), and NHL are all located in one complex. Colorado College Honnen Ice Rink (CC) is located just up the freeway (I-25) and takes about 10 minutes in normal traffic and 20 minutes during rush hour traffic. Maps to this rink will be available at the practice ice and registration tables starting on Wednesday.

#### **Practice Ice Purchases at the rink:**

There will be a Practice Ice table just inside Gate A at the World Arena where you may purchase additional sessions starting one hour prior to the first practice ice session of the competition and throughout the week. We will be able to accept credit cards, cash, and checks for payment.

#### **Music Playing on Practice Ice:**

Music will be played on all practice ice sessions based on random draw – each skater who wants to have their music played will draw a number before starting the session and the music will be played in the order drawn. We DO NOT guarantee that everyone's music will be played on each session. You will not be allowed to get your music from the registration desk once it has been turned in, so please make sure that you have a practice copy of your music on CD (make sure that it is on a CD-R type CD only). **Sashes will be required for every Freeskate and Artistic session. You must wear a sash while your music is being played or your music will be stopped and your turn forfeited.**