



Seventh Annual Basic Skills Competition

Event # 15 of the Michigan Basic Skills Series

Hosted by the Dearborn Figure Skating Club

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The 7th annual Basic Skills Competition hosted by the Dearborn Figure Skating Club will be held at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center at 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48126 on Saturday October 18, 2008. The Basic Skills Competition is sanctioned by USFS and conducted in accordance with the rules of the 2007-2008 USFS Rulebook.

Eligibility: The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Basic Skills Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Basic Skills Program/Club or any other Basic Skills Program/Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating test may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.

Test Track and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (move in the field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

If a skater competes at a non-qualifying competition in "Beginner or No Test" category, then that skater must compete at the equivalent or higher level in Basic Skills approved competitions.

Males and females may, or may not, be placed in the same group.

Entries and Fees: All entries must be postmarked no later than September 13, 2008. Late entries may be accepted ONLY at the discretion of the competition chairperson and must be accompanied by a \$15.00 late fee. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$40.00 and each additional event is \$20.00. **ENTRY FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ANY REASON UNLESS THE EVENT IS CANCELLED.** ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY and returned with a fee check made payable to Dearborn Figure Skating Club. There will be a \$35.00 fee for returned checks.

Awards: Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third places. All awards will be presented off ice, immediately following the competition of the event and the posting of the results.

Schedule of Events: *A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany your application in order to receive your schedule of events.* Schedules will be mailed to you approximately 1 week prior to the competition. Schedules can also be found on www.sk8stuff.com.

Practice Ice: Practice ice will be available on October 18, 2008 in 20 minute increments at a charge of \$8.00 per session. No more than 25 skaters will be allowed on the ice at any one time. Sign in and pay at the door. You may sign up for NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS on a first come, first serve basis.

2008 Michigan Basic Skills Series Competitions

Mission Statement

To give our skaters a chance to develop their USFS Basic Skills in a fun competitive environment. During the competition season - skaters will have the chance to compete at many different clubs and arenas and earn points for a final standing.

A skater may participate in either Freeskating and/or Compulsory/Elements events in any of the Michigan Basic Skills Series Competitions to be eligible for accumulating points. Awards will be presented to skaters with the highest point totals. These awards will take place - on the ice - at the Midland Competition - November 8, 2008

Series Point System

The Freeskating events and the Compulsory/Elements events in each of the Series Competitions will be eligible for accumulating points. Each event will have a maximum of 6 skaters. The system for scoring points for the final award will be as follows:

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| 1 st Place | 6 points |
| 2 nd Place | 5 points |
| 3 rd Place | 4 points |
| 4 th Place | 3 points |
| 5 th Place | 2 points |
| 6 th Place | 1 point |

If an event has 2-6 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were 6 skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group, they will be awarded 3 points. At the end of the Series, in the case of total points tied, the total number of skaters that the competitor has skated against will be the tie breaker.

Medals will be awarded (1-3 Place) in each level as highlighted in each announcement. Beyond the Basics will NOT be counted in the Freeskate and Elements/Compulsory Program Series for this 2008 season. Spins, Dance, Pairs, Theatre On Ice, Synchronized Teams, and Showcase Events will not be counted for this 2008 season.

Skaters will receive an additional bonus of 3 points for moving to a higher level. All points follow the skater throughout the year.

Please Note: The USFS Michigan Basic Skills Series is sponsored equally by all the participating ice rinks and/or USFS member clubs. Competition announcements and packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/or via the club or rink websites as well as www.sk8stuff.com. Each competition will have its own entry forms and specific rules - so please make sure to read the entire announcement for each competition.

BASIC ELEMENTS EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

- Each skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below
- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- No music
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed.** Each skater will perform each element only when directed by a judge or referee. Skaters are allowed one retry per element. If skater wants to retry, she/he should raise their hand immediately. If the skater attempts a retry, only the retry will count for that element.

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| <p>Snowplow Sam - Tots:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>Basic 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 6-8 consecutive - both directions 3. One foot spin - minimum of three revolutions 4. Hockey stop 5. Side Toe hop -either direction |
| <p>Basic 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>Basic 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside three turn - R & L from a standstill 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line - R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L |
| <p>Basic 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line -across width of ice 3. Two foot turn in place forward to backward 4. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 5. Moving snowplow stop | <p>Basic 7:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump - either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot |
| <p>Basic 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>Basic 8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka - either direction 4. Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise – two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - optional free foot position |
| <p>Basic 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 2. Forward crossovers 6-8 consecutive both directions 3. Forward outside three turn - R & L 4. Backward stroking 5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L | |

BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

- The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified.
- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- Deductions will be made if elements from a higher level are performed
- Time: 1:00 +/- 10 seconds

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| <p><u>Snowplow Sam - Tots:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March followed by a two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 2-3-in a row 3. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop | <p><u>Basic 5:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 6-8 consecutive in both directions 3. One foot spin - min of three revolutions 4. Side Toe hop -either direction 5. Hockey stop |
| <p><u>Basic 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p><u>Basic 6:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside 3-turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L |
| <p><u>Basic 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p><u>Basic 7:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot |
| <p><u>Basic 3</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 in either direction 4. Backward one foot glide - either foot 5. Two foot spin | <p><u>Basic 8:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka in either direction 4. Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise - two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - optional free foot position |
| <p><u>Basic 4</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 2. Forward crossovers 6-8 consecutive both directions 3. Forward outside three turn - R & L 4. Backward stroking 5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L | |

"TWO TRACK" - Compulsory Events

Suggested Compulsory Event/Test Track and Well Balanced Levels

- To be skated on 1/2 of ice surface. In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional
- No music is allowed
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels. A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

Two Track – Compulsory Events – Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Limited Beginner Compulsory | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump 2. 1/2 jump of choice 3. Forward two foot or one foot spin (free leg position optional) 4. Forward or backward spiral | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skate badge tests | Time: 1:00 |
| Beginner Compulsory | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop jump 2. Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin 4. Forward or backward spiral | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skate badge tests | Time:1:00 |
| No Test Compulsory | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loop jump 2. Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) 3. Solo spin- sit <u>or</u> camel spin 4. Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves such as Ina Bauers, spread eagles, lunges and shoot the ducks may be included. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skate badge tests, no official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests passed | Time:1:00 |

Two Track – Compulsory Events – NOT Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Pre- Preliminary Compulsory | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flip jump 2. Jump combination waltz jump/toe loop jump OR Salchow/toe loop jump 3. Solo spin- sit <u>or</u> camel spin 4. Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves such as Ina Bauers, spread eagles, lunges and shoot the ducks may be included. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test | Time :1:00 |
| Preliminary Compulsory | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lutz jump 2. Jump combination (may not use Lutz jump or Axel) 3. Camel spin 4. Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves such as Ina Bauers, spread eagles, lunges and shoot the ducks may be included. | Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test | Time :1:15 |

"TWO TRACK" - Freeskating Events

The Test Track and the Well-Balanced Free Skate events can be included in approved Basic Skills Competitions. If levels beyond Preliminary and Adult Bronze are included, a sanction must be filed.

NOTE: Skaters may enter EITHER the new test track or the well-balanced free skate track but **NOT** both. Competitors will skate to music of their choice. Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

Test Track Freeskating Events - Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
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| Limited Beginner | Solo spins in an upright position (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). No combination jumps or jump sequences. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests | Time: Up to 1:30 +/- 10 |
| Beginner | Solo spins in an upright position (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front), single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. No combination jumps or jump sequences. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests | Time: 1:30 +/- 10 |

Two Track – Freeskating Events

NOT Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Pre-Preliminary Test | At least two solo spins of a different nature (min 3 revolutions and no flying spins), all single solo jumps allowed (no Axels), jump combinations or sequences using only a waltz jump, toe loop, and Salchow. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test | Time :1:30 +/-10 |
| Preliminary Test | At least two spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min 3 revolutions each and no flying spins), jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jumping elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. | Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test | Time :1:30 +/-10 |

"TWO TRACK - Well Balanced Freeskating Events"

(U.S. Figure Skating rulebook requirements)

Well-balanced [Competitive] Freeskating Events -

Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
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| No Test Free skate | A well balanced program consisting of: Jumps: maximum of 5 jump elements. No axels or double jumps permitted. Spins: maximum of 2 spins of a different nature Steps: one step sequence utilizing ½ ice surface <i>Refer to U.S. Figure Skating rulebook #3721 for more information</i> | May <u>not</u> have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests. | Time: 1:30+/-10 |

Well-balanced [Competitive] – Freeskating Events

NOT Eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
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| Pre-preliminary Free skate | A well-balanced program consisting of: Jumps: maximum of 5 jump elements. Axels allowed. No double jumps permitted. Spins: maximum of 2 spins of a different nature Steps: one step sequence utilizing ½ ice surface <i>Refer to U.S. Figure Skating rulebook #3711 for more information</i> | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-preliminary free skate test | Time: 1:30 +/-10 |
| Preliminary Free skate | A well-balanced program consisting of: Jumps: maximum of 5 jump elements, one must be an axel or waltz jump type plus up to two different double jumps as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations are allowed Spins: maximum of 2 spins of a different nature Steps: one step sequence utilizing ½ ice surface <i>Refer to U.S. Figure Skating rulebook #3701 for more information</i> | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test. | Time: 1:30 +/-10 |

Basic Skills Competition Entry Form Dearborn Figure Skating Club

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Last First

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Area Code/Phone _____ Birth Date _____

U.S. Figure Skating Number _____

Current Skating Level _____

Last U.S. Figure Skating Level Passed _____

Program Affiliation _____

Instructor's Name _____ E-mail _____

Please check the event(s) you are entering:

BASIC ELEMENTS EVENT:

_____ Snowplow
 _____ Basic 1 _____ Basic 5
 _____ Basic 2 _____ Basic 6
 _____ Basic 3 _____ Basic 7
 _____ Basic 4 _____ Basic 8

Two Track Compulsory:

_____ Limited Beg. Compulsory
 _____ Beginner Compulsory
 _____ No Test Compulsory

 _____ Pre-preliminary
 _____ Preliminary

Basic Program Event:

_____ Snowplow Sam
 _____ Basic 1
 _____ Basic 2
 _____ Basic 3
 _____ Basic 4
 _____ Basic 5
 _____ Basic 6
 _____ Basic 7
 _____ Basic 8

Two Track Freeskating: Test Track

_____ Limited Beginner
 _____ Beginner

 _____ Pre-preliminary Test
 _____ Preliminary Test

Two Track Freeskating: Well Balanced

_____ No Test Free Skate

 _____ Pre-preliminary Free Skate
 _____ Preliminary Free Skate

*Events in bold print are eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

ENTRY FEE IS \$40.00 PER EVENT, \$20.00 PER EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT

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| First Event | \$ _____ |
| Additional Event | \$ _____ |
| Additional Event | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

The completed entry form, with fees and a self-addressed stamped envelope must be postmarked by September 13, 2008. There will be a \$35.00 fee for returned checks.

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ANY REASON UNLESS THE EVENT IS CANCELLED.

Make check or money order payable to Dearborn Figure Skating Club and mail to:

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Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3030
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Entry fees are non-refundable after the entry deadline unless an event is cancelled.

Certification of Competitor: The competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the Dearborn Figure Skating Club and Dearborn Ice Skating Center harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition, and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Instructor Signature _____ Date _____

Program Director/Club Officer _____ Date _____

Competitor Signature _____ Date _____