



SKATE CINCINNATI

March 15 & 16*, 2008

ANNOUNCEMENT - SYNCHRO ONLY VERSION



Hosted By:

The Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati
www.skatecincinnati.org

Sanctioned By:

US Figure Skating (#SMM031508 and #29342)

Event Location:

Sports Plus
10765 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241
(513) 769-1010

Competition Chairs:

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FULL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT:

A full version of the competition announcement is available at www.skatecincinnati.org/competitions. Events include: Basic Skills, Freeskating (No test through Intermediate), Competitive Test Track Freeskating (Preliminary through Intermediate), Adult Freeskating (Pre-Bronze through Masters), Pairs, Solo Dance, Open Dance, Compulsory Program Elements, Spins, Jumps, and Showcase. Juvenile, Intermediate, Adult Gold, and Masters freeskating events will be critiqued by an IJS Technical Specialist.

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 SNOWFLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. For the Free skate 1-6, Test Track and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (moves 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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, FSCC and Sports Plus accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 3222 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The 6.0 system will be used for all events.

ENTRIES AND FEES:

All entries must be POSTMARKED by FEBRUARY 09, 2008. The entry fee must be included with the completed application. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and referee, and will be subject to a \$15 late fee. There will also be a \$20 service fee for returned checks.

SYNCHRO FEES

Beginner Synchronized Teams	\$40.00 per team + \$5.00/skater (including alternates)
Other Synchronized Teams	\$80.00 per team + \$15.00/skater (including alternates)

* The majority of the competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Some events may be held on Sunday, March 16 depending on the number of entries.

Please make checks payable to FSCC and mail completed entries to:

Kelly Bixby
5646 Baines Holding
Milford, OH 45150
kbixby@cinci.rr.com

REFUNDS:

No refunds for events will be made after the closing date (February 09, 2008) unless the event is canceled by the referee. Refunds will not be issued if a skater has personal conflicts with the referee's schedule. Refunds will not be given for missed practice sessions; however, a skater is allowed to change his/her practice ice time before the session occurs. Out of courtesy for other skaters who may be waiting for practice ice time, please make any practice ice time changes well in advance.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice for individual skaters will be available on Saturday, March 15, 2008 (and Sunday, March 16, 2008 if necessary). The pre-paid rate for practice ice is \$10.00 for 25 minutes per skater. Skaters may also purchase practice ice at a walk-on rate of \$12 per 25 minutes if space is still available. Synchro teams may pre-register for practice ice on Friday, March 14, 2008 on a first-come, first-served basis for a fee of \$85 for 12 minutes.

EVENT SCHEDULES:

A competition and practice ice schedule will be posted at www.skatecincinnati.org/competitions approximately two weeks prior to the competition. Should you prefer a written copy, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope with your completed entry form. The competition schedule is set by the referee, and no changes will be made to the schedule once it is announced unless an error has been made by the referee.

ARENA FACILITIES:

All events will be held at Sports Plus, which has dressing rooms, two restaurants, a pro shop and free parking. Sports Plus has two ice surfaces, each measuring 200' by 85'. Admission to Skate Cincinnati is free.

REGISTRATION:

The official registration desk will be located in the rink lobby area at Sports Plus. It will open approximately 30 minutes prior to the first practice ice session on Saturday morning and remain open throughout the scheduled competition events. **Competitors must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their event**, and should be prepared to skate earlier than scheduled, should the competition be running ahead.

MUSIC:

Music for Basic Skills and Free Skate 1-2 Programs will be provided by FSCC. Coaches should contact Jeff Privett at (513) 729-0373 or jeffprivett@yahoo.com by February 09, 2008 in order for the music to be mailed to your rink. Alternatively, music may be downloaded from www.skatecincinnati.org/competitions. **PLEASE OBTAIN MUSIC FROM FSCC TO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MUSIC.** The skater must provide their own music for all Free Skating programs **on CDs only** (no tapes will be accepted). CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. Skaters should arrive with a backup CD. CDs can be picked up at the registration desk after their event. All synchronized teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event.

The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety. Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 2660-4791.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photography and/or video services will be available for purchase. Flash photography is not allowed in the arena during the warm-up or during the competition, as it is a safety hazard to the skaters.

AWARDS:

All events will be final rounds. Awards will be presented to first, second and third place. All other places will receive ribbons. Awards will be presented off the ice to all participants after final results have been tabulated. An awards schedule will be posted near the results area.

EVENT PROGRAM:

An official Skate Cincinnati program will be available for a nominal fee. To place a "Good Luck" ad, please use the enclosed form. Please note that late entries may not appear in the official program.

LODGING:

All accommodations listed below are within a 10-15 minute drive of Sports Plus

Baymont Inn, 10900 Crowne Point	(513) 771-6888	http://www.baymontinns.com
Country Inn, Cincinnati North	(513) 771-9309	http://www.countryinns.com
Courtyard Cincinnati-Blue Ash	(513) 733-4334	http://www.marriott.com
Crowne Plaza-Blue Ash	(513) 793-4500	http://www.ihotelsgroup.com
Doubletree Guest Suites, Cincinnati	(513) 489-3636	http://doubletree.hilton.com
Drury Inn, Sharonville	(513) 771-5601	http://www.druryhotels.com
Hilton Garden Inn, Sharonville	(513) 772-2837	http://www.hiltongardeninn.com
Holiday Inn, I-275N	(513) 563-8330	http://holiday-inn.com
Holiday Inn Express, Sharonville	(513) 771-9080	http://holiday-inn.com
Homewood Suites, Sharonville	(513) 772-8888	http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com
LaQuinta Inn and Suites, Sharonville	(513) 771-0300	http://www.woodfieldsuites.com
Marriott, Cincinnati North	(513) 874-7335	http://marriott.com
Marriott, Cincinnati Northeast	(513) 459-3004	http://marriott.com
Red Roof Inn, Sharonville #171	(513) 771-5552	http://www.redroof.com
Sheraton Cincinnati North	(513) 771-2080	http://www.starwoodhotels.com

DIRECTIONS TO SPORTS PLUS:**From Northern/Central Ohio**

From I-71: Take I-71 South to West on I-275 (exit 17). Follow I-275 west to Route 42 South (exit 46). Follow Route 42 South (Reading Road) through Sharonville to Sports Plus (on the right hand side).

From I-75: Take I-75 South to Sharon Road ramp (exit 15). Turn left onto Sharon Road. Follow Sharon Road approximately 1.5 miles and turn right on Reading Road. Sports Plus is on the right about ½ mile down.

From Kentucky

From I-75: Take I-75 North to Glendale-Milford Road (exit 14). Turn right onto Glendale-Milford Road. Follow Glendale-Milford Road approximately 1.5 miles and turn left on Reading Road. Follow Reading Road to Sports Plus (about a half mile down on the left).

From Indiana

From I-275: Follow I-275 North, then East as it circles around the north part of Cincinnati. Turn south onto I-75 (exit 43). Take I-75 South to Sharon Road ramp (exit 15). Turn left onto Sharon Road. Follow Sharon Road approximately 1.5 miles and turn right on Reading Road. Sports Plus is on the right about ½ mile down.

From Southeast Ohio

From I-275: Follow I-275 North, then West as it circles around the north part of Cincinnati. Follow I-275 West to Route 42 South (exit 46). Follow Route 42 South (Reading Road) through Sharonville to Sports Plus (on the right hand side).

Synchronized Team Skating Events

All skaters on the team must either be full US Figure Skating members or members of the US Figure Skating Basic Skills program. The team may choose to represent a US Figure Skating club or their Basic Skills Program/Club. Teams must be comprised of at least 8 skaters. There are no restrictions or requirements on music choice (vocals are permitted). Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition for the Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile events.

Events to be offered:

- A. Beginner:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Age requirements are listed below. No skaters may have passed higher than the Preliminary or Adult Bronze test in any discipline. Please see next page for Beginner Synchro levels and program requirements.
- B. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4760
- C. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 19 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4770
- D. Open Adult** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be 19 years of age or older on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4770

Requirements for Beginner Synchro Events

BEGINNER SYNCHRO 1

Age: Majority under 9

Music: 1:30 – 2:00 +/- 10 seconds. No restrictions

Elements:

- **Circle:** 1 circle. Include a 2-foot turn and a forward inside and/or outside edge.
- **Line:** Cover ice, all forward skating
- **Block:** Cover ice, only 1 configuration
- **Wheel:** 4-spoke or “S” with backward pumps
- **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot glide at point of intersection
- **Restrictions:**
 - No additional elements
 - Holds = Shoulder and Hand only
 - No changes of rotational direction and traveling within elements
 - No steps or moves above Basic 5
 - Everything in Rule 4669

BEGINNER SYNCHRO 2

Age: Majority 9-11

Music: 1:30 – 2:00 +/- 10 seconds. No restrictions

Elements:

- **Circle:** 1 circle. Include the combination move (1 direction only) from Basic 8
- **Line:** Cover ice, may include backward and forward skating
- **Block:** Cover ice, must have 1 or 2 configurations
- **Wheel:** Wheel of choice with backward pumps
- **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection
- **Restrictions:**
 - No additional elements
 - Holds = Shoulder and Hand only
 - No changes of rotational direction and traveling within elements
 - No steps or moves above Free Skate 1
 - Everything in Rule 4669

BEGINNER SYNCHRO 3

Age: Majority at least 12

Music: 2:00-2:30 +/- 10 seconds. No restrictions

Elements:

- **Circle:** 1 circle. Include the combination move (1 direction only) from Basic 8
- **Line:** Cover ice, must include backward and forward skating
- **Block:** Cover ice, must have 2 or 3 configurations
- **Wheel:** Wheel of choice
- **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 1-foot glide or forward lunge at point of intersection
- **Restrictions:**
 - Changes of rotational direction and traveling within elements
 - Everything in Rule 4669

**2008 Skate Cincinnati
Synchronized Skating Teams
Team Application Form (p.1 of 3)**

Team Name: _____ # of skaters _____
 Club Name: _____
 Coach: _____ phone: _____
 Assistant: _____ phone: _____
 Contact person: _____ phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
 E-mail: _____

Division Entered:

_____ Beginner ___1___ 2 ___ 3
 _____ Pre Juvenile
 _____ Open Juvenile
 _____ Open Adult

ENTRY FEES:

Beginner Synchronized Teams \$40.00 per team + \$5.00/skater (including alternates)
 Other Synchronized Teams \$80.00 per team + \$15.00/skater (including alternates)

All fees are payable in U.S. Dollars only.

I have enclosed:

\$ _____ for Beginner team event @ \$40 per team
 \$ _____ for _____ Competitors @ \$5 per beginner team skater

- OR -

\$ _____ for _____ event (s) @ \$80 per team per event
 \$ _____ for _____ Competitors @ \$15 per skater/event

\$ _____ \$15 for late fee
 \$ _____ for _____ program ads @ \$10 per ad

\$ _____ Total

Mail check and completed entry form by Feb 09, 2008 to:

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 Milford, OH 45150
kbixby@cinci.rr.com**

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELLED BYOUR REFEREE.

**2008 Skate Cincinnati
Synchronized Skating Teams
Team Roster Form (p.2 of 3)**

Team Name: _____ ID**: _____
 Division: _____ Club: _____ City Represented: _____
 Coaches: _____
 Theme of program/music: _____

Please type or write legibly in alphabetical order by skaters' LAST name.

Last name/First name	birth date	age*	ID number**
1	_____	_____	_____
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27	_____	_____	_____
28	_____	_____	_____

*Age as of July 1

**US Figure Skating, Skate Canada, or other skating organization ID number

2008 Skate Cincinnati
Synchronized Skating Teams
Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer (p.3 of 3)

Team Name:	Division:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Skater's name in alphabetical order	Skater signature or parent / guardian (if skater is under 18)
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Club officer or skating school director: *All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating rules.*

Print Name:	Signature
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2008 Skate Cincinnati
Synchronized Skating Teams
Practice Ice Request Form

Practice ice will be available on Friday, March 14, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. Practice times will run in 12-minute segments on a first come, first serve basis at the rate of \$85 per segment. We will schedule the practice ice segments as the requests arrive.

TEAM _____ DIVISION _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE _____ E MAIL _____

PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE PRACTICE FORM FOR EACH TEAM.
(YOU MAY REPRODUCE THIS AND ANY APPLICATION FORM.)

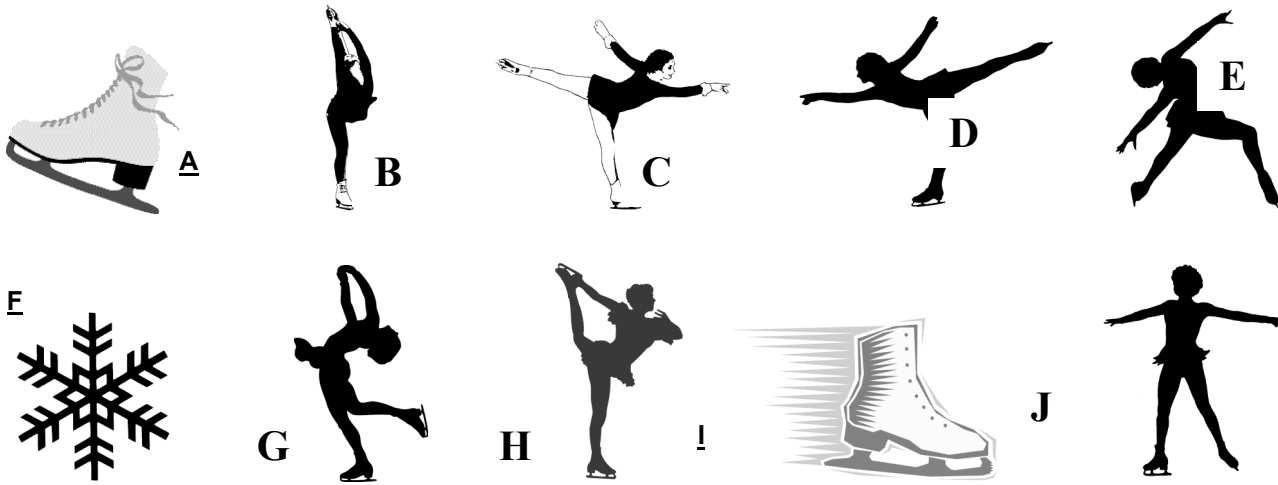
Fee: \$85 per 12-minute segment on competition/practice surface

We have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ segments.

Please make practice ice checks payable to Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati and send it along with completed application, team roster, and liability forms.

PROGRAM ADS

Personal ads are a great way to thank your coach and wish your favorite skater "Good Luck"! The Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati invites you to submit a personal advertisement for the 2008 Skate Cincinnati program. Choose a personal ad from the selections below. Indicate the letter of the graphic you like and print your message below. Ads are \$6.00 each. Payments for ads along with this form should be included with the entry form and fees.



Message Ad 1: _____
 Message Ad 2: _____
 Message Ad 3: _____

Please include this application and program ad fees with the entry form and entry fees.

Mail check and completed entry form by Feb 09, 2008 to:

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 5646 Baines Holding
 Milford, OH 45150**