



SKATE MIDLAND 2008
Event # 16 of the Michigan Basic Skills Series
November 8, 2008

*Sponsored by the Midland Figure Skating Club
405 Fast Ice Drive, Midland MI 48642*

The Midland Figure Skating Club invites you to the 6th annual SKATE MIDLAND Basic Skills Competition to be held at the Midland Civic Arena on Fast Ice Drive just off the Bay City Road exit from Route 10. The competition is scheduled for Saturday November 8, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

This is the final 2008 Michigan Basic Skills Series competition. Awards will be presented to skaters with the highest point totals. These awards will take place on the ice after the completion of the eligible events.

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current, eligible (ER1.00) members of either a 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 or Club or any other Basic Skills Program or Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills skaters through Basic 8 must skate at the highest level passed, and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including moves in the field or individual dances. Consult with your coach or Basic Skills instructor if you need help in selecting which events to enter.

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

Note: If a skater has competed at a nonqualifying competition in a Beginner or No Test category, then that skater must compete at the equivalent or higher level in Basic Skills competitions.

ENTRIES AND FEES — All entries must be postmarked no later than **October 19, 2008**. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers if space is available, and will be charged a \$20 late fee. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The fee for a skater's first event is \$40 for Basic Skills and \$50 for Beyond the Basics. Each additional event is \$20. NO refunds will be made after the closing date, unless the event is canceled by the sponsor. **ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY** and returned with a check for fees, payable to Midland Competitions. There will be a \$20 fee for returned checks.

AWARDS — Every skater will receive a medal. All events will be final rounds. As soon as possible after results are posted, skaters should appear dressed in their competition outfits with skates on to participate in the awards ceremony. **There will not be an awards photographer; parents and friends are encouraged to take their own pictures.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — The schedule of events will be posted on the Midland FSC website, www.midlandfigureskatingclub.org, and on www.sk8stuff.com approximately 10 days before the competition. Events eligible for Basic Skills Series points will be held in the morning, after which the Basic Skills Series Awards will take place on the ice. The Pre-preliminary, Preliminary, Spins, and Artistic Showcase events will be held after the awards ceremony.

PRACTICE ICE — Sign up for practice ice is available on the registration form. Practice ice sessions will be available before the start of the competition for those in Basic Skills Series events, and later in the morning for those in the non-series events. Sessions will be limited to 25 skaters at the fee of \$8 per 20-minute session. Additional sessions may be purchased during the competition if space is available.

MUSIC — Music for all free skating and artistic showcase programs must be provided by the skater on CD's. CD's should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). **Do not place labels directly on your CD; mark information on CD with permanent felt tip pen.** Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. Skaters and coaches must carry program music backup CDs with them in case of accidents to their original CDs.

VIDEOTAPING — Performance videotaping will be provided by Ledin Photo and Video.

VENDORS — A variety of souvenir goods will be available for purchase, such as tee-shirts, pins, skating equipment, skate wear, and so on.

QUESTIONS?

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2008 Michigan Basic Skills Series Competitions **Mission Statement**

To give our skaters a chance to develop their U.S Figure Skating 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 to a final standing.

A skater may participate in either free skating 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 Skate Midland, November 8, 2008.

Series Point System:

Each event will have a maximum of six skaters. The system for scoring points for the final awards will be:

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, that skater 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.

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

Please note: The U.S. Figure Skating Michigan Basic Skills Series is sponsored equally by all the participating ice rinks and/or U.S. Figure Skating clubs. Competition announcements 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.

<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. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 	<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 - both directions 3. One foot spin - minimum of three revolutions 4. Hockey stop 5. Side Toe hop -either direction
<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. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 	<p><u>Basic 6:</u></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><u>Basic 2</u></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><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 - 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 - 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 	

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

<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 ½ 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. ½ 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
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
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
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

SPIN EVENTS – NO MUSIC

- Skated in program form on half sheet of ice without music.
- All elements must be skated, but may be in any order using connecting steps appropriate to level.
- A .2 deduction will be taken for any repeated element, extra spin, or element from a higher level.
- Time: 1 min 15 sec or less, except Basic Skills which is 1 min or less.

Basic Skills: (Minimum 2 revolutions; may have passed no higher than Basic 6)

1. Two-foot spin
2. Beginning one-foot spin
3. Forward Pivot
4. Lunge

Beginner: (Minimum 3 revolutions; may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating test)

1. Two-foot spin
2. Any 1-position spin
3. Scratch spin
4. Spiral

Pre-preliminary: (Minimum 3 revolutions in each spin position)

1. Any one-foot forward spin
2. Forward sit spin
3. Back scratch spin
4. Spiral, Bauer, or spread eagle

Preliminary: (Minimum 4 revolutions in each spin position)

1. Upright spin
2. Forward sit spin
3. Camel spin
4. Footwork sequence of any pattern

ARTISTIC SHOWCASE

Showcase events are to be skated to music of the skater's choice. 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 thirty (30) seconds to place and remove the prop. Props must be limited to those that the skater can carry on and off the ice unassisted through the normal skater's entrance door. Props are not allowed on ice during warm up.

- Vocal music is allowed
- No Axels or double jumps.
- Any event with a large number of entries may be divided into groups by age.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RESTRICTIONS</u>
Basic Skills	1:00 min +/- 10sec	May have passed no higher than Basic 8
Beginner	1:30 min +/- 10sec	Must not have passed any USFS test
Pre-preliminary	1:30 min +/- 10sec	May have passed no higher than Pre-preliminary FS test
Preliminary	1:30 min +/- 10sec	May have passed no higher than Preliminary FS test

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Use a separate Registration Form for each skater (Please Print)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ USFS # _____*
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone # (_____) _____
 Skater's Home Club _____

Coach's Name _____ USFS # _____
 Coach's Email _____ Coach's Phone # (_____) _____

Skater's Age ____ Date of Birth _____ M or F (Circle)
 Highest Level Passed: Basic 8 _____, Basic Free Skating _____
 USFS Free Skating _____ MIF _____ Dance _____ (leave blank if none)

* If applied for, please note

Check Events Desired

Basic Skills - Eligible for Series Points

Compulsory	
Snowplow Sam Comp	
Basic 1 Comp	
Basic 2 Comp	
Basic 3 Comp	
Basic 4 Comp	
Basic 5 Comp	
Basic 6 Comp	
Basic 7 Comp	
Basic 8 Comp	
Limited Beg. Comp	
Beginner Comp	
No Test Comp	

Program with Music / FS	
Snowplow Sam Music	
Basic 1 Music	
Basic 2 Music	
Basic 3 Music	
Basic 4 Music	
Basic 5 Music	
Basic 6 Music	
Basic 7 Music	
Basic 8 Music	
Test Track Limited Beg. FS	
Test Track Beginner FS	
Well Balanced No Test FS	

Beyond the Basics - Not Eligible for Points

Compulsory	
Pre-preliminary Comp	
Preliminary Comp	
Free Skating	
Test Track Pre-preliminary FS	
Well Balanced Pre-preliminary FS	
Test Track Preliminary FS	
Well Balanced Preliminary FS	

Spins	
Basic Skills	
Beginner	
Pre-preliminary	
Preliminary	
Artistic Showcase	
Basic Skills	
Beginner	
Pre-preliminary	
Preliminary	

First Event _____ (Basic Skills - \$40; Beyond the Basics - \$50)
 Next Event _____ (each additional event is \$20)
 Next Event _____
 Next Event _____
TOTAL: _____

Enclose check or money order payable to Midland Competitions and mail to:

Amy Wilkins
 881 East Beamish Rd.
 Midland, MI 48642

Completed entry form with certification and fees, must be postmarked no later than October 19, 2008. Entry fees are not refundable after the deadline unless the event is cancelled.

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CERTIFICATION

Use a separate Certification Form for Each Skater

BY CLUB OFFICER OR BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

The competitor is a U.S. Figure Skating Club member in good standing or is a Basic Skills skater, and is eligible to enter the events selected.

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Phone _____

BY COACH OR ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR:

I have reviewed and approve the entry of this skater in the indicated events.

Signature _____ Date _____ USFS # _____

BY COMPETITOR AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the Skate Midland Competition/Midland FSC/Midland Civic Arena 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. The skater agrees to abide by the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Conduct.

Skater's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if skater is under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

I hereby grant permission to the representatives of the Midland Figure Skating Club/Skate Midland

Competition to administer or seek medical attention for my child, in the case of my absence, or for myself if I am unable to communicate my wishes.

Skater's Signature (if over the age of 18) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if skater is under 18) _____ Date _____

Relevant Medical Information (allergies, pre-existing conditions, etc.) _____

Skater's Insurance Company _____

Policy No. _____ Name of Insured _____