

Skate into Spring Basic Skills Challenge
Basic Skills Competition



Sponsored by the Beaver County Figure Skating Club

Entries must be postmarked by February 4, 2008

Information about this competition, including this form, is available at www.bcfsc.org.

The purpose of the Skate into Spring Basic Skills Challenge is for the younger skater to have fun while giving them their first taste of competitive skating. The younger skater will leave the competition with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Everyone gets a medal or a ribbon - something they can show off. They can walk away from the event and feel good about it.

Chief Referee: Dan Petri Accountant: Cecelia Erisman

Competition Chairperson: Terri Miller 412-996-3050 or skateintospring@bcfsc.org

DATE: March 8, 2008 in conjunction with the Skate into Spring Competition

LOCATION: Brady's Run Ice Arena, Route 51, Beaver Falls Pa.

ELIGIBILITY: The Learn to Skate Challenge Competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the U.S. Figure Skating 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 (February 4, 2008). All SNOWPLOW 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.

EVENTS: Boys and girls may compete in the same events and groups will be divided by age whenever possible. Dress is casual, skaters should wear clothing that allows for comfort and movement; skating dresses are permitted. Gloves are permitted. A dressing room will be available for changing.

ENTRY FEES: The fee for the **Basic Skills Elements Event** is \$15.00. The fee for the **Basic Skills Programs with Music Event** is \$25.00. Entries postmarked after the entry deadline, **February 4, 2008** must include a \$10.00 late entry fee and will only be accepted on an "as available basis." Returned checks will be subject to a \$35.00 fee.

SCHEDULE: A tentative schedule will be available approximately 2 weeks before the competition. Individual group assignments will be mailed to all competitors and a tentative schedule of events will be posted at www.bcfsc.org as soon as possible. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition and check the official bulletin board frequently at the competition.

DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked by February 4, 2008. The Competition Committee reserves the right to limit entries, if necessary and reject any incomplete entry forms. Late entries may be accepted if space and time permits. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged on applications that are postmarked after

February 4, 2008. Refunds will not be issued unless an event is cancelled due to lack of entries. All applications must be filled out properly and completely in order to be processed.

CHECK-IN: Competitors should arrive 1 hour prior to their competition event time and must check-In at the registration desk upon arrival. If the competition is running ahead of schedule, an event may begin earlier than its scheduled time. There are no refunds for a skater that arrives late and misses their event.

MUSIC: The music for all free skating programs must be provided on cassette tapes/CDs by the skater. Tapes/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. Time duration is always ± 10 seconds.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to the top 3 skaters in each event, ribbons will be awarded to fourth, fifth and sixth place skaters. (Groups will be limited to 6 skaters whenever possible.) All others will receive a certificate.

EVENT PROGRAMS: All participants at this event will receive a program book. We would appreciate your support of this event by purchasing an ad in the program book. Ice cubes are a great way to cheer your skater on! See attached form.

VIDEO TAPING/PHOTOGRAPHY: Videotaping is permitted, but must not interfere with spectators, skaters, judges, coaches, or other competition staff. Flash photography is not permitted. A videographer will be available the days of the competition.

VENDORS: Commemorative Competition t-shirts, assorted skating attire, gifts and other merchandise will be available from a small number of vendors. The Puck Stop will be available with a variety of food items. A listing of local restaurants will be available at the Registration Desk.

LODGING: Listed below are various hotels located near the Beaver County Ice Arena.

Holiday Inn - Beaver Falls; PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink.

724-846-3700

Willows Motel - Industry; PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink.

724-643-4500

Holiday Inn Express - Monaca; PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink. 724-728-5121

Hampton Inn - Monaca, PA located approximately 15 min. from the rink.

724-774-5580

DIRECTIONS:

From I-76: I-76 (PA Turnpike) to Rt-60 South exit 10. South on Rt-60 to Rt-51 exit 29. South on Rt-51 approx. 2 miles to stop light at Brady Run Park. Turn right into Park. Arena entrance is on left side.

From Rt-60: Rt-60 to Rt-51 exit 15. South on Rt-51 approx. 2 miles to stop light at Brady Run Park. Turn right into Park. Arena entrance is on left side.

From Rt-65: Rt-65 to Rochester. Take Rt-51 North. Watch carefully as you approach the rink for a small Turn Here sign, be sure to use the turn lane on the right to make the left turn, there is no left turn at the light. Arena is on left side of road.

(Map available at www.bcfsc.org)

BASIC SKILLS ELEMENTS EVENTS (Snowplow Sam – Basic 8): No music will be used. For this competition the rink will be divided into either half or thirds, with two or three groups of skaters competing simultaneously. See attached chart for test requirements.

- The skater must demonstrate all of the required elements in the order listed below.
- Required elements must not be repeated.
- Each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater

Snowplow Sam (Tots)

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

Basic 1

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

Basic 2

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

Basic 3

1. Forward stroking
2. Forward 1/2 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

Basic 4

1. Forward outside edge on a circle- clockwise or counterclockwise
2. Forward crossovers, 6-8 consecutive in both directions
3. Forward outside 3-turn - R and L
4. Backward stroking
5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L

Basic 5

1. Backward outside edge on a circle-clockwise or counterclockwise
2. Backward crossovers, 6-8 consecutive in both directions
3. One-foot spin - minimum of 3 revolutions
4. Hockey Stop
5. Side Toe hop - either direction

Basic 6

1. Forward inside 3-turn - R and L
2. T-stop - R or L
3. Bunny Hop
4. Forward arabesque (spiral) on a straight line - R or L
5. Lunge - R or L

Basic 7

1. Forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R
2. Ballet jump - either direction
3. Backward crossovers to a backward outside edge landing position, clockwise and counterclockwise
4. Forward inside pivot

Basic 8

1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns - R and L
2. Waltz jump
3. Mazurka - either direction
4. Combination move - clockwise or counterclockwise (from Basic 8 curriculum)
5. Beginning one-foot upright spin, optional free foot position

BASIC SKILLS PROGRAMS WITH MUSIC

Skaters will perform a program to music that includes the required elements for their level as listed below. Programs will be skated on the entire ice surface. Elements are not restricted as to the number of times they are executed. Elements from previous levels may be used but deductions will be taken if elements from higher levels are used. Vocal music may be used for these levels only. See attached chart for test requirements.

Maximum Duration is 1 minute plus or minus 10 seconds

PROGRAMS WILL BE JUDGES ON:

- Each element listed below under the appropriate basic skills level. (These elements are required in the program.)
- Technical merit
- Posture
- Rhythm
- Deductions will be taken for programs under or over time limits as well as for illegal moves.

Level	Required Elements
Snowplow Sam Program: (Tots)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward Skating 2. Backward wiggles 3. Glide forward and dip 4. Snowplow stop
Basic Program A: (Basic 1 & 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glide forward and dip 2. Moving snowplow stop 3. Forward two-foot swizzles 4. Backward skating (wiggles or swizzles)
Basic Program B: (Basic 3 & 4)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward 1/2 swizzle pumps on a circle clock or counter clock wise 2. Two foot spin 3. Forward crossovers (Minimum of 5 consecutive in one direction) 4. Back one foot glide on either foot
Basic Program C: (Basic 5 & 6)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward crossovers (Minimum of 5 consecutive in one direction) 2. One foot spin (may use optional free foot position) 3. Bunny hop 4. Forward Spiral (arabesque) in a straight line R or L
Basic Program D: (Basic 7 & 8)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beginning one foot spin, optional free foot position 2. Mazurka or Ballet jump 3. Beginning one foot spin (optional free foot position) 4. Combination move from the Basic Eight Curriculum : Two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down onto BO edge, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to FI edge (Minimum of 2 patterns)

All participants at this event will receive a program book. We would appreciate your support of this event by purchasing an ad in the program book.

Ice Cube Ads are a great way to cheer your skater on!

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Skater's Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age:	Birthday:
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:	E-Mail:		
Home Club, U.S. Figure Skating Program or Rink Name:			
Highest Test Passed:			
Coach's Information			
Coach's or Instructor's Name:			
Phone:	E-Mail:		
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	

Please circle event:

BASIC SKILLS ELEMENTS EVENTS

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

BASIC SKILLS PROGRAMS WITH MUSIC

Snowplow Sam Program	Basic Program A	Basic Program B	Basic Program C	Basic Program D
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BASIC SKILLS ELEMENTS EVENT \$15.00		Mail completed form with a check payable to BCFSC in the correct amount to: Terri Miller 107 Sunview Drive Beaver Falls PA 15010-1154
BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM/ MUSIC \$25.00		
Late Fee (If Applicable) \$10.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY - US Figure Skating, The Beaver County Figure Skating Club and the organizers of this event undertake no responsibility for damage or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition or 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 or injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with the conduct and management of this competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any and all officials, US Figure Skating, the sponsoring Club, and the officers, Board and/or members of the sponsoring Club, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

I acknowledge that I have read this waiver and fully understand it.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:



Elements		
Level Passed	Competition Level	OFFICIAL TESTS ALLOWED
Snowplow Sam 1	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Snowplow Sam 2	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Snowplow Sam 3	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Basic 1	Basic 1 ONLY	NONE
Basic 2	Basic 2 ONLY	NONE
Basic 3	Basic 3 ONLY	NONE
Basic 4	Basic 4 ONLY	NONE
Basic 5	Basic 5 ONLY	NONE
Basic 6	Basic 6 ONLY	NONE
Basic 7	Basic 7 ONLY	NONE
Basic 8	Basic 8 ONLY	NONE

Programs with Music		
Level Passed	Competition Level	OFFICIAL TESTS ALLOWED
Snowplow Sam 1	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Snowplow Sam 2	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Snowplow Sam 3	Snowplow Sam only	NONE
Basic 1	Basic Program A	NONE
Basic 2	Basic Program A	NONE
Basic 3	Basic Program B	NONE
Basic 4	Basic Program B	NONE
Basic 5	Basic Program C	NONE
Basic 6	Basic Program C	NONE
Basic 7	Basic Program D	NONE
Basic 8	Basic Program D	NONE

**** If a skater competes up into beginner category (if offered) they may not go back to compete in the free skate categories**

For events that are "Beyond the Basics" (Beginner, Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary) the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook # 1032 applies.