



**Basic Skills Competition
January 20, 2008**

**Motto McLean Ice Arena
5015 South 45th St
Omaha, NE 68117**

December 15, 2007 Entry Deadline

Hosted By:



*In Cooperation with the City of Omaha
Parks and Recreation Department*

Approved By:



Omaha Winter Festival Basic Skills Competition

Sunday, January 20, 2008

Basic Skills Competition: The purpose of this event is to promote a fun introduction to the competitive experience for the beginner skater. The competition is open to all beginner skaters who are enrolled in a US Figure Skating Basic Skills Program and/or are receiving private instruction at the beginner level as full members of US Figure Skating (ER 1.00). Anyone who has passed US Figure Skating official tests is not eligible. Anyone who is entered in any of *2008 Omaha Winter Festival* at Low/High Beginner levels is NOT eligible to enter the Basic Eight Competitions. There must be a minimum of two competitors in each event otherwise that event will be cancelled. Groups may be combined by age and gender at the discretion of the competition committee. This Basic Skills competition has been approved, upon final review of this announcement, by US Basic Skills Committee representative, Jill Hare.

Entries: Entries must be postmarked on or before **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007**. Entries, to be considered timely received, must include the entry fee and all required signatures. Late entries (postmarked AFTER December 15, 2007) may be accepted at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and only if accompanied by a \$25 late fee. Metered mail is not accepted as proof of postmark. The LOC reserves the right to limit entries in any event or to cancel an event based upon time restrictions. Full refunds will be given if a skater withdraws before the close of entries. There will be no refunds for any reason (including inclement weather) after the close of entries, except as provided by US Figure Skating Association Rule 3235. In the event of illness, entry fees will be refunded only when documented by physician and when competition officials are notified before the skater's event. Changes made after December 31 may not appear in the program. **Include a self addressed stamped envelope or e-mail address to receive your event and practice schedules.** Also check for information on the web sites: www.bladeandedgefsc.com OR www.fscomaha.org after January 5, 2008.

Entry Fees:	First Event	\$30
	Additional Event	\$15
	Practice Ice	\$8 (20 minute session)

Facility: The Omaha Winter Festival will be held on a single ice surface at Motto McLean Arena, 5015 S. 45th St. (45th & 'P' St.), Omaha, NE. The ice surface is 85' by 200' with rounded corners. Bleacher seating for 500 is available as well as limited seating in the concession area. Concessions are offered daily. Two dressing rooms are available. Parking is adequate for 200 vehicles.

Registration: This event is scheduled for **Sunday, January 20, 2008**.

The Registration Desk will be open for check-in beginning Sunday morning, January 20,, 30-minutes prior to the first practice session. Please register promptly when entering the ice arena. Competitors must check-in with the Ice Monitor in the arena lobby and **ready to skate at least 30-minutes prior to their scheduled event.**

Music: Cassette tapes or CD-R (**No CD-RW**) must be clearly marked with the skater's name, event and running time. Only one piece of music per tape/CD. Please make sure all tapes/CDs are recorded at adequate volume and tapes are fully rewind. If a competition CD is not clean and in a jewel case the CD **will not** be accepted at registration check-in. Competition tapes/CDs must be checked in at time of registration and will not be returned until the event has been skated. A back-up tape or CD should be readily available at all event times. **Music will not be played on practice ice.** Competition tapes/CDs may be picked up at the Registration Desk following each event. The Omaha Winter Festival LOC will not be responsible for any tapes/CDs left behind.

Practice Ice: Practice ice is only available for **FREESKATE PROGRAMS**. Practice session(s) will be held Sunday morning, 1/20/07, before the competition begins. Practice ice is separate from registration fees. **YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR A PRACTICE SESSION ON THE BASIC SKILLS ENTRY FORM.** The price is \$8 for 20min. **No music will be played on practice ice.** Exact times for practice and warm-up will be available about mid-January. There will be a brief (3-4 minute) warm-up session prior to each event. No refunds will be given for missed practice ice sessions.

Awards: Competitors for each event will be divided by age with no more than six competitors per group. All skaters will receive an appropriate award. Placements 1-3 will receive medals, 4-6 will receive ribbons. Awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's stand following each event. Skaters should be in skating costume and skates. All skaters in each group will be included in the award photo.

Photography and Video: An official competition photographer will be available to take individual and group award photographs as well as to videotape events. Photographs and video CDs may be purchased at their table. Hand-held video equipment is only permitted in the bleacher area and should be used to record only your skater. **NO VIDEO EQUIPMENT MAY BE PLUGGED INTO THE ARENA OUTLETS.** Flash photography is not allowed during competition events or warm-ups.

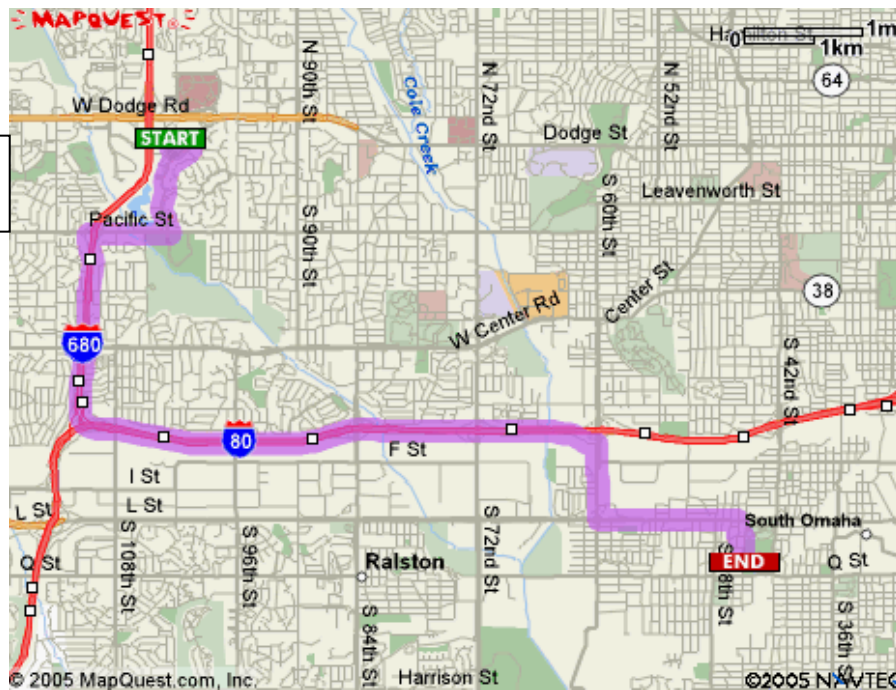
Merchandise: Crew neck sweatshirts, long-sleeve and short-sleeve T-shirts are available to purchase. Please pre-order using the separate order form. You may enclose orders and include payment with your registration for the competition. A limited number of merchandise items will be available at the competition.

Accommodations:

OFFICIAL HOTEL Omaha Marriott Hotel 10220 Regency Circle Omaha, NE 68114 Distance to rink: 10 miles, 17 minutes	SINGLE AND DOUBLE ROOM RATE \$75 Phone (402) 399-9000 Fax (402) 391-6408
You must mention "Omaha Winter Festival Figure Skating Competition" when making your reservation. A block of rooms will be held until December 26, 2007 . After that date, the special room rate cannot be guaranteed.	

Map from Hotel to Ice Arena

MAP FROM HOTEL TO RINK



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information	Paula Turpen	402-397-5520	5turpens@cox.net
Registration	Sheila Bissell	402-733-6798	Winterfest08@cox.net
Practice Ice	Janet and Tony Yanak	712-946-5439	jjyanak@pionet.net

ELEMENTS EVENT -BASIC SKILLS CURRICULUM

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- No music
- All elements must be skated in the order listed
- Each skater will have the option to perform one element at a time in a simple program format (no excessive connecting steps)
- Each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater

<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 	

MUSIC PROGRAM EVENTS: Basic Programs with Music

- To be skated on full ice
- **Vocal music is allowed**
- 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.
- 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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ELEMENTS TEST LEVEL CHART		
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 TEST LEVEL CHART		
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	NONE
Basic 2	Basic 2	NONE
Basic 3	Basic 3	NONE
Basic 4	Basic 4	NONE
Basic 5	Basic 5	NONE
Basic 6	Basic 6	NONE
Basic 7	Basic 7	NONE
Basic 8	Basic 8	NONE

**** If a skater competes up into Beginner Category (if offered) they may not go back to compete in the Freeskate Categories**

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

**** If a skater competes in a Beginner Category or higher they may not go back to compete in the Basic Skills Free skate Categories
If a skater has passed the Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field or higher, they may not compete in an approved Basic Skills competition.**

OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL INVITATIONAL – 2008

Basic Skills Competition BASIC SKILLS ENTRY FORM

Date _____

NAME _____ US Figure Skating# /ISIA # _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____ GENDER _____

COACH _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

EVENTS ENTERED

Elements Event	X	Music Event	X
Snowplow Sam-TOTs		Snowplow Sam-TOTs	
Basic 8 Level 1		Basic 8 Level 1	
Basic 8 Level 2		Basic 8 Level 2	
Basic 8 Level 3		Basic 8 Level 3	
Basic 8 Level 4		Basic 8 Level 4	
Basic 8 Level 5		Basic 8 Level 5	
Basic 8 Level 6		Basic 8 Level 6	
Basic 8 Level 7		Basic 8 Level 7	
Basic 8 Level 8		Basic 8 Level 8	

Office Use Only

Date _____

Rcvd _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Needs _____

Entry Fee: \$30.00 for First Basic Skills Event = \$ _____

Practice Ice Request: 1 session @ \$8 = \$ _____ (available ONLY if you sign up for Basic Skills Music Event)

\$15.00 for Second Basic 8 Event = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL** (Returned check fee is \$25)

Mail Entry to: Omaha Winter Festival/Sheila Bissell
115 Valley View Dr..
Bellevue, NE 68005

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: **December 15, 2007.**

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The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees to hold harmless US Figure Skating, Host clubs and City of Omaha/Motto McLean Ice Arena from any and all loss, damage and/or injury that may be sustained in any manner while participating in any activities of the Omaha Winter Festival

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ Date _____

SKATING SCHOOL DIRECTOR OR PROFESSIONAL Statement: I have read and checked this entry form and certify that it is filled out COMPLETELY and CORRECTLY and that the above skater is entering a division that is appropriate for her/his ability.

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date _____

MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM



NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Design above on shirt front, registrants names printed on back. (late registrants will not be included).

Items	Size (Circle size)	Quantity	Pre-Order Price	Total Cost
Crew sweatshirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$30	
Crew sweatshirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$30	
Long-sleeve T-shirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$25	
Long-sleeve T-shirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$25	
Short-sleeve T-shirts	Adult S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		\$20	
Short-sleeve T-shirts	Child XS, S, M, L,		\$20	
GRAND TOTAL				

Make checks payable to "Omaha Winter Festival".
 If you have any questions call Kay Olson at 256-6094 or KayCPA@msn.com

Mail Order Form and Payment to:
 Omaha Winter Festival
 Sheila Bissell
 115 Valley View Dr.
 Bellevue, NE 68005

Office Use Only
Date Rcvd _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The following ads will be available for the Winter Festival program:

Inside Front or Back Cover	\$120	*
Full Page	\$100	*
Half Page	\$50	*
Quarter Page	\$25	*
Business Card-size	\$10	
Skating Box Ads A-D below	\$10	

* All Ads EXCEPT Business Cards and the Skating Box Ads must be submitted camera-ready. There is a \$20 additional charge if these ads are not camera ready.

I would like to order the following ad(s):

# of Ads	Location/Type/Price of Ad	Amount Due
_____	Inside Front Cover (\$120)	\$ _____
_____	Inside Back Cover (\$120)	\$ _____
_____	Full Page (\$100)	\$ _____
_____	Half Page (\$50)	\$ _____
_____	Quarter Page (\$25)	\$ _____
_____	Business Card (\$10)	\$ _____
_____	Skating Box Ads (\$10)	\$ _____
_____	Extra Charge NOT Camera Ready (\$20)	\$ _____
_____	TOTALS	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

USE THIS SECTION TO ORDER THE SKATING BOX ADS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

AD: A B C D

MESSAGE TO BE ON ADVERTISEMENT: (PLEASE PRINT)

For additional ads, please indicate below or attach additional sheet:

Mail Order Form and Payment to:

Omaha Winter Festival
Sheila Bissell
115 Valley View Dr.
Bellevue, NE 68005

Office Use Only

Date Rcvd _____

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____



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Do Your Best!

A



Have a Great Skate!

B



To A Special Skater:

C



You Can Do It!

D

OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

___ **ENTRY FORM**

___ **PAYMENT MADE OUT TO “OMAHA WINTER FESTIVAL”**

___ **ADVERTISING ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT**

___ **MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM**

NOTE THAT ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

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c/o SHEILA BISSELL
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