

FRANKENSKATE BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION

Hosted by Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club

at the Jersey Shore Arena (formerly Gold Coast Arena)

1215 Wyckoff Rd, Wall NJ 07727

Saturday, October 27, 2012

WHEN: Saturday, October 27, 2012

LOCATION: Jersey Shore Arena, 1215 Wyckoff Rd, Wall, NJ 07727, (732) 919-7070

ICE SURFACE: 200 x 85

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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. 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 or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or Individual Dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES: All competitors must register on-line at www.sk8stuff.com. Please be sure to enter your coach's correct email address as he/she will receive a list of his/her competitors and is required to verify that the skaters are entered in the correct level/event. DEADLINE for entry is no later than 11:59 on Sunday, September 30, 2012. Late entries, entries received between October 1 and October 5, will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers, and will be charged an additional \$25 late entry fee. NO ENTRIES will be accepted after October 5, 2012. The entry fee for the first event is \$65.00 and \$25 for each additional event. The acceptance of your credit card payment will serve as acknowledgement of your entry. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. NO refunds will be given unless event is cancelled by the local organizing committee (USFS #3235). Events with less than 2 competitors will be cancelled and entry fee refunded (USFS #3233) or the competitor may be moved to another event if feasible.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Jersey Coast FSC, clubs, organizers of this competition, Jersey Shore Arena, its management and employees undertake no responsibility for damage 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 or 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 have against its officers and trustees, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

COACHES: You must verify your skater's event and level by 11:59 on October 5, 2012. No changes in events or levels will be made after October 5th!

AWARDS: All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, third, and fourth places. ALL awards will be made at designated times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Will be posted on the website **www.sk8stuff.com** approximately one week prior to the competition. You will receive an email containing the date and time of your specific events. It is recommended that skaters arrive 1 hour prior to their scheduled event.

PRACTICE ICE: Will be available prior to the start of the competition. Please reserve your ice time when signing up for the competition as space will be limited.

MUSIC/ REGISTRATION – The registration desk will open one hour prior to the competition. The music for all free skating programs must be provided on CD's by the skater. CD's should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). CD's should be CD-W, CD-RW will not play on all equipment. Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. Time duration is always +/-10 seconds. Please have an additional copy of your CD rinkside during the competition. The club will provide music for the dance events.

VIDEO TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHS: An official competition photographer will be available to take individual and photographs as well as to videotape events. Photographs and video DVD's may be purchased at their table. Flash photography is not permitted during competition events or warm-ups for the safety of the skaters.

BASIC ELEMENTS EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Format choice of the host: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee OR have the option to perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps). Referee driven format examples: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on **OR** each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- No music
- All elements must be skated in the order listed
- Time: 1:00 or less

1. 2. 3. 4.	owplow Sam 1-3: March followed by a two foot glide and dip Forward two foot swizzles 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row	 Basic 5: 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive - both directions 3. Basic one foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum three revolutions 4. Side toe hop -either direction 5. Hockey stop Basic 6:
1. 2.	Forward two foot glide and dip Forward two foot swizzles 6-8 in a row	 Standstill forward inside three-turn - R & L Bunny Hop
3.	Forward snowplow stop	3. Forward spiral on a straight line - R or L
4.	Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row	4. Lunge - R or L
		5. T-stop - R or L
Ra	sic 2	Basic 7:
	Forward one foot glide - either foot	1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk -
2.	Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a	R to L and L to R
	straight line – 2-3 each foot	2. Ballet Jump - either direction
3.	Moving snowplow stop	3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position
4. 5.	Two foot turn in place- forward to backward Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row	clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
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	<u>sic 3</u>	Basic 8:
	Forward stroking	1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns R & L
2.	Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4-6	2. Waltz jump3. Mazurka - either direction
	consecutive	4. 1 Combination move - clockwise <u>or</u> counter clockwise –
3.	Forward slalom	two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down,
4.	Backward one foot glide - either foot	cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a
5.	Two foot spin – minimum three revolutions	forward inside edge
		5. Beginning one-foot upright spin – free foot held to side
		of spinning leg or crossed position -minimum three revolutions
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1.	Standstill forward outside three-turn - R & L	
2.	Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or	
	counter clockwise	
3.	Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both	
4.	directions Backward stroking - 4-6 strokes	
5.	Backward snowplow stop - R or L	

BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Format: 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. Vocal music is allowed.

- To be skated on full ice
- The skater may use elements from a previous level
- A .2 deduction will be taken <u>for each</u> element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:00 +/- 10 seconds

Snowplow Sam 1-3: 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	Basic 5: 1. Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive in both directions 2. Basic one-foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum three revolutions 3. Side toe hop -either direction 4. Hockey stop
 Basic 1 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6 -8 in a row 3. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop 	Basic 6: 1. Standstill forward inside three-turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L
 Basic 2 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 - 2-3 each foot 5. Moving snowplow stop 	Basic 7: 1. Standstill 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
 Basic 3 Forward stroking Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4-6 consecutive Backward one foot glide − either foot Forward slalom Two foot spin − minimum three revolutions Basic 4 Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both directions 	 Basic 8: Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns R & L Waltz jump Mazurka in either direction 1 Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise - two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge Beginning one-foot upright spin - free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position -minimum three revolutions
 Standstill forward outside three- turn - R & L Backward stroking - 4-6 strokes Backward snowplow stop - R or L 	

FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY EVENT

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice
- 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 <u>for each</u> element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:15 or less

Free skate 1 Compulsory	Free skate 4 Compulsory		
1. Advanced forward stroking - 4-6 consecutive	1. Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets-R or L		
2. Backward outside three-turns R & L	2. Sit spin- minimum three revolutions		
3. One-foot upright scratch spin from backward	3. Loop jump		
crossovers-minimum three revolutions	4. Waltz jump/loop jump combination		
4. Waltz jump from backward crossovers			
5. Half flip jump			
Free skate 2 Compulsory	Free skate 5 Compulsory		
1. Forward outside or inside spiral - R or L	1. Camel spin- minimum three revolutions		
2. Waltz Three's - R or L, 2-3 sets	2. Forward upright spin to back upright spin-		
3. Beginning back spin - entry optional –	minimum three revolutions, each foot		
minimum two revolutions	3. Loop/loop jump combination		
4. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump	4. Flip jump		
sequence			
5. Toe loop jump			
Free skate 3 Compulsory	Free skate 6 Compulsory		
1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8	1. Five step Mohawk sequence - 1 set alternating pattern		
2. Backward inside three-turns, R & L	(refer to Basic Skills Curriculum Free skate 6)		
3. Back spin- minimum three revolutions	2. Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four		
4. Salchow jump	revolutions total		
5. Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop	3. Split jump or stag jump		
jump combination	4. Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence		
	5. Lutz jump		

FREE SKATE 1-6 PROGRAM EVENT

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Vocal music is allowed.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time 1:30+/-10sec

Free skate 1	Free skate 4
1. Advanced forward stroking 4-6 strokes	1. Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets R or L
2. One-foot upright scratch spin from back	2. Sit spin-minimum three revolutions
crossovers- minimum three revolutions	3. Loop jump
3. Waltz jump from back crossovers	4. Waltz jump/loop jump combination
4. Half flip jump	
Free skate 2	Free skate 5
1. Forward outside spiral R or L	1. Camel spin-minimum three revolutions
2. Beginning back spin- minimum two	2. Forward upright spin to back upright spin- minimum
revolutions	three revolutions each foot
3. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump	3. Loop/loop jump combination
sequence	4. Flip jump
4. Toe loop jump	
Free skate 3	Free skate 6
1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8	1. Camel/sit spin combination-minimum four revolutions
2. Back spin-minimum three revolutions	total
3. Salchow jump	2. Split or stag jump
4. Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop	3. Waltz jump/1/2 loop /Salchow jump sequence
jump combination	4. Lutz jump
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Compulsory Event Test Track and Well Balanced Levels

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice
- 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 <u>for each</u> element performed from a higher level
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program

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LEVEL	ELEMENTS		LENGTH
Limited Beginner Compulsory	 Waltz jump ½ jump of choice Forward two foot or one foot spin, minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) Forward or backward spiral 	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skate badge tests	Time: 1:15
Beginner Compulsory	 Toe loop jump Salchow jump Forward scratch spin- minimum three revolutions Forward or backward spiral 	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skate badge tests	Time:1:15
No Test Compulsory	 Loop jump Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) Solo spin- sit or camel spin - minimum three revolutions Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves 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:1:15
Pre-Preliminary Compulsory	 Flip jump Jump combination waltz jump/toe loop jump OR Salchow/toe loop jump Solo spin- sit or camel spin - minimum three revolutions Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included. 	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test	Time :1:15
Preliminary Compulsory	 Lutz jump Single jump combination (may not use Lutz jump or Axel) Camel spin- minimum three revolutions Spiral sequence- must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves 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

Test Track Program Event

Skaters may enter EITHER the new test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but **NOT** both during the same nonqualifying competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all Test Track events.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- 0.1 from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra or lacking element.
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions.

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Limited Beginner Time:1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Max 2 jump sequences Max 2 of any same jump	Max 2 spins: Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min 3 revolutions)	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
Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min 3 revolutions)	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
Pre-Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: Two spins of a different nature, one position only, no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min 3 revolutions)	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
Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 jump elements: Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Max 2 of any same type jump	Max 2 spins: One spin in one position, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min 3 revs) and One consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, exit on spinning foot not mandatory (Min 3 revs on each foot).	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

Well-balanced Program Requirements U.S. Figure Skating rulebook requirements

LEVEL	Jump Elements	Spins	Steps	Qualifications
No Test #4280 Times Vary 1:00-1:30 +/-10 Refer to announcement	Max 5 Single Jumps (no Axel) Max 2 combos or sequences. Combos limited to 2 jumps Number of jumps in sequence is limited to a max of 3 single jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump).	Spins must be a different nature. Minimum three revolutions each. Spins may change feet, position and start with a fly.	Max 1 Must use one half the ice surface	May <u>not</u> have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.
Pre- preliminary #4270 Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 Single Jumps only (Axel permitted) Max 2 combos or sequences. Combos limited to 2 jumps Number of jumps in sequence is limited to a max of 3 single jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump). Axel may be repeated as individual jump, combo, or sequence. Max 2 Axels.	Spins must be a different nature. Minimum three revolutions each. Spins may change feet, position and start with a fly.	Max 1 Must use one half the ice surface	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-preliminary free skate test.
Preliminary #4260 Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Max 5 1 Axel or Waltz jump type jump Max 2 combos or sequences. Combos limited to 2 jumps Number of jumps in sequence is limited to a max of 3 single/double jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump). Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (double Salchow, toe or loop only) Axel and no more than 2 different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, combos, or in sequences. Max of 2 Axels or any double jump.	Max 2 Spins must be a different nature. Minimum three revolutions each. Spins may change feet, position and start with a fly.	Max 1 Must use one half the ice surface	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test.

ADULT EVENTS: Compulsories, Adult 1-4 Free Skate, Pre-Bronze and Bronze:

The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- Vocal music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time 1:30+/-10sec unless otherwise noted

Adult 1	Adult 2
A. Backward swizzles	A. Forward stroking
B. Forward one-foot glides, one time skater's height: R & L	B. Forward crossovers, clockwise and counter clockwise
C. Two-foot turns	C. Backward one-foot glide: R or L
D. Snowplow stops: R or L	D. Forward pivot
E. Forward curves on two feet	E. Forward Chasses on a circle
Adult 3	Adult 4
A. Backward crossovers, clockwise and	A. Forward three turns, outside or inside: R &
counter clockwise	L
B. Inside Mohawk, either direction	B. Alternate backward crossovers with two-
C. Backward snowplow stops: R and L	foot transition
D. Forward progressives	C. Footwork sequence: 3-5 forward crossovers
E. Beginning two-foot spin	to an inside Mohawk; 3-5 backward
	crossovers; step forward inside the circle
	D. Power three turns: one direction only
	E. Backward Chasses on a circle
Adult Pre-Bronze: Must have passed no higher	Adult Bronze: Must have passed no higher than
than adult pre-bronze free skate test or pre-pre	adult bronze free skate test or the preliminary free
free skate test. Time: 1:40 max	skate test. Time: 1:50 max
Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook	Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook
#4600 for specific requirements	#4590 for specific requirements

HOCKEY EVENTS: Hockey 1-4 Elements and Skills Competition

Invite the Hockey 1-4 participants plus members of the local hockey association by creating fun and challenging skills competition. Ages should be divided by 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, and adult. These age groups may be combined based upon number of entries.

Hockey 1-4 Elements: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee. Format choice: All skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on **OR** each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice
- All elements must be skated in the order listed
- Time: 1:00 or less

Hockey 1 A. Moving dip or squat B. Skating forward – width of ice C. Forward swizzles- 4 to 6 in a row D. Snowplow stop E. Backward skating	Hockey 2 A. Skating forward using full strides B. Forward one-foot glides- Right and left C. Backward swizzles- 4 to 6 in a row D. Glide turns, both directions E. Moving snowplow stops
Hockey 3 A. Forward C-Cuts (1/2 swizzle	Hockey 4 A. Forward crossovers -clockwise and counter
pumps) on a circle- R & L B. Hockey turns, R & L, with speed in and out of turn	clockwise B. Backward C-Cuts in a line (alternating 1/2 swizzle pumps)
C. Forward slalom D. Forward stop and starts- 3 times	C. Backward one foot glide, R & L, one time skater's height
E. Backward V-stop	D. Mohawk – R to L and L to R E. Hockey stop

$\label{eq:DANCE-Solo} DANCE\text{-} \ \text{Solo} \ \text{and} \ \text{Couples Pattern Dance-Youth and Adult levels (18 years or older)}.$

Soloists and Couples will perform <u>three</u> patterns of each dance. A separate warm-up will be given for each compulsory dance. Solo dance and couples dance will be separate events.

- Preliminary May not have passed Pre-Bronze dance level
 Dutch Waltz
 Canasta Tango
- 2. Pre-Bronze May not have passed Bronze dance level Cha Cha Fiesta Tango

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT – Singles Event (freestyle only)

Levels I, II, III - Freestyle (only) programs per the Special Olympics Winter Sports Rules /Figure Skating





BEGINNER SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

The beginner competition program is also part of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. The beginner competition program is for Basic Skills level skaters who are interested in a first competition or "team" experience, taking the Synchro 1-4 badges a step further. Beginner teams compete at Basic Skills competitions and nonqualifying synchronized skating competitions around the country.

Levels

- Beginner 1: 8 16 skaters, the majority of the team under 9 years old
- Beginner 2: 8 16 skaters, the majority of the team 9 11 years old
- Beginner 3: 8 16 skaters, the majority of the team at least 12 years old

Required elements – Each level has specific required elements that must be completed:

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
BEGINNER 1 Majority under 9; 1 ½ - 2 minutes	Must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide.	Must cover the ice and must have only forward skating.	Must cover the ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	4-spoke or "S" wheel with backward pumps.	Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.
BEGINNER 2 Majority 9 – 11; 1 ½ - 2 minutes	Must include the combination move from Basic 8. (1 direction only, don't need to repeat)	Must cover the ice and may include forward and backward skating.	Must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	Wheel of choice with backward pumps.	Two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
BEGINNER 3 Majority 12+; 2 – 2 ½ minutes	Must include the combination move from Basic 8. (1 direction only, don't need to repeat)		Must cover the ice and must have 2 or 3 configurations.	r	Two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide or forward lunge at point of intersection.

The emphasis of the Beginner competition is on mastering the "basic skills" of synchronized skating:

- Control of rotation in wheels and circles.
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections.
- Unison and use of skills such as guiding and shadowing.
- Incorporating skills from the Basic 1-8 levels to strengthen skating skills.
- Learning how to do transitions and skate to music.
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels.

Beginner Restrictions

All of the synchronized skating "illegal elements" found in Rule #7160 of the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook apply to Beginner 1, 2 and 3.

Restrictions in Beginner 1 & 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand and shoulder-to-shoulder holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel or change rotational direction.
- Beginner 1 teams may not do steps higher than Basic 5
- Beginner 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 1

Restrictions in Beginner 3:

- Wheels and circles may not travel or change rotational direction.