



Series Event #10
Crossover to the North ~ Gaylord
Saturday, August 25, 2012

2012 Michigan Basic Skills Series Competition Mission Statement

To give our skaters a chance to develop their USFSA 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 for a final standing.

A skater may participate in either Freeskating 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 the Midland Competition - November 3, 2012

Series Point System

The Freeskating events and the Compulsory/Elements events in each of the Series Competitions will be eligible for accumulating points. Each event will have a maximum of 6 skaters. The system for scoring points for the final award will be as follows:

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, they will be awarded 3 points. At the end of the Series, in the case of total points tied, all skaters tied for a place will be awarded a medal, no ties will be broken.

Points are accumulated for Compulsory and Free Skate events separately.

Medals will be awarded (1-3 Place) in each level as highlighted in each announcement. Beyond the Basics **will NOT** be counted in the Freeskate and Elements/Compulsory Program Series for this 2012 season. Spins, Dance, Pairs, Theatre On Ice, Synchronized Teams, and Showcase Events **will Not** be counted for this 2012 season.

At the end of the 2012 Series Season any skaters who moved up a level will be awarded 6 bonus points [6 points only whether they move up one level or more]. All points follow the skater throughout the year.

Please Note: The USFS Michigan Basic Skills Series is sponsored equally by all the participating ice rinks and/or USFS member clubs. Competition announcements and packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/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. This announcement is approved for a Skate Canada Sanction.

6th Annual USFS Michigan Basic Skills Series – Hosted by the following:

<p>Event #1 – Lansing Basic Skills March 17, 2012 Entry Deadline – February 27, 2012 Suburban Ice – East Lansing 2810 Hannah Blvd East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Contact: Alissa Folger Alissamfolger@gmail.com Lansingbasicskills@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Event #2 – Arctic Basic Skills April 1, 2012 Entry Deadline – March 17, 2012 Arctic Edge Ice Arena 46615 Michigan Avenue Canton MI 48188 Contact: Diane Keils dmkeils@aol.com or arcticfsclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Event #3 - Mountain Town Classic April 21, 2012 Entry Deadline – April 2, 2012 The I.C.E. Arena 5165 East Remus Road Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 Contact: Ginni Phillips Phone: 989-560-3871; Work 989-775-9148 gpsk8r@gmail.com</p>
<p>Event #4 – Skate the Zoo April 28, 2012 Entry Deadline – April 7, 2012 Wing’s West 5076 Sports Drive Kalamazoo MI 49009 Contacts: Amy Bauer Phone: 269-598-9184 sk8Amy02@aol.com</p>	<p>Event #5 - Tulip City Classic May 12, 2012 Entry Deadline – May 1, 2012 Edge Ice Arena 4444 Holland Avenue Holland MI 49424-8279 Contacts: Scott Chiamulera scottedgeice@aol.com -616/738-0733 OR Jenifer VanZanten vanzanten5@att.net -616/393-6789</p>	<p>Event #6 – Summer Swizzle June 16, 2012 Entry Deadline: May 26, 2012 Farmington Hills Ice Arena 35500 Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills MI 48335 Contact: Michael Cooper Phone: 248-885-5428 Mike_cooper@yahoo.com summerswizzleskate@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Event #7 – Summer Chill Basic Skills July 14, 2012 Entry Deadline: June 25, 2012 Novi Ice Arena 42400 Arena Drive Novi MI 48375 Contacts: Heather Bauer Heatherbauer123@gmail.com 248-586-9261 OR Donna Szwabowski claireandgigismom@yahoo.com 248-252-4701</p>	<p>Event #8–Lakeshore Summer Freeze August 4, 2012 Entry Deadline – July 21, 2012 Lakeshore Sports Centre 4470 Airline Road Muskegon, MI 49444 Contact: Kayla Hinkle Phone: 231-557-5519 Kayla.hinkle@muskegonCC.edu</p>	<p>Event #9 – ICES B/S Challenge August 18, 2012 Entry Deadline – July 31, 2012 Troy Sports Center 1819 E Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48083 Contact: Judy Mata Phone: 734-223-2991 Judytsargent@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Event #10 – Crossover to the North August 25, 2012 Entry Deadline: August 10, 2012 Otsego County Sportsplex 1250 Gornick Avenue Gaylord MI 49735 Contact: Micki Elliott mickilof@hotmail.com - 734-474-9487 OR Jewellee Hiler ourprincess@charter.net</p>	<p>Event #11- Skate the Mountain – September 29, 2012 Entry Deadline: September 10, 2012 Ice Mountain Arena Complex 5371 Avalanche Drive Burton MI 48509 Contact: Jacklinn Brayan Cell: 810-513-1283; Work 810-744-0800 IMFSC@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Event #12 – Dearborn Basic Skills Comp – October 6, 2012 Entry Deadline: Sept 18, 2012 Dearborn Ice Skating Center 14900 Ford Road Dearborn MI Contact: Holly Teets Cell: 313-319-0043; Work 313-943-4098 hteets@ci.dearborn.mi.us</p>
<p>Event #13 – Tuxedo Invite Basic Skills October 28, 2012 Entry Deadline: October 13, 2012 Bowling Green State University Arena 417 N. Mercer Road Bowling Green OH 43403 Contact: Pat Rabb Phone: 419-354-4730 Rabb1960@metalink.net</p>	<p>Event #14 – Skate Midland November 3, 2012 Entry Deadline: October 20, 2012 Midland Civic Arena 405 Fast Ice Drive Midland MI 48642 Contact: Karen Boswell Phone: 989-695-4832 drkaboswell@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SERIES AWARDS CEREMONY on the ice at the Midland Competition</p> 



Crossover to the North - Basic Skills Competition
Alpine Edge Figure Skating Club
Otsego Co. Sportsplex ♦ 1250 Gornick Ave. ♦ Gaylord MI 49735
989-745-6137 or 734-474-9487
<http://alpineedge.weebly.com/>

Saturday, August 25, 2012
Entry Deadline: August 10, 2012

The 2nd Annual Crossover to the North, sponsored by the Alpine Edge FSC will be held at the Otsego County Sportsplex on Saturday August 25, 2012. The ice surface measures 200 X 85 feet. This is a United States Figure Skating approved Basic Skills Competition. The sanctions will be posted on the official competition bulletin board. Questions regarding this competition should be directed to Micki Elliott, mickilofl@hotmail.com or daytime phone [734-474-9487]. E-mail communications are preferred.

Mission Statement – The purpose of this competition is to promote a fun, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater.

Eligibility - The Competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER.100) members of either the Basic Skills Program and/or are full members of US Figure Skating or Skate Canada. 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 SNOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official US Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. For the 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

Rules – The competition will be conducted under the rules set forth by the US Figure Skating "Basic Skills Competition Manual" program.

Entry Fees – The first event is \$40.00 [Events not eligible for Series points will be \$50.00 for first event],

and each additional event is \$20.00. All entries must be postmarked no later than **August 10, 2012**. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers, and are subject to a possible \$15.00 late fee. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars.

Entry forms must be filled out legibly and completely and mailed with a check made payable to **AEFSC** to:
Micki Elliott
6538 Old Lake Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

There will be a \$35.00 fee for returned checks.

Awards – **All competitors will receive a medal.** All events are final rounds. ALL awards will be made at appropriate times throughout the competition.

Registration – The registration table will be open 1 hour before the competition begins. Skaters will not be allowed to compete until they have registered. **Please register at least one hour before your competition time.**

Schedule of Events – Schedule will be posted on the Internet at the Figure Skater's Website, www.sk8stuff.com.

Music – The music for all free skating programs with music supplied by skater should be provided on CD. The CD is to be turned in at registration. Competitors must have a spare CD at rink side to be used in case of technical difficulties.

Practice Ice – Practice Ice will be available in 20-minute sessions. Details will be provided in a mailing prior to the competition date. Sign-in and pay \$8.00 at the door.

Awards will be handed out and a podium will be available for group and individual photos.

BASIC ELEMENTS AND PROGRAM W/MUSIC EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

• **BASIC ELEMENTS**

- 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.

• **BASIC PROGRAM W/MUSIC**

- 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.
- A .2 deduction will be taken **for each** element performed from a higher level
- 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 <u>2-3 in a row</u> 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles <u>2-6 in a row</u> 	<p><u>Basic 5:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise <u>or</u> counterclockwise <u>[not required for program with music]</u> 2. Backward crossovers <u>4-6 consecutive - both directions</u> 3. Basic one foot spin – <u>free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum of three revolutions</u> 4. Side toe hop <u>-either direction</u> 5. Hockey stop
<p><u>Basic 1</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles <u>6 -8 in a row</u> 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles <u>6-8 in a row</u> 	<p><u>Basic 6:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside three turn - <u>R & L</u> 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line - <u>R or L</u> 4. Lunge - <u>R or L</u> 5. T-stop - <u>R or L</u>
<p><u>Basic 2</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide - <u>either foot</u> 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line - <u>2-3 each foot</u> 3. Moving snowplow stop 4. Backward two foot swizzles <u>6 - 8 in a row</u> 5. Two foot turn in place forward to backward 	<p><u>Basic 7:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk - <u>R to L and L to R</u> 2. Ballet Jump - <u>either direction</u> 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position <u>clockwise and counter clockwise</u> 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 <u>or</u> counter clockwise <u>4-6 consecutive</u> 3. Backward one foot glide - <u>either foot</u> 4. Forward slalom 5. Two foot spin – <u>minimum 3 revolutions</u> 	<p><u>Basic 8:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns <u>R & L</u> 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka - <u>either direction</u> 4. 1 combination move - <u>clockwise or counter clockwise</u> – two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - <u>free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position</u> <u>minimum 3 revolutions</u>
<p><u>Basic 4</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward outside three turn - <u>R & L</u> 2. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise <u>or</u> counter clockwise <u>[not required for program with music]</u> 3. Forward crossovers <u>4-6 consecutive both directions</u> 4. Backward stroking <u>4-6 strokes</u> 5. Backward snowplow stop - <u>R or L</u> 	

All events listed on this page are eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points

Compulsory Events

- 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 have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

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) – <u>minimum 3 revolutions</u> 4. Forward <u>or</u> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop jump 2. Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin – <u>minimum 3 revolutions</u> 4. Forward <u>or</u> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loop jump 2. Jump combination to include a toe loop (<u>may not use a loop or Axel</u>) 3. Solo spin- sit <u>or</u> camel spin – <u>minimum 3 revolutions</u> 4. Spiral sequence- <u>must include a forward and backward spiral</u>. 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: 1:15

Free Skate Events

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.

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	Jumps	Spins	Steps	QUALIFICATIONS
Limited Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 5 jump elements 2. Jumps with not more than ½ rotation [front to back or back to front]. 3. Max 2 jump sequences allowed. 4. Max 2 of any same jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max 2 spins 2. Two upright spins, no change of foot or flying entry 3. Min 3 revolutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. 	May not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 5 jump elements 2. Jumps with not more than ½ rotation [front to back or back to front including half-loop] 2. Single rotation jumps: Salchow and Toe Loop only. 3. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences w/only the above jumps. 4. Max 2 of any same type jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max 2 spins 2. Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry 3. Min 3 revolutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program 	May not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook Requirements]				
No Test Time: 1:30 +/-10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 5 2. Single Jumps [NO AXELS] 3. Max 2 combos or sequences [Combos limited to 2 jumps] 4. Number of jumps in sequence Is not limited 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature 2. Min. 3 revolutions 3. Spins may change Feet and start with a Fly 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One step sequence utilizing ½ ice surface 2. Straight line, circular Or serpentine 	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.

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Compulsory Events

- 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 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 have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Pre-Preliminary	1. Flip jump 2. Jump combination waltz jump/toe loop jump OR Salchow/toe loop jump. 3. Solo spin –sit or camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions 4. Spiral sequence – must include a forward and backward spiral . Additional spirals and balance moves [Ina Bauers, spread eagles, lunges and shoot the ducks may be included].	May not have passed tests higher than U.S, Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test	Time: 1:15
Preliminary	1. Lutz jump 2. Single jump combination [may not use Lutz or Axel] 3. Camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions 4. Spiral sequence – must include a forward and backward spiral . Additional spirals and balance moves [Ina Bauers, spread eagles, lunges and shoot the ducks may be included].	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed higher than preliminary free skate	Time: 1:15

Spins Events

- To be skated on 1/2 of the ice surface
- Spins should be skated exactly as stated & in order listed
- No excessive connecting steps
- Skaters will be given one opportunity to perform each spin
- Groups will be divided according to Basic/Free Skate test level
- No music will be allowed
- Boys and girls may be grouped together
- Skaters will perform one spin at a time

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	Program Length
Basic Skills	1. Forward pivot, either foot 2. Two Foot Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 3. Forward One Foot Spin [min. 3 revolutions]	Basic 1-8	1:00 max
Beginner	1. Two Foot Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 2. Forward One Foot Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 3. Sit Spin [min. 3 revolutions]	F/S 1-6, Beginner, No Test	1:00 max
Pre-Preliminary	1. Forward Scratch Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 2. Backward One Foot Spin [min.3 revolutions] 3. Camel Spin [min. 3 revolutions]	Must have passed no higher than Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test	1:00 max
Preliminary	1. Forward Scratch Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 2. Backward One Foot Spin [min. 3 revolutions] 3. Spin Combination of choice – minimum 2 changes of position or foot [min. 3 revolutions]	Must have passed no higher than Preliminary Free Skate Test	1:00 max

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Free Skate Events

Skaters may enter EITHER the test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but **NOT** both during the same non-qualifying competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted.

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.

TEST TRACK FREE SKATE				
LEVEL	Jumps	Spins	Steps	QUALIFICATIONS
Pre-Preliminary Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 5 jump elements. 2. Jumps with not more than ½ rotation [front to back or back to front]. 3. Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop jump ONLY 4. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences 5. Max 2 of any same type jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max 2 spins 2. Two spins of a different nature, one position only, no change of foot, no flying entry. 3. Min 3 revolutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program 	<p style="text-align: center;">May not have passed tests higher than U.S, Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test</p>
Preliminary Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 5 jump elements 2. Jumps with not more than one rotation [no axels]. 3. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences 4. Max 2 of any same type jump. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max 2 spins: 2. One spin in one position, no change of foot, no flying entry (3 revolutions min) 2. One consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, exit on spinning foot not mandatory (Min 3 revs on each foot). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program 	<p style="text-align: center;">Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed higher than preliminary free skate</p>
WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook Requirements]				
Pre-Preliminary Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jumps – axel permitted – no doubles 2. Max 2 combos or sequences [Combos limited to 2 jumps] 3. Number of jumps in sequence Is not limited, axel may be repeated as individual jump, combo or sequence [Max 2 axels] 4. Maximum of 5 jump elements. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature 2. Spins may change feet and start with a fly 3. Minimum 3 revolutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One step sequence utilizing ½ the ice surface 2. Straight line, circular or serpentine 	<p style="text-align: center;">May not have passed tests higher than U.S, Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test</p>
Preliminary Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 Axel or Waltz jump type jump 2. Max 2 combos/sequences - Combos limited to 2 jumps, 3. Number of jumps in sequence not limited 4. 2 different double jumps allowed (double Salchow, Toe or Loop only) 5. Axel and no more than 2 different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, combos, or in sequences. 6. Max of 2 Axels or any double jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature 2. Spins may change feet and start with a fly 3. Minimum 3 revolutions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One step sequence utilizing ½ the ice surface 2. Straight line, circular or serpentine 	<p style="text-align: center;">Must have passed the no higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate</p>

The following events will **NOT** be eligible for the Michigan Basic Skills Series.

Artistic Showcase

- Theme of skater's choice
- Music may contain words
- Judging will emphasize interpretation of music rather than technical skills
- Costumes that complement the music will be allowed
- Skaters may use hand props or those they can get on and off the ice without assistance

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic Skills	Elements up to and including Basic 8	May have passed up to and including Basic 8	1:00 minute
Beginner	3 jump maximum, ½ rotation jumps plus salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official USFS Free Skating Tests	1:30 minutes
Pre-Preliminary	3 jump maximum. No axels or double jumps	Must have passed no higher than USFS PrePreliminary Free Skate Test	1:30 minutes
Preliminary	3 jump maximum. Axel only permitted. No double jumps	Must have passed no higher than USFS Preliminary Free Skate Test	1:40 minutes

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 – All levels 8 to 16 skaters

** **Beginner 1:** majority of the team under 9 years old

** **Beginner 2:** majority of the team 9 – 11 years old

** **Beginner 3:** majority of the team at least 12 years old

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 include forward and backward skating.	Must cover the ice and must have 2 or 3 configurations.	Wheel of choice with backward pumps, chasses, or crossovers.	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 4669 of the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook apply to Beginner 1, 2 and 3. *(These are the basic rules, such as no jumps, no highlighting, no lying on the ice, etc.)*

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



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Entry Form [PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY]**



Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Last First
 E-Mail Address _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone # _____
 Home Club _____ USFSA/SC # _____
 Male _____ Female _____ Name of Parent/Guardian _____

\$40 First Event		\$50 First Event	
\$20 Each Additional Event		\$20 Each Additional Event	
Basic Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Artistic Showcase
Snowplow Sam*	Limited Beginner *	Pre-Preliminary	Basic Skills
Basic 1 *	Beginner *	Preliminary	Beginner
Basic 2 *	No Test *	Free Skate	Pre-Preliminary
Basic 3 *	Free Skate	Pre-Preliminary	Preliminary
Basic 4 *	Limited Beginner *	Preliminary	
Basic 5 *	Beginner *		Spins
Basic 6 *		WELL - BALANCED	Basic Skills
Basic 7 *	WELL - BALANCED	Free Skate	Beginner
Basic 8 *	Free Skate	Pre-Preliminary	Pre-Preliminary
	No Test *	Preliminary	Preliminary
Basic Prog w/ Music			
Snowplow Sam*	Tests Passed:		Beginner Synchro
Basic 1 *	Freestyle:		Beginner 1
Basic 2 *			Beginner 2
Basic 3 *			Beginner 3
Basic 4 *			Team registration form & roster listing on pg 11
Basic 5 *			
Basic 6 *			
Basic 7 *			
Basic 8 *			

Events listed above with an * after them will be eligible for Michigan Basic Skills Series Points
Entry Fees are not refundable after the entry deadline unless an event is cancelled.
If you are not a USFSA member add \$15 to fee / enter through our Basic Skills Program

First Event \$ _____
 Additional Event \$ _____
 Additional Event \$ _____
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 Join USFSA \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

**ENTRIES MUST BE POST
 MARKED BY August 10, 2012**

Mail form and fees to: Micki Elliott
 6538 Old Lake Rd.
 Grayling, MI 49728
 Make check or money order payable to: **AEFSC**



Certification of Competitor

Competitor Name: _____

The competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family hold the Alpine Edge FSC and Otsego County Sportsplex harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition, from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

As a participant, or parent/guardian of a minor participant, in the Crossover to the North/Basic Skills Series, I understand that the Crossover to the North/Basic Skills Series, or its agents, may take photographs, video and/or film of my, my minor's and/or my family's involvement, participation, viewing or interaction at Crossover to the North/Basic Skills Series Series scheduled ice time, activities, classes or events. I hereby authorize the taking and use of such photographs, video, film or likeness of myself, my minor child (or children), and/or my family in all forms and media and in all manners, including composite or other representations, for any lawful and legitimate Crossover to the North/Basic Skills Series, including dissemination and distribution of the same; and further waive any right to approve or object to any finished, modified or derivative product or media

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Club Officer/Program Director _____
Title _____ Date _____

COMPETITOR SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Coach Signature: _____ Print Name: _____
Please print clearly

Are you registered on USFS Coaches Registry for 2011-2012? Yes USFS # _____
If you are not registered, go to www.usfigureskating.org, click on the Coaches Registration button and follow the instruction for registration.

COACHES WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION AT EACH EVENT

Phone _____ E-mail Address: _____
Please print clearly

CHECKLIST [please be sure the following is included]:

____ Entry form with USFSA Number ____ Club Officer/Program Director Signature

____ Check payable to **AEFSC** ____ Events to be entered checked properly

Join us in Novi this July for our
3rd annual
Basic Skills Day Camp
Sunday July 15th.

