

Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition

incl Pro-Am Dance, Solo Dance (Open & NSD) - 2013 Icemen Sectional Series competition
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Location:

Ann Arbor Ice Cube (three-rink facility with ice surfaces — 200' x 100' and 200' x 85') 2121 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; Rink Phone: 734-213-1600. AAFSC Office Phone: 734-213-6768; Fax: 734-213-3690

Sanctioning:

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating (#c-39915) and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2013 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement. The *International Judging System* will be used for Juvenile – Senior level Short Program and Free Skate events. There will also be competitive *Test Track* events offered. Chief Referee: Margaret Faulkner, (734) 668-8935.

Planned Program Content (PPC)

Competitors in IJS events are required to submit PPC (planned program content) online. The PPC is to be completed **online** no later than May 6 but can be updated at no charge until May 13. Please go to www.usfsonline.org and follow the instructions to complete your planned program content. Be sure to enter PPC for Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition. For those who do not submit planned program content online by May 5, a \$25 processing fee will be incurred. Please note that any PPC submitted by paper, (except by Canadians who are not USFSA members) regardless of date, will incur the \$25 processing fee. Canadians should email the list of elements to Jim Achtenberg, Technical Acct, at jacht@umich.edu.

Eligibility and Entries:

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of US Figure Skating and shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of March 26, 2013. *Low-level flights will be divided in age groups of 8-10 skaters whenever possible. All Juvenile and above events may be divided into groups of approximately 12-24 based on random draws.* A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Entrants may "skate up" a level but may not skate more than one level in any one event. Compulsory Moves, Jumps, Spins, Showcase, and Solo Dance events may be ladies and men combined.

Closing Date:

Entries must be entered online by midnight EDT March 26. Spaces are limited. Enter early. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date. Any change to skating level or event after deadline is subject to a \$25 change fee. [Medical withdrawal may be partially refunded (minus \$50 administrative fee) if accompanied by an attending physician's statement.]

Awards

Medals are awarded for 1st — 4th places; ribbons are awarded to all others. Final Rounds: Medals 1st — 4th.

Online Registration at www.sk8stuff.com.

No paper entries accepted. Checks and payment voucher still need to be printed and postmarked/mailed to address below within 3 days of online entry.
Ann Dougherty, PO Box 8330, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Fees—Include DVD of each event, program. logowear:

\$115 first IJS singles event (Juv—Sr well-balanced prog)

\$50 each singles additional IJS event

\$95 first 6.0 singles free skate event (Beg – Open Juv WB program, Test track all levels, showcase, compulsory, jumps, spins, and Pro Am dance, solo short dance)

\$40 second 6.0 event; **\$25** third 6.0 event; **\$15** fourth or more event
(**must be a 6.0, inc. 'additional dances'**)

Dance Events (open to all skaters)

\$150 Combined Solo Dance (2 PD+1 FD) as 1st evt; **\$95** sec evt

\$95 Solo Pattern Dance (2 PD) as 1st evt; **\$40** 2nd evt

\$100 pairs, showcase duets, or couples pattern dance event
(\$50 per skater)

A NSF fee of \$25 will be charged for all returned checks.

Registration:

The Registration Desk will be open Wednesday evening during practice ice, and beginning Thursday through Sunday one hour before the start of competition through the end of competition each day. Skaters must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

Scheduling of Events and Practice Ice:

A tentative schedule of competition events will be posted on AAFSC's homepage (www.annarborfsc.com) and *The Figure Skater's Website* (www.sk8stuff.com) as soon as provided by the referee (early May). Please check with Registration for changes and exact times. We will do our best to have a similar schedule to last year's.

Practice ice will be available at various times Wednesday evening through Sunday morning. **Practice ice may be reserved online for those who have prepaid**, and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. A practice ice schedule will be posted on www.annarborfsc.com and www.sk8stuff.com in early May.

Music:

CDs only are acceptable, with one track of music per CD, and must be clearly marked. Music must be left at the registration desk at least 30 minutes before your event. Competitors must have an extra copy of their music available rink side during competition

Logowear:

Free \$15 shirt or credit toward another item available from www.teestopgraphicdesign.co. E-blast will be sent to all competitors after registration is complete for pre-order information.

Single Free Skate

*** Final Rounds for Juvenile through Senior IJS FS Events ***

(Qualifying round is free skate only. IJS will be used for Juvenile – Senior events.)

- Entrants may “skate up” a level, and may enter EITHER the test track OR the Well-Balanced free skate events but NOT both.
- Times are +/- 10 seconds unless otherwise specified. Max times may be anything up to the stated time.
- Well-Balanced program requirements not specified below are defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook rules 4090 – 4740
- No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, and Pre-Juvenile boys will earn points in the new USFSA Icemen Sectional Series

Well-balanced programs judged on 6.0 system

No Test: 1 ½ minutes 4280

Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate test.

Pre-Preliminary: 1 ½ minutes 4270

Must have passed the Pre-Prelim Free Skate test & no higher.

Preliminary Limited: 1 ½ minutes 4260

Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.

May include Axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins.

Preliminary: 1 ½ minutes 4260

Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.

PreJuvenile: 2 minutes 4250

Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Open Juvenile 2 ¼ minutes 4240

Must be 14 years old or older as of closing date.

Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Adult PreBronze Max 1:40 minutes 4600

Must have passed the Adult PreBronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Adult Bronze Max 1:50 minutes 4590

Must have passed the Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Adult Silver Max 2:10 minutes 4580

Must have passed the Adult Silver or PreJuvenile/Juvenile Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Well-balanced programs judged using the International Judging System (IJS)

Juvenile 2 ¼ minutes 4240

Must not have reached the age of 14 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Intermediate 2 ½ minutes 4230

Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate test & no higher.

Novice Ladies - 3 minutes; Men - 3½ minutes 4220

Must have passed the Novice Free Skate test & no higher.

Junior Ladies - 3½ minutes; Men - 4 minutes 4210

Must have passed the Junior Free Skate test & no higher.

Senior Ladies - 4 minutes; Men - 4½ minutes 4200

Must have passed the Senior Free Skate test.

Adult Gold Max 2:40 minutes 4570

Must have passed the Adult Gold or Juvenile Free Skate test or its equivalent & no higher.

Short Program (with music)

(Short Program is a separate event. No Final Round for SP. IJS will be used for Juvenile – Senior events.)

Additional program requirements as defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook 4080 – 4921

Open Juvenile Short Program (6.0): max 2 minutes

1. Jump combination — two single jumps or one double jump and one single jump
2. Axel (may not be repeated)
3. Solo Jump — single jump, double toe-loop jump or double Salchow jump (may not be repeated)
4. Solo spin — minimum 5 revolutions in position (may commence with a jump)
5. Spin combination — only one change of foot and at least one change of position (4 revs each foot)
6. Step sequence — straight line, circular, or serpentine

Juvenile Short Program (IJS) max 2 minutes

As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook (4230) for

the Intermediate short program.

Intermediate Short Program (IJS): max 2 minutes

As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook (4230)

Novice Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 30 sec

As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook (4220)

Junior Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 50 sec

Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.

Elements to be skated will be for the 2013-14 competitive season

Senior Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 50 sec

Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.

Test Track Free Skating 2012-13 (effective September 1, 2012)

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. Ann Arbor Springtime is part of the Tri-States Test Track Series.

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 element.
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions.

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Limited Beginner Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). <i>Max 2 jump sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> 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	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> 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. <i>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> 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	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> 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. <i>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> Two spins of a different nature, one position only, no change of foot, not 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	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). <i>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> 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
Pre-Juvenile Test Time: 2:00 +/-10	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). <i>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 3 revs) and One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional (Min 6 revs combined in forward sit and camel positions). Spins may not fly	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Juvenile Test Time: 2:15 +/-10	<i>Max 5 jump elements:</i> Any single jumps with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted) <i>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins:</i> One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min 4 revs in position) and One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions, (Min 4 revs on each foot) Only solo spin may fly	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test
Intermediate Test Time: 2:30 +/-10	<i>Max 6 jump elements:</i> Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. <i>Max 3 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 2 spins of a different nature:</i> One must be a flying spin (Min 5 revs), One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 4 revs on each foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test
Novice Test Time: Ladies 3:00 +/-10 Men 3:30+/-10	<i>Max 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</i> Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. <i>Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 3 spins of a different nature:</i> One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 5 revolutions on each foot). The other spins are the option of the skater (Min 6 revs) All spins may fly	One step or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (see rule 4220 for description).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test
Junior Test Time: Ladies 3:30 +/-10 Men 4:00+/-10	<i>Max 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i> Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip. <i>Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 3 spins of a different nature:</i> One must be a spin in one position (6 revs), one a flying spin (6 revs) and one a combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (Minimum 2 continuous revs in each basic position and minimum 5 revs on each foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (See rule 4210 for description)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test
Senior Test Time: Ladies 4:00 +/-10 Men 4:30+/-10	<i>Max 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies</i> Any single jumps. Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. No triple jumps permitted <i>Max of 3 jump combinations or sequences</i> <i>Max 2 of any same type jump</i>	<i>Max 3 spins of a different nature:</i> One must be a spin in one position (min 6 revs), one a flying spin (min 6 revs) and one a spin combination consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (Min 2 continuous revs in each basic position and min 5 revolutions on each foot).	Men: Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. Patterns can be of the same nature. (See rule 4105) Ladies: One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See charts in rule 4200 for description).	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test

Compulsory Events (without music) (6.0)

Entrants will qualify according to their free skate level, but may 'skate up' one level. Events will be skated on one-half (½) of the ice surface. Moves must be skated exactly as stated and may be skated in any order. There must be no change of foot between jumps in a combination jump. An Axel is considered a single jump. If a program exceeds the time limit, that portion of the program will not be judged. **All times listed are maximum.** All moves in all levels are to be connected in a free flowing presentation. Excessive footwork and added elements will be penalized. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted.

Limited Beginner **max 1 minute**
Open to skaters who have passed no higher than Basic Skills
Badge 8 or its equivalent. Skating groups will be divided by age.

1. Bunny Hop
2. Forward Stroking
3. Two-foot spin (min. 3 revs)
4. Any stop

Beginner **max 1 minute**

1. Waltz jump
2. Toe-loop
3. One-foot spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
4. Lunge

No Test **max 1 ¼ minute**

1. Loop jump
2. Salchow jump
3. Waltz jump—toe loop combination jump
4. One foot spin or upright scratch spin [forward] (min 3 revs)
5. Forward spiral

Pre-Preliminary **max 1 ¼ minute**

1. Flip jump
2. Single-single jump combination (no Axel)
3. Loop jump
4. Sit spin [forward] (min 3 revolutions)
5. Forward outside or inside edge spiral

Preliminary: **max 1 ½ minutes**

1. Single jump (may not be repeated)
2. Single-single jump combination
3. Camel spin (forward, min 3 revs)
4. Combination spin with at least 1 change of position, one change of foot (may not commence with a jump; min 3 revs each foot)
5. Spiral seq, BOTH forward and backward. Add. spirals and balance moves may be included

Pre-Juvenile: **max 1 ½ minutes**

1. Single or double jump (may not be repeated)
2. Single-single jump combination (must include loop)
3. Solo spin (may NOT commence with a jump min 4 revs in position)
4. Combination spin with 1 chg of ft and 1 chg of position (min 4 revs each foot)
5. Step sequence.

Jumps Only (6.0)

Entrants will qualify according to their free skate level, but may 'skate up' one level. All levels will be skated on ½ ice. Jumps should be performed exactly as stated. Skaters will be given two opportunities to perform each jump and will be judged on the best one. Repeated jumps must be the same as the original. The following format will be used: the first skater will take the ice and attempt the first jump twice, then attempt the second jump twice, [higher levels a third jump] before going to the next skater. The repeat of each jump element must be the same jump(s) as the first when there is a choice. This procedure will be repeated throughout the event. **Maximum time is 2 minutes.**

Beginner: Waltz jump; Salchow/toe loop combination

PrePreliminary: Flip; combination of any two single jumps (no Axels, may not repeat flip.)

Preliminary: Lutz; combination of any two single jumps (may not repeat lutz)

PreJuvenile: Axel; combination of any double /single jump (may not repeat axel)

Juvenile/Open Juvenile: Double Salchow; combination of any double/single jump or double/double jump (may not repeat double salchow)

Spins Only (6.0)

Entrants will qualify according to their free skate level, but may 'skate up' one level. Spins may be joined with appropriate connecting moves and will be skated on ½ ice. **There will be a 1 ½ min.** time limit. No music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be performed in any order.

Beginner: Forward one-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs); two-foot spin (3revs.); sit spin (3 revs)

PrePreliminary: One-foot upright spin, optional free leg (3 revs); sit spin (3 revs); combo spin, 1 chg pos, 1 chg ft (3 revs)

Preliminary: Upright back spin (5 revs); camel spin (3 revs); Combo spin, 1 chg pos, 1 chg of foot (3 revs)

PreJuvenile: Camel spin (4 revs.); change foot sit spin (3 revs each foot); combo spin, at least 1 chg of pos, & 1 chg of foot (3 revs each foot).

Juvenile/Open Juvenile: Sit spin with flying entry (5 revs); solo spin, layback for ladies/camel for men (5 revs), combo spin, at least 2 chgs pos, 1 chg of foot (4 revs each foot)

Pairs

Balanced program requirements as defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook 5090 - 5560

Novice, Junior, Senior Short Program Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.

Preliminary FS 1:30 minutes

May NOT have passed Pre-Juvenile Pair test.

Required Elements: One lift selected from Group 1 or a waist loop lift from Group 2; One solo jump, single; One pair spin with no change of foot or change of position (3 revs); One solo spin (3 revs); Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwise; Footwork and connecting moves such as spirals, spread eagles etc. utilizing one-half of the ice surface.

Optional Elements: One throw jump, single; One jump sequence; One death spiral or pivot spiral (no full revolution requirements)

Pre-Juvenile FS 2 minutes 5250

Must have passed the PreJuvenile Pair test & no higher.

Juvenile FS (IJS): 2 ½ minutes 5240

Must have the Juvenile Pair test & no higher.

Intermediate FS (IJS): 3 minutes 5230

Must have passed the Intermediate Pair test & no higher

Novice SP (IJS): 2:50 minutes 5220

Must have passed the Novice Pair test & no higher.

Junior SP (IJS): 2:50 minutes 5210

Must have passed the Junior Pair test & no higher

Senior SP (IJS): 2:50 minutes 5200

Must have passed the Senior Pair test

Pro-Am Dance

A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a pro/coach. Competitors may not enter an event below their completed test level (either adult or standard track) as of the deadline for entries. Competitors may skate up one level. If entries warrant, events may be divided by age. The 6.0 judging system will be used for these events. Each individual dance is an event. Number of patterns skated will be the number used for Testing (NOT competition) in the 2012-13 test book. **TR 43.05A.** You may enter a single dance, both dances in one level, or one or two each in two levels. **Four dance maximum** (2 at test level, 2 at one level higher).

Preliminary: Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues

Pre-Bronze: Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha

Bronze: Hickory Hoedown, Ten Fox

Pre-Silver: Fourteenstep, European Waltz

Silver: American Waltz, Silver Tango

Pre-Gold: Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz

Gold: Westminster Waltz, Quickstep

International: Samba, Cha Cha Congelada

Couple Pattern (Compulsory) Dance

*Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Dances for 2013-2014 season. **2 dances will be skated — Dance with * and one that has already been drawn and listed below. Each couple will provide their own music for the asterisked dance. Chosen music may be +/-2 beats from the tempo as stated in the dance description. May include vocals. Final dance will break a tie.*

Preliminary: For beginning couple dancers.

Dances Rhythm Blues and Canasta Tango

Pre-Juvenile: Both must have passed 2 Preliminary dance tests but no higher than the Pre-Bronze Dance test.

Dances: Rhythm Blues and Fiesta Tango

****Juvenile:** Both must have passed the Preliminary Dance test.

Dances: *Fourteenstep, Hickory Hoedown

****Intermediate:** Both must have passed the Bronze Dance test.

Dances: *Tango, American Waltz

****Novice:** Both must have passed at least one Silver dance test.

Dances: *Argentine Tango, Starlight Waltz

Solo Pattern Dance*, Solo Free Dance* and Solo Short Dance (6.0)

Solo dance will be the number of sequences listed in the Rulebook (6075) and is open to men and ladies. All dances are open to all skaters, regardless of entry in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may enter up to 4 of the listed dances.** The first two dances will be considered one event and must be entered together per Solo Pattern Dance guidelines. The third and fourth dances must be from the 'additional dances' listed. Each dance will be awarded medals. All test requirements are regular, solo, adult or masters tests.

Events:

Preliminary: No test or passed Preliminary.

2-Pattern Dance event: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango.

Pre-Bronze: May have passed all Preliminary dances, or Pre Bronze.

2-Pattern Dance event: Cha-Cha, Fiesta Tango.

Bronze: Passed Pre Bronze or Bronze but no higher.

2-Pattern Dance event: Hickory Hoedown, Ten Fox.

Pre-Silver: Passed Bronze or PreSilver: and no higher.

2-Pattern Dance event: Fourteenstep, European Waltz.

Silver: May have passed PreSilver or Silver but no higher.

2-Pattern Dance event: American Waltz, Tango.

Pre-Gold: May have passed Silver or Pre-Gold

2-Pattern Dance event: Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz.

Gold: May have passed all Pre-Gold or Gold

2-Pattern Dance event: Westminster Waltz, Quickstep,

Open Additional Dances without test requirements

Prelim: Rhythm Blues; *Pre-Bronze:* Swing

Bronze: Willow Waltz; *Pre-Silver:* Foxtrot

Silver: Rocker Foxtrot; *Pre-Gold:* Blues, Kilian

Gold: Viennese Waltz, Argentine Tango

Adults may enter regular track solo dance events

Solo Free Dance – Combined Event

The Combined Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events.

This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in National Solo Dance. However, **Solo Free Dance is offered only as part of the Combined Event.** Levels include Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior. Judging will be 6.0. **Please see the next page (page 8)** of this announcement for full descriptive details. Full list of dance and testing requirements are as part of the National Solo Dance requirements and can be found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>.

Open Solo Short Dance

Beginner SSD: 2 min. +/-10 sec

Pattern Dance is Canasta Tango.

May have passed up to complete Pre-Bronze dances.

Low SSD: 2 min. +/-10 sec

Pattern Dance is Tango.

May have passed up to complete Pre-Silver dances.

High SSD: 2:10 min. +/-10 sec

Pattern Dance is Argentine Tango.

Must have passed one Silver dance or higher.

Regulations for Solo Short Dance:

Similar general rules to the Short Dance for couples as applicable to a solo dancer, except for lifts and couple spin: See Rule 6090.

See any communications from US Figure Skating regarding the Short Dance. Vocals OK.

Special modifications for solo skaters are as follows: The dance must include 1 sequence of the specified pattern dance which may be inserted any place within the entire dance starting with step #1 skated toward the side of the judges. The remainder of the dance is creative but must include the following elements: 1 set of twizzles not within the step sequence, 1 spin of any type, 1 step sequence straight line or circular using full ice. Beginner Level must do at least one twizzle either inside or outside, right or left, forward or backward. Low Level must do a set of sequential twizzles with a maximum of three steps in between. Twizzles may be on the same foot or different feet. High Level must do a set of sequential twizzles, maximum of three steps in between, on different feet and edge. Steps, turns, and edges that are particular to ice dancing should be included. The entire dance should reflect the character of the rhythm of the chosen pattern dance only. The music shall have the same range of tempo as listed in the rule book for the pattern dance. For the creative part the music must be in the same rhythm but may be a different tune.

NSD Solo Short Dance: The Solo Short Dance event is a trial event in the 2013 NSD Series. It is offered only for the **Junior** and **Senior** levels and will not accrue points this season in the Series. Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the solo short dance rules and event details.

2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational is a participating competition within the 2013 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and solo short dance events are being offered as part of the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. Please refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

Solo Pattern Dance Event: The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold and Gold levels.

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold
Dances in each level	Dutch Waltz	Cha-Cha	Hickory Hoedown	Fourteenstep	American Waltz	Paso Doble	Westminster Waltz
	Canasta Tango	Fiesta Tango	Ten Fox	European Waltz	Silver Tango	Starlight Waltz	Quickstep
Test req	No test or passed Preliminary	Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze	Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver	Passed Pre-Silver or Silver	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold	Passed Pre-Gold or Gold

Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details.

****Fees are \$95 for the two patterns dances which must be entered as one event. If you enter additional dances outside of the NSD series, they will automatically be calculated at the 'additional event' rate.**

Combined Event: The combined dance event is comprised of the following:

- 1.) Two solo pattern dances (selected by U.S. Figure Skating and listed below)

Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile: Ten Fox and Fourteenstep

Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate: Tango and American Waltz

Pattern Dance Selection for Novice: Paso Doble and Starlight Waltz

Pattern Dance Selection for Junior: Blues and Quickstep

Pattern Dance Selection for Senior: Silver Samba and Yankee Polka

- 2.) A solo free dance

****Fees are \$150 for the 3-dance package**

If you are entering both the combined event and the solo pattern dance event, your total will be \$190, doesn't matter which one you enter as a first event or second event. These prices include DVD of each event, program, logowear.

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels. Refer to the 2013 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the combined event rules and details.

Are you a registered participant in the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series?

Name: _____

☐ No ☐ Yes, my Solo Dance Series Registration # is _____

Showcase

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce contestant's mark. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice. One mark will be given by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used. May use hand-held props or those skater can get on and off ice without assistance.

National Showcase 2013: A Competition in Theatrical Skating

Singles competitors who place 1st through 4th in a singles artistic event may qualify for National Showcase 2013. Eligible skaters will have placed 1st through 4th as previously described and will have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test and above OR completed requirements for Adult Interpretive Free Skating and above. Duets and Ensembles need not qualify by placement for National Showcase. Please contact Paula Wagener (email paulawagener58@gmail.com), National Vice Chair for National Showcase, Theatrical Skating Committee.

Skaters may skate up 1 level. Entrants will qualify according to their freeskating and dance levels. The appropriate levels are noted below.

Events:

1. **Dramatic:** a serious emotional artistic interpretation. Theme of skater's choice. Vocal music permitted.
2. **Light Entertainment:** any performance not serious enough to be considered dramatic. Theme of skater's choice. Vocal music permitted.
3. **Duet:** Theme of skaters' choice. Vocal music permitted. Test level according to highest level skater.

****No age limits on the standard Intermediate and above Showcase levels for this competition****

****Beginner through Juvenile – under 18****

Beginner Showcase Program

No Test FS, no test dance may enter

Duration: Max 1:30 min. No Axels or double jumps.

Pre-Preliminary Showcase Program

Skaters with PrePre FS, Preliminary Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 1:30 min. No Axels or double jumps.

Preliminary Showcase Program

Skaters with Prelim FS, Preliminary Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 1:40 min. No Axels or double jumps.

PreJuvenile Showcase Program

Skaters with PreJuv FS, PreBronze Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 1:40 min. No Axels or double jumps.

Juvenile Showcase Program

Skaters with Juv FS, Bronze Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. No double jumps.

Teen Showcase Program

Skaters with Juvenile FS, PreSilver Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. No double jumps.

Intermediate Showcase Program

Skaters with Inter FS, Silver Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. No double jumps.

Novice Showcase Program

Skaters with Novice FS, Silver Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. No double jumps.

Junior Showcase Program

Skaters with Jr FS, PreGold Dances, may enter.

Duration: Max 2:40 min. Double jumps allowed.

Senior Showcase Program

Skaters with Sr FS, Gold Dances may enter.

Duration: Max 2:40 min. Double jumps allowed.

Adult Showcase Program (age 21 and over)

No higher than complete PreSilver Dance or Adult Silver FS.

Duration: Max 1:40 min. No double jumps.

2013 Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Practice Ice Information

Practice ice for the Ann Arbor Springtime Competition may be reserved online as part of entering the competition online at **www.sk8stuff.com**, or may be purchased at the practice ice desk during the competition. If you pre-pay for sessions and fail to reserve them online, your pre-payment may be applied towards sessions purchased at the practice ice desk during the competition.

A schedule of practice sessions will be published online when the competition schedule is published. To ensure a fair chance for everyone, online capability for those sessions will be turned on at a time/date which will be published when the schedules are published. This turn-on time will be early evening at least 24 hours after the publication of the schedules. Online reservation capability will be turned off at 6:00 pm on the day prior to the first scheduled practice session.

To reserve your sessions online, you will log-on using a link which will be published on www.sk8stuff.com. You will need to use your name and a PIN number When the schedule is posted there is a button next to the names dropdown that says "email me my pin". Click it and it comes automatically. All sessions are 30 minutes in duration and the cost is \$15 per session. There is no refund for prepaid sessions, even if not used.

Sessions will be available Wednesday evening, through Sunday afternoon and will be designated by level and discipline (FS, Dance, Pairs). You may only reserve sessions appropriate to your entry.

Checks should be made out to 'Ann Arbor FSC'. Please do not share your PIN with anyone else (neither Ann Arbor FSC nor sk8stuff.com are responsible for reservation changes made online by unauthorized users). Practice ice pre-payments are not refundable.

Please direct practice ice questions to Melissa Sperling at 734-323-5043 or carlandmel@gmail.com.

Lodging for the Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition 2013

There are over 30 hotels and/or motels within a 15-mile range of the Ice Cube (I-94; Exit 175). Rooms have been blocked at a number of them. You must indicate your affiliation with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, or figure skating to get these rooms. Block rooms will be released a month before the competition; make your reservations before April 15.

For additional information call the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 888-9487 or visit their Web site at www.annarbor.org

HOTELS: Please tell the reservation clerk you are with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating at the Ice Cube

Sheraton Inn Ann Arbor - \$105/night
3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-0600

Hampton Inn South - \$95/night

925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108

(734)665-5000

http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/A/ARBVWHX-AAF-20130515/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Courtyard by Marriott - \$104/night

3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108

(734)995-5900 <http://cwp.marriott.com/arbfi/a2figureskatingclub2013>

Fairfield Inn - \$84/night

3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108

(734)995-5200 <http://cwp.marriott.com/arbfi/a2figureskatingclub2013>

Hilton Garden Inn - \$99/night

1401 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

(734) 330-2799

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/A/ARBGIGI-AAFIG-20130515/index.jhtml>

Residence Inn - \$119/night studios

Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108

(734)996-5666; (800) 331-3131

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/armmi?groupCode=aasaasa&app=resvlink&fromDate=5/15/13&toDate=5/18/13>

Holiday Inn and Suites - \$99/night

3155 Boardwalk Drive

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

[Click Here to Reserve at Holiday Inn & Suites](#)

Holiday Inn Express

600 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, 48104

(734)761-2929

Kensington Court

610 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, 48104

(734)761-7800

Weber's Inn

3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, 48103

(734)769-3237

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

1275 S Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

(734)-487-2000

