



ONYX
Figure Skating
CHALLENGE

2014 Onyx Figure Skating Challenge

August 22 - 23, 2014

Sanctioned by US FIGURE SKATING and SKATE CANADA

Competition Announcement

The 2014 Onyx Figure Skating Challenge (“Onyx Challenge”) will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries.

Skaters entering beginner–pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ENTRIES:

Skaters may enter any event via the website www.entryeeze.com, with no administrative fee (recommended). Online entries and payment must be made by the “closing date” of Friday, August 1, 2014, 12 midnight ET, to avoid a late fee. Late entries will only be accepted if space allows in the competitor’s event(s), and if the entrant includes a \$25 late fee. Skaters may enter using a paper entry form and pay by mail, requiring an extra \$10 administrative fee. The printable entry form is available on the www.theonyxchallenge.com website. Paper, pay-by-mail entries must be postmarked by July 25, 2014 to avoid the late fees mentioned above. Any entry missing the skater’s U.S. Figure Skating number will be charged a \$10 administrative fee. ***Any change to skating level or event after the deadline, unless due to the sponsor’s mistake, shall be charged a \$20 administrative fee, with no exceptions.*** Space in some of the events may fill up quickly, so skaters are encouraged to enter as early as possible.

2014 ONYX CHALLENGE FEE SCHEDULE

FEE

One IJS Event	\$ 95.00
Two IJS Events	\$ 145.00
One IJS Event plus One 6.0 Event	\$ 130.00
One 6.0 Event	\$ 90.00
Two 6.0 Events	\$ 125.00
Pairs: First Event, per skater	\$ 60.00
Pairs: Second Event, per skater	\$ 30.00
Basic Program with Music	\$ 55.00
Basic Program with No Music	\$ 35.00
Any Additional Event not Included Above	\$ 35.00
Any Half-Ice Event, If Only Event Entered*	\$ 55.00

Pro-Am/Open Dance (*Entry Fee of \$90 for first dance event, \$35 for each additional dance event; pro/coach partner is not charged*)

* If any half-ice event is not your only event entered, fee is calculated based on the half-ice event being your 2nd (or 3rd, if applicable) event.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry closing date of August 1, 2014, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$30 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

Notification of competition times will be emailed by www.entryeeze.com to each skater. Competition times will also be displayed on the competition website www.theonyxchallenge.com, and on www.sk8stuff.com. Practice ice times will be confirmed by email, and be displayed on the competition website www.theonyxchallenge.com.

FACILITIES: This event is being held at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, 52899 Dequindre Road, Rochester, Michigan, 48307. The Ice Arena phone number is 248-601-6699. The Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena houses three ice surfaces (each surface is 200' x 85'), along with competitor dressing rooms, ample free on-site parking, and a permanent food/beverage concession stand. For online event information, please visit the official Onyx Challenge competition website at www.theonyxchallenge.com. Please direct any questions to Onyx Challenge Competition Chair, Jen Daskas, at jendaskas@aol.com.

MUSIC: All competitors who will skate their program(s) to music must provide a CD ("compact disc") that can be played on conventional CD players. Skaters must provide a unique CD for each event they will be skating. Each CD must be clearly labeled with the skater's name and event, and the CD must have only ONE music track on it. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the host club, OSA, cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy (OSA) and Onyx Rochester Ice Arena, accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior*
- *Singles Short program events, Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs Well-Balanced free skate events, Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs short program events, Intermediate – Senior*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit a Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS) online. This form is found in the Member's Only section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the form is August 11, 2014.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile)*
- *Introductory free skate events (Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test)*
- *All Test Track events*
- *All specialty singles events (Spins, Compulsory Moves, etc.)*
- *Pairs Well-Balanced Free Skate – Pre-Juvenile only (all others IJS as stated above)*
- *Pro-Am/Open Dance events*

REGISTRATION: The official registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. For each day of the competition, the registration desk will open one hour before the start of the first event, and remain open through the end of the last event of the day. Competitors must check-in at the official registration desk at least one hour prior to their event.

PRACTICE ICE: Pre-paid Practice Ice session slots at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena will be available for purchase at a discounted rate of \$14 per 20 minutes, on a first-come, first-served basis. Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 2014 practice ice sessions will be documented and sold online via the www.entryeeze.com website. Skaters who enter/pay-by-mail may purchase Practice Ice with their entry form submission, using the Practice Ice form available at www.theonyxchallenge.com. Online or pay-by-mail Practice Ice purchases must be received by the closing date to receive the discounted rate. Skaters may also purchase practice ice time at the event registration desk, at the rate of \$18 per 20 minutes, if any practice ice time slots are still available. Please note that music will not be played during practice ice session.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Spectators are allowed to take photographs and/or video during the competition, and during awards ceremonies, from customary spectator vantage points, and without obstructing other spectators. For skater safety, however, flash photography and artificial lighting are NOT permitted. A professional photographer, RL Knight Photography (www.rlknight.photorelect.com) has been contracted to capture high-quality action and award ceremony photographs, which will be available for purchase during and after the Challenge. A professional videographer, Ledin Video at (313) 928-9097 or <http://ledinvideo.com> has been contracted to capture video of each event, which is included in the skater's complimentary DVD mentioned above.

AWARDS: For *Basic Skills* events, medals will be awarded for all placements. For *all other events*, medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each event. An award ceremony, including a brief group and individual photograph session, shall take place immediately following the posting of each event's results.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A,B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Basic Skills ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all*

coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events, including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: Please direct any questions to Onyx Challenge Competition Chair, Jen Daskas, at jendaskas@aol.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The ice arena is on the southwest corner of the intersection of 24 Mile Road and Dequindre Road, in Rochester, Michigan, a northern suburb of Detroit.



This facility offers three NHL-sized rinks, measuring 200' x 85'. All Collegiate Championship events are scheduled to be held in the middle rink, which is Onyx's Rink #2.

The Onyx Rochester Ice Arena offers free on-site parking, and a concession stand serving hot dogs, French fries, chips, popcorn, soda, and various other food and snack items. Within a 1-mile radius of the rink, there is an outdoor walking/biking trail, the Yates Cider Mill, a Kroger grocery store, a CVS Drugstore, and several fast food restaurants such as Subway, Big Apple Bagel, and Little Caesar's Pizza. The rink is near downtown Rochester, Michigan, noted for its quaint downtown with many restaurants and shops.

SECTION 2: Events Offered

SINGLES SHORT PROGRAM

The short program events listed below will be skated. Athletes and coaches are responsible for consulting the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc., as rules and requirements are not itemized within this announcement.

- A. Juvenile/Open Juvenile short program – same elements as Intermediate, Rule 4230
- B. Intermediate short program – Rule 4230
- C. Novice short program – Rule 4220
- D. Junior short program – Rule 4210
- E. Senior short program – Rule 4200

SINGLES WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE EVENTS

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile (6.0 Scoring)
- B. Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior (IJS)

TEST TRACK WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE EVENTS

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Senior (6.0 Scoring)

INTRODUCTORY LEVELS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE EVENTS

- A. Beginner, High Beginner, and No-Test (6.0 scoring)

COMPULSORY MOVES EVENTS

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Juvenile/Open Juvenile (6.0 scoring)

INTRODUCTORY LEVELS COMPULSORY EVENTS

- A. Beginner, High Beginner and No-Test (6.0 scoring)

SINGLES SPINS CHALLENGE

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Juvenile/Open Juvenile (6.0 scoring)

PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM EVENTS

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Athletes and coaches are responsible for consulting the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc., as rules and requirements are not itemized within this announcement.

- A. Intermediate short program – Rule 5230
- B. Novice short program – Rule 5220
- C. Junior short program – Rule 5210
- D. Senior short program – Rule 5200

PAIRS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATING EVENTS

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Athletes and coaches are responsible for consulting the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

- A. Pre-Juvenile – Senior

PRO-AM/OPEN DANCE

- A. Pre-Preliminary – Gold

BASIC SKILLS CHALLENGE

- A. Basic 1 – Basic 8

EVENT: SINGLES WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted for pre-preliminary – intermediate.
3. Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
4. Either IJS or the 6.0 judging system may be used for this event.
5. All relevant and appropriate IJS rules will be used. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules by reading the documents on www.usfigureskating.org, under "Technical Information," then "Singles/Pairs".

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
Pre-Preliminary	1:30 +/- 10 sec. Vocal music permitted	Maximum of 5 jump elements: a) Any single jumps, including Axel, allowed. b) Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences c) Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps. d) Number of jumps in a jump sequence is limited to a max. of 3 single jumps (½ loop is not considered a single jump.) e) Axel may be repeated as an individual jump, as part of a jump combination or jump sequence. Max of 2 Axels. f) Double or triple jumps are not allowed.	Maximum of 2 spins: a) Spins must be of a different nature b) Spins may change feet and/or position. c) Spins may start with a fly. d) Min. of 3 revolutions	One step sequence that must use ½ of the ice surface.
Preliminary	1:30 +/- 10 sec. Vocal music permitted	Maximum of 5 jump elements: a) One must be an Axel or waltz-jump. b) Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences c) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps d) Number of jumps in a jump sequence is limited to a max. of 3 single jumps (½ loop is not considered a single jump.) e) Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted, selected from: double Salchow, double toe-loop, double loop) f) Axel and no more than 2 different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, as part of jump combinations or jump sequences. g) Max. of 2 Axels or any double jump. h) Double flips, double Lutzes, double Axels or triple jumps are not allowed.	Maximum of 2 spins: a) Spins must be of a different nature b) Spins may change feet and/or position. c) Spins may start with a fly. d) Min. of 3 revolutions	One step sequence that must use ½ of the ice surface.
Pre-Juvenile	2:00 +/- 10 sec. Vocal music permitted	Maximum of 5 jump elements: a) One must be an Axel or waltz –jump. b) Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences c) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is limited to a max. of 3 single or double jumps. (½ loop is not considered a single jump at this level.) e) Number of different double jumps is not limited. f) Axel and no more than 3 different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps, as part of jump combination or jump sequence. g) Maximum of 2 Axels or any double jump h) No double Axels or triple jumps	Maximum of 2 spins: a) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot*, may fly. b) 1 spin with only 1 position*, may fly, no change of foot c) Min. 4 revolutions.; 6 revolutions for combo d) Spins must be of a different nature	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface.

Juvenile (under 14 years) and Open Juvenile (14 years or older)	2:15 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump* b) Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences c) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) No more than 3 double jumps may be repeated (1 each), but only as part of combination or sequence. Max 2 of same double jump. f) No triple jumps 	<p>Maximum of 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 spin combination; with/without change of foot* b) 1 spin with only 1 position; no change of foot* c) Both spins may start with a fly d) Min. 5 revolutions; 8 revolutions. for combination e) Min. 2 revolutions in position f) Spins must be of a different nature 	One choreographic step sequence fully utilizing ice surface
Intermediate	2:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 must be an Axel-type jump* b) Max 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) No more than 3 double/triple jumps may be repeated; only 1 repeat may be a triple. Double or triple jump repeated only in combo or sequence. Max. 2 of the same double or triple. 	<p>Maximum of 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 spin combination; w/without change of foot* b) 1 spin with only 1 position; no change of foot* c) Both spins may start with a fly d) Min. 5 revolutions; 8 revolutions. for combo e) Min. 2 revolutions. in position f) Spins must be of a different nature 	One choreographic step sequence fully utilizing ice surface
Novice Ladies	3:00 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump* b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) No more than 3 double/triple jumps may be repeated; only 1 repeat may be a triple. Double or triple jump repeated only in combo or seq. Max. 2 same double or triple. 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Spins must be of a different nature b) 1 flying entry with no change of foot or position* c) 1 spin combination; w/without change of foot* d) 3rd spin is option of skater e) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revolutions. for combo f) Min. 2 revolutions. in position g) Spins may change feet and start with a fly, except h) For the flying spin with no change of foot or position 	One leveled step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface
Novice Men	3:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 7 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump* b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Combos limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) One double Axel and two different triple jumps may be repeated. f) If double Axel or triple jumps repeated, must be in combo or sequence. g) No more than two of the same type of double or triple may be attempted. 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Spins must be of a different nature b) 1 flying entry with no change of foot or position* c) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot* d) 3rd spin is option of skater e) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revolutions for combo f) Min. 2 revolutions in position g) Spins may change feet and start with a fly, except for the flying spin with no change of foot or position 	One leveled step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Junior Ladies	3:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 7 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump * b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Combos limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) 2 triples or quads may be repeated, but must be in combo or f) sequence g) Max. 2 double Axels as solo jump or in combo/sequence 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 flying entry* b) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot* c) 1 spin with only 1 position* d) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revs. for combo e) Min. 2 revolutions in position f) All spins may change feet and start with a fly g) Spins must be of a different nature 	<p>One leveled step sequence Fully utilizing the ice surface.</p>
Junior Men	4:00 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 8 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump * b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Combos limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) 2 triples or quads may be repeated, but must be in combo or f) sequence g) Max. 2 double Axels as solo jump or in combo/sequence 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 flying entry* b) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot* c) 1 spin with only 1 position * d) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revs. for combo e) Min. 2 revolutions in position f) All spins may change feet and start with a fly g) Spins must be of a different nature 	<p>One leveled step sequence Fully utilizing the ice surface.</p>
Senior Ladies	4:00 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 7 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump * b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Combos limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) 2 triples or quads may be repeated, but must be in combo or f) Sequence g) Max. 2 double Axels as solo jump or in combo/sequence 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 flying entry* b) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot* c) 1 spin with only 1 position* d) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revolutions for combo e) Min. 2 revolutions in position f) All spins may change feet and start with a fly g) Spins must be of a different nature 	<p>One leveled step sequence One choreographic sequence Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
Senior Men	4:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p>Maximum of 8 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One must be an Axel-type jump * b) Max. 3 jump combinations (combos) or sequences c) Combos limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combo is permitted d) Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited e) 2 triples or quads may be repeated, but must be in combo or f) Sequence g) Max. 2 double Axels as solo jump or in combo/sequence 	<p>Maximum of 3 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 flying entry* b) 1 spin combination; with or without change of foot* c) 1 spin with only 1 position* d) Min. 6 revolutions; 10 revolutions for combo e) Min. 2 revolutions in position f) All spins may change feet and start with a fly g) Spins must be of a different nature 	<p>One leveled step sequence One choreographic sequence Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>

EVENT: SINGLES WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE (see requirements above)

EVENT: TEST TRACK WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. The following deductions will be taken:
 - 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 included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (<i>front to back or back to front including half-loop</i>) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions) • One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per 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

<p>Pre-Juvenile</p> <p>2:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions) • One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly. 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Juvenile and Open Juvenile</p> <p>2:15 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps, including Axel, are permitted. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 4 revolutions). • 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 revolutions per foot) • <i>Only solo spin may fly</i> 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Intermediate</p> <p>2:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a flying spin (min 5 revolutions), • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum 4 revolutions per foot). 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Novice</p> <p>Ladies: 3:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 3:30 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins, of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 5 revs per foot) • The other spins are the option of the skater (min 6 revolutions per foot) • <i>All spins may fly</i> 	<p>One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(see rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>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</p>

<p>Junior</p> <p>Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) • One combination spin consisting of all three basic positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5) revolutions per foot) 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Senior</p> <p>Ladies: 4:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. • Triple jumps are not permitted • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) • One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot) 	<p><i>Men:</i> Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface. (See rule 4105 for remarks)</p> <p><i>Ladies:</i> One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks.)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test</p>

EVENT: TEST TRACK WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE (see requirements above)

EVENT: INTRODUCTORY LEVELS WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE

General event parameters:

1. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
2. Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
3. Minimum number of spin revolutions is in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). • Max. 2 jump sequences • Max. 2 of any same jump 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
High Beginner 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no 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. 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
No-Test 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2 may be jump combos or sequences • Jump combos are limited to 2 jumps • Jump sequences are limited to 3 single jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level) • No Axels or double jumps are permitted 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins must be of different character. • Each spin must have a Minimum of 3 revolutions. • Spins may change feet, position and start with a fly. 	One step sequence that utilizes ½ of the ice surface	

EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters:

1. Pre-Preliminary – Juvenile/Open Juvenile events only: Elements will be skated on ½ ice
2. Elements may be performed only once
3. Music is not allowed

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre – Preliminary	1:00 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single flip 2. Jump combination: single/single (no Axel) 3. Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)
Preliminary	1:00 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Lutz 2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) 3. Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Forward inside spiral
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (may include Axel) 2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) 3. Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Step sequence - circular
Juvenile and Open Juv.	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Jump combination: single/single or double/single 3. Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Step sequence – circular

EVENT: INTRODUCTORY LEVELS COMPULSORY

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 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump 2. ½ jump of choice 3. Forward two-foot or one-foot spin, minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) 4. Forward or backward spiral
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop jump 2. Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Forward or backward spiral
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loop jump 2. Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) 3. Solo spin - sit <u>or</u> camel spin - minimum three revolutions 4. Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.

EVENT: SPINS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

1. Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. On required elements may be included.
2. All events are skated on ½ ice.
3. Minimum number of revolutions is noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward upright spin (3) 2. Combination spin with no of foot (4) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Juvenile	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camel spin (3) 2. Combination spin – camel to sit spin; no change of foot (6) 3. Forward to backward scratch spin (3 per foot)
Juvenile and Open Juvenile	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sit spin (4) 2. Combination spin – change of foot; optional change of position (4 per foot) 3. Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)



U.S. Figure Skating Non-qualifying Competitions

EVENT: PRO-AM/OPEN DANCE

The 2014 Onyx Challenge competition will include Pro-Am/Open Dance events. Pro-Am/Open Dance competitors are subject to the general rules and requirements listed here:

- A dance couple shall consist of an eligible skater and a pro/coach or an equal or higher-level partner.
- 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 number of 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 must be the number used for dance testing (NOT competition) as documented in the current US Figure Skating test book (TR43.05A).
- A skater may enter a single dance, both dances in one level, or one or two each in two levels, with a **four dance maximum** (2 at test level, 2 at one level higher).
- There must be at least two (2) entries in a given event for flights to be scheduled.

LEVEL	DANCES
Preliminary	1. Canasta Tango 2. Rhythm Blues
Pre-Bronze	1. Cha-Cha 2. Fiesta Tango
Bronze	1. Willow Waltz 2. Ten Fox
Pre-Silver	1. European Waltz 2. Foxtrot
Silver	1. Silver Tango 2. Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	1. Killian 2. Blues
Gold	1. Viennese Waltz 2. Argentine Tango

EVENT: BASIC SKILLS CHALLENGE (BASIC 1 – 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. Skaters will skate their program on full ice. In addition:

- The skater may use elements from a previous level
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Basic 1	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two-foot glide and dip 2. Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
Basic 2	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one-foot glide, either foot 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps in a straight line, 2-3 each foot 3. Moving snowplow stop 4. Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward 5. Backward two-foot swizzles, 6 - 8 in a row
Basic 3	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive 3. Forward slalom 4. Backward one-foot glide, either foot 5. Two-foot spin, minimum three revolutions
Basic 4	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward outside three-turn, right and left 2. Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive both directions 3. Backward stroking, 4-6 strokes 4. Backward snowplow stop, right or left
Basic 5	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, 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 6	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside three-turn, right and left 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left 4. Lunge, right or left 5. T-stop, right or left
Basic 7	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk, right to left and left to right 2. Ballet Jump, either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position, clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
Basic 8	1:00 +/-10 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns, right and left 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka, either direction 4. 1 Combination move, clockwise <u>or</u> counter clockwise – two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin, free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position -minimum three revolutions

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Online Event Entry and Payment made at www.entryeeze.com by: AUGUST 01, 2014
12 midnight ET (if entering via pay-by-mail, postmarked by July 25, 2014)

Online Practice Ice purchase made at www.entryeeze.com by: AUGUST 01, 2014
12 midnight ET (if reserving via pay-by-mail, postmarked by July 25, 2014)

(any unsold practice ice slots will be made available for purchase at the competition)

IJS competitors submit Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS) online by: AUGUST 11, 2014
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