

31st Annual

Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational 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. Lockers rooms: 8; full snack bar. Upper and lower lobbies; practice ice rink is very cold.

Sanctioning

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating (#18062) and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2015 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement.

Series Information

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the National Solo Dance Series and the Icemen Series. It is also part of the Tri-States Council Championship Series (Test Track).

Judging System

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: *Well-Balanced Program free skate events Juvenile – Senior, and Adult Gold; Short program events (except Open Juvenile), and Pairs events.*

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for *Well-Balanced Program free skate events (pre-preliminary–pre-juvenile, open juvenile, adult bronze and silver); Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test); All Test Track events; All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, showcase, etc.); All solo and partnered dance events.*

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 5 but can be updated at no charge until May 12. Please go to the Members Only section of www.usfsonline.org and follow the instructions. Be sure to enter PPC for Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational. For those who do not submit planned program content online by May 5, a \$25 processing fee will be incurred. Canadians who are not USFSA members should email the list of elements to Jim Achtenberg, Technical Acct, at jacht@umich.edu. No fee for this.

Closing Date:

Entries must be registered online by midnight EDT March 27. Spaces are limited. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There are no medical refunds. However, credit may be granted for the next year's competition entry fee. Accompanying physician's note required.

Eligibility and Test level

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of US Figure Skating. Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline (March 27, 2015.) 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 or skate more than one level in any one event.

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 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. Compulsory Moves, Jumps, Spins, Showcase, and Solo Dance events may be ladies and men combined.

Registration

The Registration Desk is on the **Lower Level**. It 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.

Videography

All events are recorded by Ledin Video (313) 928-9097. <http://ledinvideo.com/>. A DVD of each of event is included with your entry fee. DVDs must be picked up before the competition has ended; they are not mailed.

Photography

Action photos will be taken by RL Knight Photography, found at www.rlknight.photorelect.com and will be available for purchase on site.

Awards

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

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 credit toward any item available from www.teestopgraphicdesign.com. Fill in shirt size on the online entry form. Or E-blast will be sent to all competitors after registration is complete for pre-order information.

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 ASAP (within 3 days --before you forget--if possible) of online entry.

Ann Dougherty, 6 Northwick Ct, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Fees are All-Inclusive: Includes DVD of each event, program, logowear, water:

First Singles Event	\$115
First Introductory Level Event (Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test)	\$105
Second Singles event	\$45
Third singles event	\$25
Fourth or more event	\$20

Couples Partnered Pattern Dance, Pairs Event, Showcase Duet
Per team **\$110 (\$55 per person)**

Open / Pro Am Dance **\$105**
No charge for partner (if a pro).

A NSF fee of \$30 will be charged for all returned checks.
Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
Any change to skating level or event after deadline is subject to a \$20 change fee.

Scheduling of Events

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.

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.

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>

Practice Ice:

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. A practice ice schedule will be posted on www.annarborfsc.com and www.sk8stuff.com in early May.

Practice ice may be purchased 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 select them online when the system goes 'live', your pre-payment may be applied towards sessions purchased at the practice ice desk during the competition. No music is played on practice ice (except pattern dance events).

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. **Practice ice may be reserved online for those who have prepaid for sessions with their online entry**, and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis

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 are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used.

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](http://www.sk8stuff.com) are responsible for reservation changes made online by unauthorized users).

Please direct practice ice questions to:

Melissa Sperling at 734-323-5043 or carlandmel@gmail.com.

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

Well-balanced programs judged on 6.0 system

Pre-Preliminary: 1:40 max sec 4270
Must have passed the Pre-Prelim Free Skate test & no higher.

Preliminary Limited: 1:30 +/- 10 sec 4260
Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.
May include Axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins.

Preliminary: 1:30 +/- 10 sec 4260
Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.

PreJuvenile: 2:00 +/- 10 sec 4250
Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.

Open Juvenile 2:15 +/- 10 sec 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 2:15 +/- 10 sec 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 2:30 +/- 10 sec minutes 4230
Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate test & no higher.

Novice Ladies - 3 min.; Men - 3½ m. +/- 10 sec 4220
Must have passed the Novice Free Skate test & no higher.

Junior Ladies - 3½ min.; Men - 4 min. +/- 10 sec 4210
Must have passed the Junior Free Skate test & no higher.

Senior Ladies - 4 min.; Men - 4½ min. +/- 10 sec 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.

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 2015-16 competitive season

Senior Short Program (IJS): max 2 min 50 sec
Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.

Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

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 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i></p> <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 	<p><i>Max. 2 spins:</i></p> <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 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i></p> <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. 	<p><i>Max. 2 spins:</i></p> <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 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps, with exception of the single Axel, are allowed • Maximum of 2 jumps combinations or sequences • Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps • Jump sequences are limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward jump limit) • No single Axels, double jumps or triple jumps 	<p><i>Max. 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a fly. • Minimum of 3 revolutions. • Spins must be of different character (For definition see rule 4103E.) 	<p><i>Step Sequence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use one-half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements. • Jumps may be included in the step sequence 	

Test Track Free Skating

Skaters may enter EITHER 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. 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. Ann Arbor is part of the Tri-States Council Championship Series. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

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 has fewer than the required minimum revolutions.

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEPS	QUALIFICATIONS
Pre-Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <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 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <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 Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <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 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <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
Pre-Juvenile Test Time: 2:00 +/-10	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <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 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <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. 	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 4104 & 4105 for remarks)	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 spin in one position (min. 6 revs), one flying spin (min. 6 revs), one a combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot).	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface. (See rule 4105 for remarks)	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 spin in one position (min. 6 revs), one flying spin (min. 6 revs), one a combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per 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 for remarks) Ladies: One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test

Compulsory Events

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 in 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.
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/ Open Juvenile	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

Jumps Challenge

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, then the 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 1 min . 15 sec**

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. Single Salchow 3. Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single toe loop 2. Single loop 3. Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single toe loop 2. Single flip 3. Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Single flip 6. Single Lutz 7. Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Single Axel 6. Single or double jump 7. Jump combination – single/single (no Axel)
Juvenile/ Open Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Single Axel 6. Double Salchow 7. Jump combination – single/single or double/single (no Axel)
Intermediate	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single Axel 2. Double loop* 3. Jump combination – double/single (no Axel)

Spins Challenge

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. Only required elements may be included. All events are skated on ½ ice. The minimum number of revolutions is noted in parentheses. **Maximum time is 1 min . 30 sec**

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
High Beginner	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)
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. Forward scratch to back scratch 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/ 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)
Intermediate	1:30 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying camel spin (5) 2. Sit spin to backward sit spin (4 per foot) 3. Combination spin – change of foot & change of position (4 per foot)

Pairs

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

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

6.0 judging

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.

IJS judging

Juvenile FS 5240

Must have the Juvenile Pair test & no higher.

Intermediate SP and FS 5230

Must have passed the Intermediate Pair test & no higher

Novice SP and FS 5220

Must have passed the Novice Pair test & no higher.

Junior SP and FS 5210

Must have passed the Junior Pair test & no higher

Senior SP and FS 5200

Must have passed the Senior Pair test

Pro-Am/Open Dance

A dance couple will 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 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 2015 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). Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Chosen music may be +/-2 beats from the tempo as stated in the dance description. May include vocals.

Preliminary: Canasta Tango, Dutch Waltz

Pre-Bronze: Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha

Bronze: Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz

Pre-Silver: Fourteenstep, Foxtrot

Silver: American Waltz, Silver Tango

Pre-Gold: Paso Doble, Blues

Gold: Westminster Waltz, Quickstep

International: Samba, Cha Cha Congelado

Couple Pattern (Compulsory) Dance

*Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Dances for 2015-2016 season. **2 dances will be skated — Dance with * and one that has already been drawn and listed below. Each couple may provide their own music for each 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: Cha-Cha and Dutch Waltz

Juvenile: Both must have passed the Preliminary Dance test.

Dances: Hickory Hoedown, TenFox

Intermediate: Both must have passed the Bronze Dance test.

Dances: Foxtrot, American Waltz

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

Dances: Westminster Waltz, Kilian

Open/NSD Solo Pattern Dance

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. The two dances will be considered one event and must be entered together per Nationals Solo Pattern Dance guidelines. Each dance event (level) will be awarded medals. All test requirements are regular, solo, adult or masters tests. *Adults may enter regular track solo dance events*

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, Willow Waltz.

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

2-Pattern Dance event: Foxtrot, Fourteenstep.

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: Blues, Paso Doble.

Gold: May have passed all Pre-Gold or Gold

2-Pattern Dance event: Westminster Waltz, Quickstep

International: May have passed all Gold.

2-Pattern Dance event: ChaCha Congelado, Silver Samba

Open/NSD Combined Pattern/Free Dance or Short/Free Events

The Combined Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events.

This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. Levels include Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice who will do one pattern dance and a solo free dance; Junior and Senior levels will do a short dance and a solo free dance. Judging will be 6.0. **Please see the next page (page 11)** 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/NSD Shadow Dance

The Shadow Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events.

This event **is open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. The Shadow Dance event is offered for the Preliminary through Senior levels. Judging will be 6.0. **Please see the next page (page 11)** of this announcement for full descriptive details. For the shadow dance rules and event details, please refer to the 2014 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.



2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The **Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational** is a participating competition within the 2015 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2015 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>. Please refer to the 2015 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, Gold and International levels.

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold	International
Dances in each level	Dutch Waltz	Cha-Cha	Hickory Hoedown	Foxtrot	American Waltz	Blues	Westminster Waltz	Cha Cha Congelado
	Canasta Tango	Fiesta Tango	Willow Waltz	Fourteen-Step	Tango	Paso Doble	Quickstep	Silver Samba

Refer to the 2015 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.

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

- 1.) **JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE:** One solo pattern dance chosen by the referee out of two possible dances as selected by U.S. Figure Skating. This dance will not be posted until the starting order is posted at the competition.
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile:** Willow Waltz or Ten Fox
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate:** European Waltz or Foxtrot
 - Pattern Dance Selection for Novice:** Tango or American Waltz

JUNIOR, SENIOR: A short dance
- 2.) A solo free dance

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 2015 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the combined event rules and details.

Shadow Dance: The Shadow Dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. Refer to the 2015 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479> for the shadow dance rules and event details.

Preliminary: Rhythm Blues

Intermediate: Hickory Hoedown

Junior: Starlight Waltz

Juvenile: Cha Cha

Novice: Rocker Foxtrot

Senior: Quickstep

Are you a registered participant in the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series?

Name: _____

No Yes, my Solo Dance Series Registration # is _____

Showcase Events

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 scenery and/or hand-held props or those that skater can get on and off ice without assistance.

General event parameters:

1. Level will be determined by the highest free skate or dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
2. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under "Programs" on the National Showcase page.

Events:

1. **Dramatic:** Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
2. **Light Entertainment:** Showcase program that should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
3. **Duet:** Duets are theatrical or artistic performances by any competitors.
(Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)

Beginner, No Test Showcase Program

Must not have passed PrePreliminary FS test.

No age restriction

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

Pre-Preliminary Showcase Program

Must not have passed Preliminary FS test.

No age restriction.

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

Preliminary Showcase Program

Must have passed Prelim FS but not PreJuv FS test

Duration: Max 1:40 min. No min. age; max age 20.

PreJuvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed PreJuv FS or 2 Prelim.dances.

But not Juvenile FS or complete Bronze dances.

Duration: Max 1:40 min. No min. age; max age 20.

Juvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or complete Prelim.Dances.

But not Intermediate FS or any Silver dances.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 13 and under

Teen Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or complete Prelim.Dances.

But not Intermediate FS or any Silver dances.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 14 – 17 years.

Intermediate Showcase Program

Must have passed Intermediate FS or complete Bronze dances.

But not Novice FS or any Gold dances

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 17 and under

Novice Showcase Program

Must have passed Novice FS or one Silver dance.

But not Junior FS or any Gold dances.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. No age restriction.

Junior Showcase Program

Must have passed Junior FS or 2 Pre-Gold dances.

But not Senior FS or complete Gold dances.

Duration: Max 2:40 min. No age restriction

Senior Showcase Program

Must have passed Senior FS or complete Gold dances.

Duration: Max 2:40 min. No age restriction.

Young Adult Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or complete Prelim. dance

But not Novice FS or any Gold dance

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 18 – 20.

Adult Bronze/Silver Showcase Program

May not have passed Gold FS or any Pre Gold dance test.

Duration: Max. 1:40 min. Age 21 and older.

Adult Gold/Masters Showcase Program

Must have passed Gold FS or one Pre-Gold dance test.

Duration: Max. 1:40 min. Age 21 and older.

Lodging for the Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition 2015

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 (*Hotels with AAFSC Room Blocks)**

*****Courtyard by Marriott - \$112/night (official hotel)**

3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5900

*****Sheraton Inn Ann Arbor - \$122/night**

3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-0600

*****Hampton Inn South - \$109/night**

925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)665-5000

*****Residence Inn - \$109/night Studio Suite; \$169 2-Bedroom Suite**

800 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-5666; (800) 331-3131

*****Fairfield Inn - \$86/night**

3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5200

Weber's Inn

3050 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-769-3237

Hilton Garden Inn

1401 Briarwood Circle,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734) 330-2799

Holiday Inn Express

600 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, 48104
(734)761-2929

Kensington Court

610 Hilton Blvd,
Ann Arbor, 48104
(734)761-7800

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

1275 S Huron Street,
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
(734)-487-2000

Holiday Inn and Suites

3155 Boardwalk Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

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