

**The 17th Annual
Grand Rapids Open
June 26-28, 2015
An Event of the Meijer State
Games**



Overview:

The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club is excited to present the 17th annual Grand Rapids Open. This year we have been selected to participate in the National Solo Dance Series. We will also be offering testing in conjunction with the competition. Testing details will be updated on our website at www.ggrfsc.org.

Competition Contacts:

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Registration/Practice Ice Desk Hours:

The registration desk will be open one hour before the start of the competition each day. The Practice Ice table will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first practice ice each day. Skaters must check in at least one hour prior to their event.

Critiques:

Critiques will be offered for all IJS events. Times for the critiques will be available at registration the day of the event.

Meijer State Games:

The Grand Rapids Open is a participant in the Meijer State Game of Michigan. For more information about the state games and the opening ceremonies please visit: www.stategamesofmichigan.org. The National State Games will be hosted in Grand Rapids, MI the summer of 2017!!!

Location:

Patterson Ice Center located at 2550 Patterson Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Patterson Ice Center is a two rink indoor facility with ice surfaces of 200 x 100 and 200 x 80.

Sanction:

This is a non-qualifying competition sanctioned by US Figure Skating (**#18298**) and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as forth in the 2015 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement.

Liability:

US Figure Skating, The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club, Patterson Ice Center and the Meijer State Game accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the US Figure Skating Rulebook.

Series Information:

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

Judging System:

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

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for Well-Balanced Program free skate events (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, plus Adult Bronze and Silver; Introductory free skate events (Beginner, High Beginner and No Test); all Test Track events; all specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, showcase); all solo dance events.

Planned Program Content (PPC)

IJS events are required to submit a PPC (planned program content) online. The PPC is to be completed no later than June 15, 2015. You can find the PPC by going to the members only section at : www.usfigureskating.org. If a PPC is not submitted by the deadline, a \$25 processing fee will be required at the time of registration. Canadian skaters who are not USFSA members should email the list of elements to Jim Achtenberg at: jacht@umich.edu.

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 (May 26, 2015). 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 (either Test Track or Well Balanced Program) must be under 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, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Music:

Competition music should be turned in at the time of registration. CD should have only one track of music. A duplicate CD should be readily available rink side. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event.

Videography:

All events are recorded by Ledin Video 313.928.9097. www.ledinvideo.com. A DVD of each event is included with your entry fee. DVD's must be picked up before the completion has ended. They will not be mailed.

Photography:

RL Knight Photography: www.rlknight.photorelect.com. Photos will be available for purchase at the competition.

Registration Details:

You may register for the Grand Rapids Open at: www.sk8stuff.com.

No paper entries accepted. Checks and payment voucher still need to be printed and postmarked/mailed within **three** days of online entry. All checks should be made out to GGRFSC.

Please send all entries to:

Vicki Scott
C/O – The Grand Rapids Open
3215 Michele Lane
Hamilton, MI 49419

Fee Schedule: Includes DVD of each event

\$95 First IJS event (Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior; Adult Gold)

\$50 Each additional IJS event

\$85 First 6.0 event

\$45 Each additional 6.0 event

\$95 First NSD event (single)

\$50 Each additional NSD event (single)

\$90 Shadow Dance (team)

\$50 Compulsory as **only** event

\$50 First Snow Plow Sam or Basic Skills 1-8

\$25 Second Snow Plow Sam or Basic Skills 1-8

\$20 change of event fee

\$25 Late fee for entries received after 5/26/15

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

Schedule of Events:

A tentative schedule of competition events and skater's event time(s) will be posted at www.ggrfsc.org and www.sk8stuff.com as soon as it is known. All times are approximate. Please check with Registration for changes and exact times.

Awards:

Medals are awarded for 1st – 4th place; Ribbons are awarded for 5th – 9th.

Logo Wear:

Information regarding Official GRO logo wear purchase opportunities will be emailed to all registered competitors at the conclusion of the entry deadline. Names of all competitors will be printed on the back of each logo wear item. If you are a late entrant, your name will not appear on any logo wear apparel.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- Declared by a skater in the registration process with the club
- Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B (Category C for Basic Skills events) compliant for the current season
- Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- A current member in good standing with the PSA
- A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of 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. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in BOTH U.S. Figure Skating and the PSA, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B (C for Basic Skills) compliance in CER, and a photo I.D. at check in. **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.**

Single Free Skate

- 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: 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 and no higher.
- **Preliminary Limited: 1:30+/-10 sec. (4260).** Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test and 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 and no higher.
- **Pre-Juvenile: 2:00 +/-10 sec. (4250).** Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate test and 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 and no higher.
- **Adult PreBronze: Max 1:40 minutes (4600).** Must have passed the Adult PreBronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Stake test or its equivalent and no higher.
- **Adult Bronze: Max 1:50 minutes (4590).** Must have passed the Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate test or its equivalent and no higher.
- **Adult Silver: Max 2:10 minutes (4580).** Must have passed the Adult Silver or Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile Free Skate test or its equivalent and no higher.

Well-Balanced programs using the International Judging System (IJS)

Juvenile: 2:15+/-10 sec. (4240). Must have not reached the age of 14 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test and no higher.

Intermediate: 2:30+/-10 sec. (4230). Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate test and no higher.

Novice: Ladies - 3 min; Men - 3.5 min+/-10 sec. (4220). Must have passed the Novice Free Skate test and no higher.

Junior: Ladies - 3.5 min.; Men - 4 min+/-10 sec. (4210). Must have passed the Junior Free Skate test and no higher.

Senior: Ladies – 4 min; Men 4.5 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)

IJS will be used for Juvenile – Senior – Additional program requirements as defined in the US Figure Skating Rulebook 4080 – 4921
Elements are for the 2015-2016 season

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.

As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook (4210)

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

Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org.

As stated by the current US Figure Skating Rulebook (4200)

Introductory Levels Free Skate Program

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- 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.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<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 1:40 Maximum	<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 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps, with the exception of the single Axel, are allowed • Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences • Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps • Jump sequences 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 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a fly • Minimum 3 revs. • Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence* • 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 Skate

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- 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.
- 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 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
Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 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 (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

<p>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.</p> <p>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><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p>	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p>		

<p>Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p>Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</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 	<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.</p> <p>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>Men:</p> <p>Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface.</p> <p>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</p> <p>Ladies:</p> <p>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: Introductory Levels Compulsory Event

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

- To be skated on ½ ice
- No music is allowed
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels
- A 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz jump • ½ jump of choice • Forward two-foot or one-foot spin, minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) • Forward or backward spiral
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toe loop jump • Salchow jump • Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions • Forward or backward spiral
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop jump • Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) • Solo spin - sit <u>or</u> camel spin - minimum three revolutions • Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.

EVENT: Compulsory Moves

General event parameters:

- Basic Skills – Juvenile: Elements skated on ½ ice
- Elements may be performed only once
- Music is not allowed

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single flip (for competitions held before December 31, 2014) • Single Toe Loop (for competitions held after January 1, 2015) • Jump combination: single/single (no Axel) • Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions • Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Lutz • Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) • Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions • Forward inside spiral
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jump (may include Axel) • Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) • Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions • Step sequence - circular

EVENT: Jumps Challenge

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- Pre-juvenile and lower will be skated ½ ice; Juvenile – senior will be skated on full ice
- Jumps with an “*” must be preceded with connecting steps (intermediate – senior)

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) • ½ flip or ½ Lutz • Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) • Single Salchow • Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single toe loop • Single loop • Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single toe loop • Single flip • Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single flip • Single Lutz • Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Single or double jump • Jump combination – single/single (no Axel)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Double Salchow • Jump combination – single/single or double/single (no Axel)
Intermediate	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Double loop* • Jump combination – double/single (no Axel)
Novice	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double loop • Double flip* • Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Junior	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of double or triple jump • Double or triple flip* • Jump combination – double/double (may be double Axel)
Senior	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of double or triple jump • Double or triple Lutz* • Jump combination – double/double or triple/double (may be double Axel)

EVENT: Spins Challenge

General event parameters:

- 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.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright one-foot spin (3) • Upright two-foot spin (3) • Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright one-foot spin (3) • Upright two-foot spin (3) • Sit spin (3)
No-Test	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright one-foot spin (3) • Upright two-foot spin (3) • Sit spin (3)
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright one-foot spin (3) • Upright back scratch spin (3) • Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward scratch to back scratch spin (3) • Combination spin with no of foot (4) • Sit spin (3)
Pre – Juvenile	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel spin (3) • Combination spin – camel to sit spin; no change of foot (6) • Forward to backward scratch spin (3 per foot)
Juvenile & Open Juv.	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit spin (4) • Combination spin – change of foot; optional change of position (4 per foot) • Girls – layback spin (4); Boys – camel spin (4)
Intermediate	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying camel spin (5) • Sit spin to backward sit spin (4 per foot) • Combination spin – change of foot & change of position (4 per foot)
Novice	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of camel, sit or layback spin (6) • Camel spin to backward camel spin (4 per foot in position) • Combination spin – change of foot & two changes of position (2 per position & 5 per foot)
Junior	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying sit spin or flying reverse sit spin (6) • Ladies – layback spin (6); men – cross-foot spin (6) • Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per position & 5 per foot)
Senior	1:30 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying spin of choice (6) • Solo spin of choice (6) – may not fly • Combination spin – with change of foot & utilizing all three positions (2 per position & 5 per foot)



2015 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The **GRAND RAPIDS OPEN** 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	Willow-Waltz	European Waltz	Tango	Blues	Westminster Waltz	Yankee Polka
	Rhythm Blues	Fiesta Tango	Ten-Fox	Fourteen-Step	Rocker Foxtrot	Killian	Argentine Tango	Tango Romantica

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
- 2.) **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: Dutch Waltz

Juvenile: Ten-Fox

Intermediate: Foxtrot

Novice: Tango

Junior: Paso Doble

Senior: Silver Samba

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

Yes, my Solo Dance Series Registration # is _____

No



U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competitions

EVENT: Free Skate 1-6 Program Event

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

- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time 1:30+/-10sec

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Free Skate 1	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive • One-foot upright scratch spin from backward crossovers, minimum three revolutions • Waltz jump from backward crossovers • Half flip jump
Free Skate 2	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside spiral, right or left • Beginning back spin – entry optional, minimum two revolutions • Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump sequence • Toe loop jump
Free Skate 3	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward crossovers in a figure 8 • Back spin, minimum three revolutions • Salchow jump • Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
Free Skate 4	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left • Sit spin, minimum three revolutions • Loop jump • Waltz jump-loop jump combination
Free Skate 5	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel spin, minimum three revolutions • Forward upright spin to back upright spin, minimum three revolutions each foot • Loop-loop jump combination • Flip jump
Free Skate 6	1:30+/-10 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of four revolutions total • Split jump or stag jump • Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence • Lutz jump

EVENT: BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified. Vocal music is allowed.

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

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

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.



MEIJER STATE GAMES PARTICIPANTS:

MEIJER STATE GAMES OF MICHIGAN: The Grand Rapids Open is participating in the Meijer State Games of Michigan. The top three placing skaters from each state, Michigan, Ohio or Indiana, in any event will qualify for the 2015 State Games of America event. For more information about the Meijer State Games of Michigan please visit www.stategamesofmichigan.org. For more information about State Games of America visit www.stategames.org. Opening Ceremonies will be held June 26th at 7:30 pm at **Fifth Third Ballpark**, our best efforts will be made to allow as many skaters as possible to attend but the competition schedule will take precedence.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES: Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of US Figure Skating, members in good standing of the ISI (Ice Skating Institute), or unaffiliated with either organization, shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of **May 18, 2015**. Low-level flights will be divided in age groups of 8-10 skaters whenever possible. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Men and Ladies events may be combined where necessary and allowable.

ISI Program Members: If you are in an ISI program, please use the below conversion chart to determine your appropriate competition level.

If You Passed ISI level	Enter USFS		If You Passed ISI level	Enter USFS
Tot or Pre-Alpha (age 7	Basic 1		Freestyle 8 / Open	Junior or
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 2		Freestyle 9 / Open	Senior
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 3		Freestyle 10 / Open	Senior
Alpha/Gamma	Basic 4		Freestyle 2 / Open Bronze	Adult Pre-Bronze
Beta	Basic 5		Freestyle 3 / Open Bronze	Adult Bronze
Delta	Basic 6		Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Adult Silver
Gamma	Basic 7		Freestyle 5 / Open Gold	Adult Gold
Delta-Freestyle 1	Basic 8		Dance 3	Preliminary Dance
Freestyle 2 or 3 / Open Bronze	Pre-Preliminary		Dance 4	Pre-Bronze Dance
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Preliminary		Dance 5	Bronze Dance
Freestyle 5 / Open Silver	Pre-Juvenile		Dance 6	Pre-Silver
Freestyle 6 / Open Gold	Juvenile or		Dance 7	Silver Dance
Freestyle 7 / Open	Novice		Dance 9	Pre-Gold

2015 Greater Grand Rapids Open Competition

Practice Ice Information

Practice ice for the Greater Grand Rapids Open may be reserved online 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 to sessions purchased at the Practice Ice desk during the competition.

If you did not reserve your sessions at the time of registration and would still like to reserve them online, please fill out this form and indicate the number of sessions you desire. Mail the form, along with your payment, to the address shown below.

To reserve your sessions online, you will need to go to our event page at <http://www.sk8stuff.com>. From there you will be able to request your pin number which will allow you to login and reserve your pre-paid sessions. Be sure to read the Practice Ice info provided on the website carefully for help understanding the online reservation/PIN process.

All sessions are 25 minutes long and the cost per session is \$15.00. There is no refund for prepaid sessions, even if not used.

Sessions will be available throughout the competition to be released as they become available. Sessions will be designated by level and discipline (Beginner, Juvenile, etc.). You may only reserve sessions appropriate to your entry. This will not be verified at the time of the reservation however, if you are found to be practicing on an inappropriate session, the monitor may remove you from the session without refund.

Checks should be made payable to: GGRFSC. Do not share your PIN with anyone (neither GGRFSC volunteers nor sk8stuff.com are responsible for reservation changes made online by "authenticated users"). Practice ice payments are not refundable.

Please contact Renee Peirce at 616.682.4525 or rgpeirce@comcast.net with any questions. Payments may be sent to:

GRO – Practice Ice
c/o – Renee Peirce
1161 Spice Bush Dr. SE
Ada, MI 49301

Skater's name: _____

Number of Sessions desired: _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

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Check # _____

Grand Rapids Open

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