

2014-2015 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITION SERIES 2015 LAURA MAKI MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



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Dates & Locations:

March 28, 2015 Individual Events. 8am-8pm; March 29, 2015 Team Events, 8am-4pm, 405 Fast Ice Drive, Midland, Michigan, 48642/989-837-5780.

Sanctioning:

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

Hosted by the Detroit Metro Skating Council

Chief Referee: Don Korte

Closing Dates and Entry Fees:

State Championship Competition - \$150.00 per Level A Team, \$150.00 per Level B Team, \$120.00 per Level C Team - \$90.00 for 1st individual event, \$50.00 for 2nd individual event. Must be paid in full by March 1, 2015.

All entries fees are non-refundable and must be paid by check or money order payable to Detroit Metro Skating Council. ONE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER REQUIRED PER TEAM (no cash and no individual skater checks). No late entries will be accepted. A fee of \$30 will be charged for all returned checks.

Test Levels:

Skaters must compete at their registered US FIGURE SKATING or ISI test level or one level higher as of November 15, 2014. Skaters must be a member of USFS to compete.

US Figure Skating Freestyle or Moves-in-the-field Test and ISI Test Equivalents

Beginner - ISI Freestyle 1 or 2

Pre-Preliminary - ISI Freestyle 3 & 4

Preliminary - ISI Freestyle 4, 5 & 6

Pre-Juvenile - ISI Freestyle 5, 6 & 7

Juvenile - ISI Freestyle 6, 7 & 8

Intermediate - ISI Freestyle 7 & 8

Novice - ISI Freestyle 8 & 9

Junior - ISI Freestyle 9 & 10

Senior - ISI Freestyle 10

Team Scoring:

Teams will receive points for each event based on the number of teams competing with the first place team receiving the highest number of points and the last place team receiving one point. Points from each event at the three regular season team competitions will be totaled to determine advancement to the State Championship. At the State Championship, points for each team/individual event will be totaled in the same manner to determine Team and Individual Team event awards.

Advancing to State Championships

The top two teams from each district will advance to the State Championship. *If any of the qualifying teams from a district withdraws, the next highest ranked team will advance to the championship.*

Awards:

Championship Event – Championship medals will be awarded for each team event for overall placement. Trophies will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place teams for each level based on the accumulated point total from the team events. First, Second and Third place Championship medals will be awarded to each member of these teams. First, Second and Third place championship medals will be awarded to individuals with the highest placement for each Team Individual event. Trophies will be awarded to the First place teams with the highest Team Individual point total, at the completion of all the team events. Medals will be given to the first three place at the initial events, also awards will be given after each event. Team awards will be awarded at the end of all team competitions.

Participating Teams:

Championship Event – Each participating team at state championships MUST provide four volunteers over the course of the two day event or they will not be allowed to participate. Notification of volunteer names and available times must be provided to the host team, Midland High School, by March 15, 2015.

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Rules & Eligibility

1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules as stated in the current US Figure Skating Rule 3200 under "Special Competitions." This announcement will take precedence if there is a conflict with the US Figure Skating Rulebook.
2. The team must be a US Figure Skating School Affiliated Club (SAC). The SAC application form can be downloaded from the US Figure Skating website at usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=67. The form should be completed and returned to US Figure Skating. Please submit a copy of the SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership along with your application to competition chair.
3. A team will consist of at least two skaters from one high school or a unified team. Home-schooled skaters may complete with the approval of the Athletic Director from the school district which they want to compete.
4. Each team must have high school administrative or athletic department approval.
5. High schools may combine as per MHSAA rules. All combined teams must be listed on the team application form. If combined teams are **not** from the same school district, the following rules apply: An administrator from each school must sign the team entry form. All skaters from the combined schools must be allowed to skate on the team. Combined teams not adhering to these guidelines will be disqualified. The competition committee reserves the right to limit the number of schools and/or skaters that may combine to form a team.
6. The competition committee will grant final approval of a team's membership.
7. All skaters who enter must be in at least 9th grade and be enrolled as a student in the high school as per MHSAA rules.
8. All skaters must be registered with the US Figure Skating in order to qualify for competition entry and provide their membership number on attached forms.
9. Each team member must be a member in good standing with the US Figure Skating and their local member club.
10. A skater will not be allowed to participate unless they have a signed Skater Entry Form on file with the Registrar at least one week prior to the competition.
11. A skater may not accept prize money in any amount or merchandise having a value greater than \$25 for any skating competition.
12. Team or individual byes will not be granted for the State Championship as per MHSAA rules. Except in the case of injury, a skater must have competed in at least one regular season team event in order to be eligible to skate in the team event at the State Championship.
13. The committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries, eliminate events due to insufficient entries, and combine or divide groups as necessary.
14. Late entries will not be accepted.
15. No skaters may be added after the November 15, 2014 deadline, except with special permission of the registrar.
16. The state championship event will not be cancelled unless there is a state of Emergency declared in the area where the rink is located, even if school districts of participating teams have closed or cancelled events. Points will be awarded based on teams participating. There will be no refunds.
17. Team Banners are encouraged.
18. No food is allowed in the locker rooms. Some Ice Arenas have rules regarding outside food. Please check with the Ice Arena before bringing in food for your team.
19. Unsportsmanlike conduct & foul language will not be tolerated at any competition and is grounds for disqualification.
20. This competition is hosted by the Member Club and sanctioned by US Figure Skating (SR 3.09 and SR 4.00). The Sanction Number is **14761**. All coaches must be in compliance with Rule 1310, MR 5.11, MR 5.12, MR 5.13 or they will not be allowed to coach athletes, nor have contact, either directly or indirectly, at a venue for practice and/or at US Figure Skating events (US Figure Skating tests, competitions, performance activities, club ice, and workshops).

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Team Events

Level A

Spins	Jumps	Moves
No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
1) Comp 1 – Sit spin (min 6 revs in pos) Comp 2 - Bielman or Upright - No Layback (min 6 revs in position) Comp 3 - Camel (min 6 revs in position)	1) Comp 1 Double Flip or Double Toe-Loop Comp 2 Double Loop or Double Salchow Comp 3 Double Lutz or Double Toe-Loop	1) Spiral Sequence – Serpentine or Circular. See US Figure Skating rulebook for description of spirals which may be included. Only first 3 spirals will be counted by the judges.
2) Layback or Cross foot Spin (minimum 6 revolutions in position)	2) Comp 1 & 2 - Single Axel Comp 3 – Single Axel or Double Axel	2) Forward Loops (Novice#4)
3) Flying Spin - May include change of position (minimum 6 revs in position)	3) Combination Jump – Double/Double or Triple/Double Jump	3) Ina Bauer or Spread Eagle. Only one named element will be counted
4) Combination Spin – Must include 3 positions and at least 1 change of foot (minimum 5 revolutions per foot)	4) Split Jump Sequence (3-4 jumps - Positions optional)	4) Inside 3-turns/Rocker Choctaws (Novice #1) or Straight Line Step Sequence (Junior #6) Skater will perform one length of arena using either starting foot of choice.

Level B

Spins	Jumps	Moves
Must not have passed Intermediate Freestyle	Must not have passed Intermediate Freestyle	Must not have passed Novice Moves
1) Comp 1 - Camel (minimum 3 revs) Comp 2 - Layback or Upright (min 4 revs) Comp 3 - Sit (minimum 4 revolutions)	1) Comp 1 - Single Flip or Salchow Comp 2 - Single Lutz or ToeLoop Comp 3 – Single Lutz or Dbl Salchow	1) Ina Bauer, Back Spiral or Spread Eagle (one position only, may change edge; may not change feet or combine above).
2) Forward Scratch Spin (minimum 4 revolutions)	2) Single Loop or Axel	2) Forward Double 3-turns (Juvenile #6) Inside Only
3) Back Spin – Position optional (minimum 4 revolutions)	3) Combination Jump – Single/Single or Double/Single Jump	3) Forward Spiral
4) Combination Spin - 1 change of foot (minimum 3 revolutions per foot)	4) Split or Stag Jump	4) Backward circle 8 (Pre-juvenile # 5) or Forward Twizzles (Intermediate # 4) skater will perform FI patterns only, R and L foot).

Level C

Must Not have Passed Pre-Juvenile Moves or Preliminary Freestyle

SPINS	JUMPS	MOVES
1) 2 Foot Spin (minimum 4 revolutions)	1) ½ Jump (waltz, 1/2 flip or ½ lutz)	1) Forward Spiral
2) Forward Upright Spin (min 4 revs)	2) Single Toe-Loop or Salchow	3) Basic Consecutive Edges (Pre-Preliminary #2 skater will perform BO and BI patterns only.)
3) Sit Spin (minimum 2 revs in position)	3) Combination Jump - Single/Single (no Axel, waltz jump ok)	3) Forward and Backward Crossovers (Preliminary #1)
4) Back upright spin	4) Bunny Hop, Mazurka or Ballet Jump	4) Forward circle 8 (Preliminary # 5)

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Team Event Rules

1. If there are not at least two Level C teams in a district, skaters will have the option to move up to Level B.
2. Skaters must compete at their test level or higher based on their US Figure Skating freestyle and moves-in-the-field test levels as of November 15, 2014 (ISI level equivalency on page one).
3. Skaters may move between levels at any given event as long as they qualify for that level. Skaters may only compete in one level for Jumps/Spins and one level for Moves at each event. In order to qualify for the State Championship, a skater must have participated at that level in at least one regular season team event.
4. Males and females will skate on the same team.
5. Level A, B, and C Teams must have a minimum of two skaters on their roster. No skater may perform more than 50% of the total number of elements.
6. Teams will be required to submit a Team Event Roster at check-in at least 10 minutes prior to the start of each team competition. All skaters on the team roster must be listed. If a skater is not participating due to absence, injury, or discipline, please indicate the reason in the notes column. Once the roster has been turned in, substitutions only under extenuating circumstances with Referee approval.
7. Only one skater per team may warm up each element.
8. Each team will be allowed one retry per team per level (A, B, C) at Team Competitions. The second attempt has to be the exact same element as the first attempt by the same skater. The second attempt will count regardless of whether or not it was better than the first attempt. The skater will signal for a retry immediately by raising their hand. The Referee will raise their hand in return in acknowledgement of the request for a retry.
9. If a team does not have a skater capable of or eligible to perform an element, the team will receive no credit for that element.
10. If a team cannot participate at one of the district competitions, that team will receive no points for that competition.
11. Where an element varies for each regular season competition, the team may choose any of the elements listed for the state championship.

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State Championship Transmittal

School _____

District _____

Forms:

___ Team Individual Roster

Entry Fees:

Level A - Entry Fees (\$150.00) _____

Level B - Entry Fees (\$150.00) _____

Level C - Entry Fee (\$120.00) _____

Individual First Event _____ Skaters x (\$90) _____

Individual Second Event _____ Skaters x (\$50) _____

TOTAL _____

Contacts:

Team Manager _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Coach _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Volunteer #1 _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Volunteer #2 _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Payment and forms must be submitted by March 1, 2014

No late entries will be accepted.

Please submit a single check. No Individual skater checks please.

A fee of \$30 will be charged for all returned checks.

Mail completed forms and payment to:

Detroit Metro Skating Council, c/o Mary Moss, 6565 Kolb, Allen Park, MI 48101

Registrar: Mary Moss, wyaandotteskater@msn.com, 313-383-6121

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State Championship
Team Individual
Roster

DISTRICT# _____ Name of School _____

Check maximum of 2 events per skater. Please indicate the skater's name, event and level they are entering for each event. Skaters may not skate below their US Figure Skating or ISI test level as of November 15, 2014, but may skate up one level higher (ISI level equivalency on page one). Skaters may compete in a maximum of two individual events, but are not allowed to compete in two Free Skating event categories. Skaters may skate in two Dance events. Artistic Duet and Artistic Solo are considered different categories.

Name	Skater's Initials	Beg		Pre		PJ		Juv		Int		Sr		Nov		Int		Pre		Nov		Beg		Juv					
		TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS	TT	FS

Total # 1st Events _____ Total # 2nd Events _____
Please have each skater sign to make sure they are entered in the appropriate event(s) and level(s). Changes will only be made if a mistake is made on the part of the Registrar. No special requests will be taken for scheduling of Team Individual events. **2014-2015 Michigan High School Figure Skating Team Competition Series**

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State Championship award placements for the Team events (Level A, B, and C) on Sunday will be calculated by the same formula (combining Jumps, Moves, and Spins) as they are for each District competition.

Qualifying Round Format

Because of the number of teams represented this year, 2 Qualifying Rounds are used. The Qualifying Rounds are seeded by zig-zag seeding (as used at Regionals and above) to most fairly separate the teams. Each Qualifying Round group has either 9 or 10 teams; 3 teams will advance from each Qualifying Round group (based on the combined results of the jumps, spins, and moves events) to the Final Round.

Both Qualifying and Final Rounds will be skated with only one level (A, B, or C) on the ice at a time, and no split warm-ups. For instance event #201 is "**Level A Jumps Grp 1**". For this event all 9 teams from Grp 1 will enter the Ice at the same time – but ONLY the A team jumpers. When all A Team jump elements have been completed, these teams will leave the ice and the **Grp 1 B Team** jumpers will enter the ice and will complete all of their jump elements.

Timing of Events

Your team may be participating on different rinks for different levels. We are aware of the need for coaches and team members to move from rink to rink. Please note that similarly named events are scheduled AT THE SAME on each rink (ie **Level A Jumps Grp 1** skates at the same exact time as **Level A Jumps Grp 2**). Visualize this as one big 19 team event with 2 sets of winners.... We will be very careful to keep both rinks in lock-step throughout the morning, so that this timing equivalence is maintained and nobody will need to be in 2 rinks at the same time.

We will need your help to make this happen though. Please when your event ends, exit expeditiously; and when it is time for a new event to begin please be ready to enter the ice on time and as quickly as is safely possible.

Qualifying Round Ties

The first 3 placed teams but no more than 4 total teams from each Qualifying Round advance to Final Round. If there is a tie for places 1, 2, or 3 then all teams involved in the tie will advance, excepting that if multiple ties would cause more than 4 teams to advance then only those teams placing 1st or 2nd (considering ties) will advance.

Examples: 1,2,3 all go; 1,1,2,3 all go; **1,2,2,3,3** only bold go; **1,1,2,2,3** only bold go; 1,2,3,3 all go; **1,1,1,2,3** only bold go

Notice: Qualifying Rounds are not expected for the 2015 State Championships; the information on this page is preserved for reference in the event that Qualifying Rounds become needed in this or any future year

Final Round Ties Decided by Runoff

If there is a tie at any level (A, B, or C) for FIRST PLACE (only) then a runoff will take place to determine the State Championship team for that (those) levels.

Marks will be calculated as quickly as possible following each event so that we may inform teams of the need for any runoffs. Any announcement of runoffs needed will be performed in the RINK, using the standard announcer. If a runoff-eligible team leaves the building or is not available within 5 minutes after such announcement, they will forfeit the runoff and be awarded 2nd place.

The runoff will consist of 3 elements, each to be performed by a skater as chosen by the coach or team. The elements shall be:

1/ Solo Jump (any solo jump as permitted as "element 1" of the jumps event for A or B level, or element 2 for C level)

2/ Combination Jump (any combination jump as permitted as "element 3" of the jumps event for that level)

3/ Combination Spin (any combination spin as permitted as "element 4" of the spin event for A or B level), or Sit Spin for C level.

The judges will award a single mark to each team, based on their evaluation of the quality of the 3 elements performed by that team.

If there is a tie for 2nd or 3rd place at any level, the marks will remain as a tie.

Team Event Element Clarification for States

Also for reference, for those elements which had different specifications at Comp 1, Comp 2, Comp 3 during the regular season (ie 1st jump element) then at State Championships, the skater may choose to perform the element appropriate to ANY of the 3 competitions.

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Individual Events

Music:

CDs only, one-track only, marked with skater's name, school, level, and program length. CDs must be turned in at registration. **Bring a back-up CD.**

Eligibility:

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FREESKATING EVENT *Deductions in competitive freeskating programs are according to US Figure Skating rule 4910*

Long Program	Time	Rules
Beginner - NoTest	1:30 +/- 10 sec	Introductory NoTest elements; See USFS rules beginning Sept 1, 2014
Pre-Preliminary Test Track	1:30 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014
Preliminary Test Track	1:30 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014
Pre-Juvenile Test Track	2:00 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014
Juvenile Test Track	2:15 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014
Intermediate Test Track	2:30 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014
Novice Test Track	3:00 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014 (Ladies and Men combined; use Ladies timing for all)
Junior Test Track	3:30 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014 (Ladies and Men combined; use Ladies timing for all)
Senior Test Track	4:00 +/- 10 sec	Test Track See USFS rules beginning Sept. 1, 2014 (Ladies and Men combined; use Ladies timing for all)
Intermediate/Novice WB	3:00 +/- 10 sec Ladies 3 :30 +/- 10 sec. Men	Competitive – see Novice rules in USFS Rulebook
Junior/Senior WB	4:00 +/- 10 sec Ladies 4 :30 +/- 10 sec. Men	Competitive – see Senior rules in USFS Rulebook

SOLO DANCE EVENT *If a skater has passed the first Dance at a level, they must skate at that level or one level higher.*

Level	Dance	Rules	Level	Dance	Rules
Preliminary	Dutch Waltz	2 patterns	Silver	Tango	2 patterns
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance	2 patterns	Pre-Gold	Blues	3 patterns
Bronze	Willow Waltz	2 patterns	Gold	Argentine Tango	2 patterns
Pre-Silver	Fourteenstep	3 patterns			

ARTISTIC SHOWCASE EVENT

Programs are to be skated to music and should be designed to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience. Costumes are encouraged. Hand Held Props only - must stay with the skater for the entire performance - may not be placed or tossed on the ice.

Event	Freestyle Level	Time	Rules
Artistic Solo	Ltd Beginner –PrePreliminary (max Preliminary Moves)	Max 1:40 minutes	Max PrePreliminary Moves. Single jumps only. No Axels
Artistic Solo	Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile	Max 1:40 minutes	No Axels or double jumps.
Artistic Solo	Juvenile – Intermediate	Max 2:10 minutes	No double jumps.
Artistic Solo	Novice - Senior	Max 2:40 minutes	May include one double jump.
Artistic Duet	Ltd Beginner – Pre-Juvenile	Max 1:40 minutes	No Axels or double jumps (max 2 skaters)
Artistic Duet	Juvenile - Novice	Max 2:40 minutes	May include one double jump (max 2 skaters)
Artistic Duet	Junior - Senior	Max 2:40 minutes	May include one double jump (max 2 skaters)