



15TH ANNUAL SPRING SPLASH APRIL 23, 2016

This competition is endorsed by US Figure Skating

The annual Basic Skills Competition (title) sponsored by the Richmond Skating Stars will be held at the Richmond Ice Zone on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Basic Skills program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Basic Skills program/club or any other Basic Skills program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM AND BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES -All entries must be postmarked no later than March 21, 2016. Late entries will be accepted only if the limit has not been reached, at the discretion of the organizers. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. ***The first event is \$55 and each additional event is \$25.*** NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY and returned with fee check made payable to the **Richmond Ice Zone**. There will be a \$40 fee for returned checks.

AWARDS – Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, third, fourth and fifth places.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Will be posted on www.richmondskating.com at least one week prior to the event.

PRACTICE ICE - Freestyle ice will be available the morning of the competition.

MUSIC - The music for all free skating programs and showcase must be provided on CDs by the skater. CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds.

VIDEO TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHS - This will be available in the lobby on the day of the competition. Digital Photographs will also be taken of all individuals.

Directions:

Directions are also available on our web site: www.richmondskating.com

From the North - Interstate 95 south to exit 79. Follow 195 south to Powhite Parkway. Follow Powhite Parkway to the Midlothian Turnpike exit. Take Midlothian Turnpike west about 4 miles to Johnston Willis Drive. Turn left between the Jeep and Ford car dealerships and the Ice Zone will be on your right.

From the South - Interstate 95 north to Chippenham Parkway 150 North. Follow Chippenham to Midlothian Turnpike west. Take Midlothian Turnpike west about 6 miles to Johnston Willis Drive. Turn left between the Jeep and Ford car dealerships and the Ice Zone will be on your right.

From the East - Interstate 64 west to 95 South. 95 South to the Downtown Expressway. Follow the Downtown expressway to the Powhite Parkway 76 South. Follow Powhite Parkway to the Midlothian Turnpike exit. Take Midlothian Turnpike west about 4 miles to Johnston Willis Drive. Turn left between the Jeep and Ford car dealerships and the Ice Zone will be on your right.

From the West - Follow Rte 60 east through the village of Midlothian towards Richmond. After passing Chesterfield Town Center Mall turn right on Johnston Willis Drive, between the Jeep and Ford car dealerships and the Ice Zone will be on your right.

Hotels:

Hampton Inn: (804) 897-2800
800 Research Road Richmond, VA 23236

Sheraton Park South: (804) 323-1144
9901 Midlothian Turnpike Richmond, VA 23235

DoubleTree by Hilton (804) 379-3800
1021 Koger Center Blvd Richmond, VA 23235

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EVENT: Basic Elements Event (Compulsories): SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Skaters will perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps).

To be skated on 1/2 ice.

- No music.
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed.**

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam 1-3	1:00 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 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 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 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 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standstill forward outside three-turn, right and left • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise • Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions • Backward stroking, 4-6 strokes • Backward snowplow stop, right or left
Basic 5	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • 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 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 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standstill forward inside open Mohawk, right to left and left to right • Ballet jump, either direction • Backward crossovers to a back outside edge landing position, clockwise and counter clockwise • Forward inside pivot
Basic 8	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns, right and left • Waltz jump (from a standstill) • Mazurka, either direction • Combination move, clockwise <u>or</u> counter clockwise, two forward crossovers into forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward 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



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EVENT: Basic Program Event: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 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	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward outside or forward inside three-turns, right and left • Waltz jump (from a standstill) • Mazurka, either direction • 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



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EVENT: Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Event

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.
- Time: 1:15 max

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive • Backward outside three-turns, right and left • One-foot upright scratch spin from backward crossovers - minimum three revolutions • Waltz jump from backward crossovers • Half flip jump
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside or inside spiral, right or left • Waltz three's, right or left, 2-3 sets • Beginning back spin, entry optional – minimum two revolutions • Waltz jump, side toe hop, Waltz jump sequence • Toe loop jump
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward crossovers in a figure 8 • Backward inside three-turns, right and left • Back spin - minimum three revolutions • Salchow jump • Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	<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	1:15 max.	<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	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five step Mohawk sequence - one set alternating pattern (refer to Basic Skills Curriculum Free Skate 6) • Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total • Split jump or stag jump • Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence • Lutz jump



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EVENT: Free Skate 1-6 Program Event

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 1:40 max.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Free Skate 1	1:40 max	<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	1:40 max.	<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	1:40 max	<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	1:40 max.	<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	1:40 max.	<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	1:40 max.	<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



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EVENT: Introductory Levels Compulsory Event

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: 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 • No single Axels, double jumps or triple jumps • Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences • Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is permitted • Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps • Half-loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	<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 	



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EVENT: COMPULSORY MOVES

- 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"> • Toe Loop jump • 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"> • Lutz jump • Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel) • Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions • Forward inside spiral



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EVENT: WELL BALANCED PROGRAM FREE SKATE

- 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 for pre-preliminary – intermediate.
- 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.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
Pre-Preliminary	1:40 Maximum Vocal music permitted	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed • No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed • Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump, as part of a jump combination or jump sequence. (maximum of 2 single Axels) • Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 jumps is permitted. • Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps • ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position. • Spins may start with a fly. • Minimum of 3 revolutions These spins must be of a different character (For definition see Rule 4103 (E))	One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface. Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted, but will not count as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Preliminary	1:40 Maximum Vocal music permitted	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be an Axel or Waltz-jump type jump • All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) • Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple or quadruple jumps are not allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position. • Spins may start with a fly. • Minimum of 3 revolutions These spins must be of a different character (For	One step sequenced that must use ½ of the ice surface. Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted, but will not count as

		jumps or part of jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences • Jump combinations are limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is permitted. • Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps • ½ loop is considered a listed jump with the value of a single loop when used in a sequence or combination 	definition see Rule 4103 (E)	elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
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EVENT: Test Track Free Skate

- 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 1:40 max.	<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 • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences • Maximum 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 (Minimum 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 1:40 max..	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels) • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences • Maximum 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. (Minimum 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.



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ADULT EVENTS: Adult 1-6 Free Skate, Pre-Bronze and Bronze

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

- Vocal music is allowed.
- 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+/-10 sec unless otherwise noted

<p>Adult 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling and Recovery • Forward Marching • Forward two-foot glide • Forward swizzle • Moving Snowplow Stops 	<p>Adult 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic forward outside and forward inside consecutive edges • Backward edges on a circle, (outside and inside, clockwise and counterclockwise) • Backward crossovers, (clockwise and counterclockwise, 5 consecutive) • Forward outside 3-turns, right and left • Forward outside swing rolls to a count of 6
<p>Adult 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward stroking showing correct use of the blade • Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, (clockwise and counterclockwise) 4-6 in a row • Forward one-foot glides • Slalom • Backward swizzles, (4-6 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise) 	<p>Adult 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward and backward crossovers in a figure 8 pattern • Forward outside to inside change of edge on a line • T-stop, right or left • Forward inside 3-turns, right and left • Beginning one-foot spin
<p>Adult 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside and inside edges on a circle (clockwise and counterclockwise) • Forward crossovers (clockwise and counterclockwise) • Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle (4-6 in a row consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise) • Moving forward to backward and backward to forward two-foot turn • Beginning 2-foot spin 	<p>Adult 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward perimeter stroking with crossover end patterns • Backward crossovers to a backward outside edge glide (landing position) • Lunge • Spiral • Footwork sequence: (3-5 forward crossovers to an inside Mohawk, 3-5 backward crossovers, step forward inside the circle and repeat)
<p>Adult Pre-Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult pre-bronze free skate test or pre-preliminary free skate test. Time: 1:40 maximum Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4600 for specific requirements.</p>	<p>Adult Bronze: Must have passed no higher than adult bronze free skate test or the preliminary free skate test. Time: 1:50 maximum Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook #4590 for specific requirements.</p>



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SHOWCASE EVENTS:

Showcase events are open to skaters in Basic, Free Skate, Limited Beginner through Preliminary and Adult Bronze. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher. Vocal music is permitted.

Show costumes are permitted, as long as they do not touch or drag on the ice. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.2 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each five seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical 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 marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice.

6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of Showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying Showcase Guidelines posted on www.usfigureskating.org.

- Dramatic entertainment: Showcase program utilizing intense emotional skating quality to depict choreographic theme.
- Light entertainment: Showcase program emphasizing such choreographic expressive qualities such as comedy, love and mime while incorporating skating skills.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 competitors.
- Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors.
- Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. Theater On Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production event.

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-8	Elements only from Basic 1-8 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 8 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Free skate 1-6/ Beginner/High Beginner/ Adult 1-6	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests.	Time: 1:30 max.
No Test/ Pre-Preliminary/ Adult Pre-Bronze	3 jump maximum. No Axels or double jumps permitted.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary or Adult pre-Bronze free skate test.	Time: 1:30 max.
Preliminary/ Adult Bronze	3 jump maximum. Axels are permitted, but no double jumps allowed.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze test.	Time: 1:40 max.



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INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM:

Competition Format

The Organizing Committee will pre-select musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels:

Levels will be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately. Please enter your current level.

Judging Rules:

Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression. Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Coaching: There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents, or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.