



Tri-State Synchronized Skating Championships

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CHIEF REFEREE- Hannelore Murphy



Critiques available for all teams

IJS mini-system will be used for collegiate, adult, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, and senior events

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Midland Civic Arena

405 Fast Ice Drive

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Synchronized Skating Announcement

General Rules: The Tri-State Synchronized Skating Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book for non-U.S. Citizens.

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ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline

ENTRIES: Method of entries via mail (see entry form).

ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED BY DEC. 16, 2017.

Synchro Skills 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events will be run in accordance to the 2017-18 Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual. For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they may "skate-up" one level.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after Dec. 16, 2017 unless no competition exists or is canceled. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Midland Civic Arena, 405 Fast Ice Drive, Midland, MI, 48642. The Midland Civic Arena is a dual surface facility with seven locker rooms. **The competition rink is an Olympic-sized rink measuring 100'x 200'**. Facility includes a snack bar.

MUSIC: The official competition music must be submitted at the registration table at the time of team registration. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Midland Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD'S FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Midland Figure Skating Club and the Midland Civic Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

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

- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate
- Collegiate
- Adult

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Snowplow Sam Synchro
- Synchro Skills Level 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Masters
- Open Adult
- Open Masters
- Open Collegiate

All teams competing at a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin Friday, February 9, 2018 one hour before practice ice is to start until the final segment of practice ice scheduled on Friday evening and will re-open an hour before practice ice resumes on Saturday, February 10, 2018. An email with exact times will be sent before the event to all registered teams. The registration desk will remain open through the last event of the day. The registration desk will be located in the rink lobby.

One team manager or coach should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must each register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: There will be a \$10.00 admission fee per event ticket. Each team will receive a special pass for skaters, and up to 2 chaperones per team. Children under 12 will be free.

PRACTICE ICE: The Midland Civic Arena is a dual surface facility with an NHL-sized rink measuring 85'x200' and an Olympic-sized rink measuring 100'x200'. Practice ice segments will be available on both sheets Friday, February 9, 2018, from 2:00pm until 11:00pm and Saturday morning before competition begins, on a first-come, first-served basis using the enclosed practice ice form. The fee will be \$115 per 12-minute segment. Practice ice session request will be assigned by the LOC.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Videography will be available and can be ordered at the competition. Further information will also be emailed to all registered teams.

AWARDS: Awards will be made on the basis of final placement. All team members of teams placing first through fourth will be awarded medals. All Beginner teams will be awarded a medal.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the rink lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.**

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

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

- ✓ Declared by the team in the registration process
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Completed an annual background screen
- ✓ Completed the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance
- ✓ If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and instructor certification is sufficient.

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Requirements%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 U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of compliance, 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.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: www.midlandfigureskatingclub.org/club_events/tri-states-synch/

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Karen Boswell	kboswell99@gmail.com	989-751-6603
Competition Co-Chair:	Sue Bakke	bakkes@sbcglobal.net	989-631-6242
Chief Referee:	Hannelore Murphy	hannelore389@hotmail.com	586-703-1370
Practice Ice:	Linda Wolok	lwolok@yahoo.com	989-430-3206

COMPETITION SCHEDULE: The competition schedule will be posted on the MFSC website as soon as it is available and via sk8stuff.com. The MFSC website is www.midlandfigureskatingclub.org/club_events/tri-states-synch/

FOOD:

The concession stand will be open during the competition. Maps for area restaurants will also be available at the registration desk.

ACCOMODATIONS: Hotel arrangements made be made through the Great Lakes Bay Regional CVB housing system at the following link:

<http://visitgreatlakesbay.gaslightmedia.com/index.php?catid=239&preview=1&admininactive=Enable&convention=20>

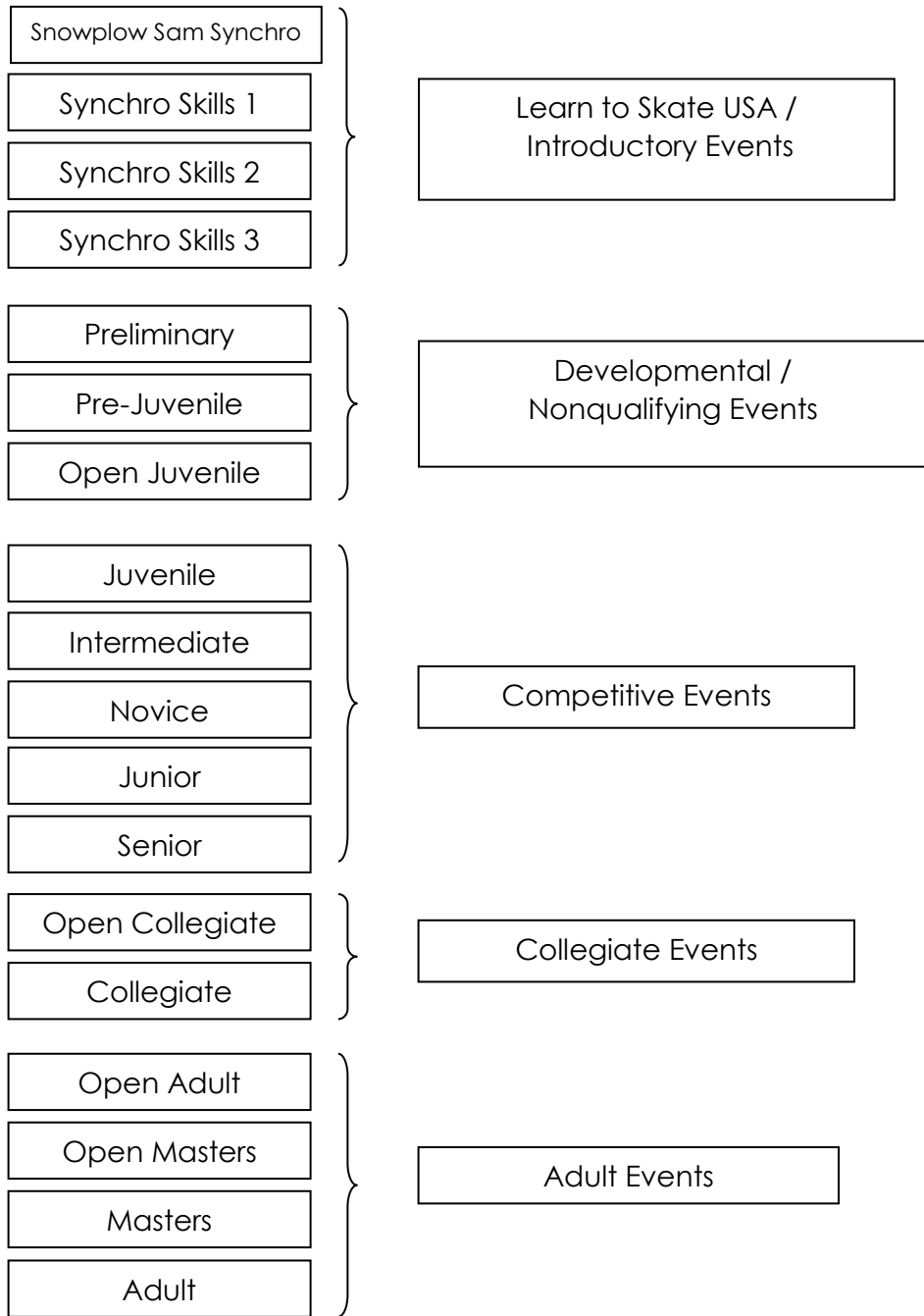
CRITIQUES: Critiques with an official will be available following the conclusion of the event. Please complete the attached form if desiring

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next pages:



- A. Snowplow Sam Synchro:** A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skater may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 40 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220

- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum of four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

	Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre-juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adults	Open Masters	Masters	Adults
Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	

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ENTRY FORM 1: Team Information

Team name:		U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Club: (if applicable)			
Team contact person:			
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Address:		City	State / ZIP
Primary coach:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Number of skaters:		Number of alternates:	

Please check the level/event(s) entered-Synchro Levels:

Snowplow Sam Synchro	Juvenile	Open Collegiate
Synchro Skills 1	Intermediate	Collegiate
Synchro Skills 2	Novice	Open Adult
Synchro Skills 3	Junior Short program	Open Masters
Preliminary	Junior Free Skate	Masters
Pre-Juvenile	Senior Short program	Adult
Open Juvenile	Senior Free Skate	

Entry fee enclosed:

\$ _____ for _____ team events.	(\$120.00 per team/event)
\$ _____ for _____ competitors.	(\$22.00 per skater/event)
\$ _____ for _____ Snowplow & Synchro Skill events.	(\$50.00 per team/event)
\$ _____ for _____ competitors (SP & Synchro Skill)	(\$10.00 per skater/event)

Total Entry Fees: \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to:

Please send all forms and fees to:

All fees and entry forms must be received by:

MFSC Competitions
Sue Bakke 2907 Valorie Lane Midland, MI 48640
December 16, 2017

NOTE for collegiate/open collegiate teams: Please bring with you a copy of the collegiate certification page, or alternate proof of your athletes' student status, as of the entry deadline.

NOTE for Snowplow Sam and Synchro Skills 1-3 teams: Teams may choose to represent either a full member club or a U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA program.

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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

Team Name:	Level:
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SKATER NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER Last name first	Birth date	U.S. Figure Skating #**	Highest MITF test passed *
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Alt. 1.***			
Alt. 2.***			
Alt. 3.***			
Alt. 4.***			

* Required for teams entering open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate and adult. Also required for Synchro Skills 1-3 teams. As of the competition entry deadline, **skaters on Learn to Skate USA Synchro skills teams are not permitted to have passed higher than a preliminary test.**

** Skaters on Synchro Skills 1-3 teams may be either full U.S. Figure Skating members or Learn to Skate USA members.

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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

Team Name:	Level:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Skater's name in alphabetical order	Skater signature or parent / guardian (if skater is under 18)
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Alt. 1	
Alt. 2	
Alt. 3	
Alt. 4	

Club officer or skating school director: *All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada rules.*

Print Name:	Signature
Title:	
Club or Learn to Skate USA program name:	

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ENTRY FORM 4: Collegiate Certification page – for collegiate & open collegiate teams **ONLY**.

Collegiate and open collegiate teams must comply with Rule 7280 (collegiate) or Rule 7290 (open collegiate). Athletes must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university, as full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend, as of the entry deadline for this event. Use a separate form for each institution the members attend, collect all of the forms and send them together. Students may also choose another method to prove their student status, such as a print out of an unofficial transcript or a letter from the registrar.

Team Name:	U.S. Figure Skating Number:	Level:
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STUDENT ID NUMBER
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR:

I certify that the students listed above are considered full-time students at the following institution: _____

Name of Registrar: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Practice Ice Application

Practice ice segments will be available on both sheets of ice Friday, February 9, 2018, from 2:00pm until 11:00pm and Saturday morning before competition begins, on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee will be \$115 per 12-minute segment. Practice ice session request will be assigned by the LOC. **All IJS teams must purchase one official segment of practice ice.**

Please fill out a separate form for each team.

Team Name: _____

Division: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Hotel where team will be staying: _____ Phone: _____

Arrival time: _____

Please indicate the number of segments requested: _____

Please indicate day and time range preferred:

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Third choice: _____

Does this team have cross skaters? (Y/N) _____

If so, on what other teams? _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ segments.

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Team Name: _____ Team Level: _____

Team Contact: _____ Email: _____

Phone Contact Information: _____

Admission Pre-orders

One Day Admission Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00/day

Tickets may be pre-ordered for \$9.00/ticket
Children under the age of 12 -free

Number of Tickets: _____ (at \$9.00 each) Total \$ _____

Program Pre-orders

If you would like to preorder competition programs, please fill out below and enclose with registration forms. Pre-order prices reflect a discount.

Competition programs ordered @ \$5.00 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Competition Pin Pre-orders

If you would like to preorder competition pins, please fill out below and enclose with registration forms. Preorder prices reflect a discount.

Competition pins ordered @ \$5.00 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

ALL PRE-ORDERS (tickets, programs, and pins will be included in your registration package)

Please make checks payable to **Midland Figure Skating Club** and mail it along with your completed Application Form, Team Roster Form, Practice Ice Form, and Pre-Order Admission and Competition Pin order from to:

**Sue Bakke
2907 Valorie Lane
Midland, MI 48640**

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Off-Ice Critique

Critiques will be scheduled both during the and following the conclusion of the competition. Coaches will be notified regarding where to meet official during registration.

Please complete a separate Off-Ice Critique Form for each team desiring a critique. This form may be reproduced as needed.

Team Name: _____

Team Contact: _____ **Email:** _____

Phone Contact Information: _____

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Synchro Skills Level 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Open collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Synchro Skills Level 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Synchro Skills Level 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior short program | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Masters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior free skate | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior short program | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior free skate | |

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Program Advertising

Program ads will be interspersed throughout the program.

Advertisements must be received by January 12, 2018.

Please complete the form below and send electronic artwork to:

drkaboswell@aol.com

Mail payment to:

Sue Bakke

2907 Valorie Lane

Midland, MI 48640

Advertisement (check one)

1/8 page (3-1/2"x 2-1/8" standard business card)- \$40

1/4 page- \$60

1/2 page- \$90

Entire page- \$140

Back Inside Cover-\$160

Outside Back Cover- \$200

Company or Donor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ phone #: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please print all information