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Ice House Skating Academy  
Kensington Valley Ice House

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Brighton, M

# 2018- 2019 HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL FINAL

March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The High School National Final competition will run in accordance to the 2018-19 U.S. Figure Skating High School competition Handbook and Technical Rulebook document found on the High School Programs webpage, as well as being conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook and any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website. This announcement and the High School Competition Handbook and Technical Rulebook will take precedence if there is a conflict with the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

## **HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION INFORMATION, RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND TEST LEVEL SPECIFICS:**

High School competitions are run as U.S. Figure Skating, sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

Athletes participating in these events are considered to be student-athletes. Their education is of the highest priority, and in all decision-making matters, the Program Development Committee and the local organizing committee (LOC) have a responsibility to minimize the days missed from school.

## **TEST LEVEL**

Athletes must register at their current test level or one level up for all events as of January 15, 2019. (It is permissible for an athlete to enter the free skate and short program at different levels if "skating up" qualifies them for both). Competition level is the highest test passed in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. *Please note: You must compete at the same level in the High School National Final competition as you do in your state high school competition.*

*Team maneuvers:* Athletes may skate up to any level they desire, but they may not compete on a team at a lower level than the highest test Free Skate and Moves they have passed.

## **ENTRIES**

All registration will be online at [www.Mlskate.org](http://www.Mlskate.org) starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **The registration deadline for the competition is at 11:59pm Tuesday, March 1st, 2019.** Late Entries will be accepted under the discretion of the Referee and there will be a \$30 late fee added to entry.

- All singles events are \$145 for the first event and \$70 for each additional event. Entry fee includes video of the event and a program.
- Team maneuver events are \$250 per team, includes a practice the day of the event and a trading pin for each team member.
- Any payment that is returned for any reason will carry a \$35.00 handling charge.
- If you incorrectly choose an event that results in the event needing to be changed, you will be assessed a \$20 change of event fee per changed event.

- The Ice House Skating Academy and Competition Chairpersons reserves the right to limit the number of entries, eliminate events due to insufficient entries, and combine or divide groups as necessary.

## **CREDENTIALS**

- Credentials will be given to the Primary coach listed and each competitor will receive a skater credential.
- Coach credentials will only be given to U.S. Figure Skating compliant coaches and must be picked up by the coach only.
- No Chaperone credentials will be given out as U.S. Figure Skating's policy only allows chaperone credentials for skaters 11 years of age or younger. Under no circumstances will anyone without a credential be allowed by the locker room hallway or behind stage. You will be asked to leave that area immediately.

All High School Teams participating in high school competitions **must** register with U.S. Figure Skating by filling out the **School Affiliated Club (SAC) Membership and Team Registration Form** and paying required annual membership dues. This application can be found on the [High School Programs webpage](#) and in the High School Competition Handbook. Teams are required to submit a copy of their SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership to [2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com](mailto:2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com) by March 1, 2019.

## **CHANGING ROOM AND TEAM ROOM POLICY**

At each competition, changing rooms will be required which are separate from the team rooms. **Changing rooms** are for just that – changing. Locker rooms used as changing room will be labelled by gender. No photography is allowed in the changing rooms.

**Team rooms** are shared spaces, and will have signage prohibiting changing.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after March 1, 2019 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available Mlskate.org.

## **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at Kensington Valley Ice House, 10540 Citation Drive, Brighton MI 48116. Contact information for rink is 1 (810) 494 - 5555. There are two ice surfaces and both rinks are 200' x 85'. Dressing rooms, concession stand, restaurant, pro shop and lobby will be available in the arena. Free parking is available. No outside food or drink.

**Holiday Inn and Suites** is our host hotel. Located at 6910 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton MI 48116. Phone number is (810) 227 – 6300.

## **MUSIC**

All Music must be submitted electronically via entryeze. Format must be an MP3 format. For Back Up; please follow below guidelines. Music for free skate may have vocals and should have at least one change of tempo (speed). Music for short program may have vocals. The competitor's program must be the only music on the CD and it must start at the beginning.

Music should be clearly marked with the athlete's name, high school name and event. Music must be turned into the registration desk one hour before the event. Skaters are responsible for bringing a back-up copy.

### **LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating, Ice House Skating Academy and Kensington Valley Ice House accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 3047 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

### **JUDGING SYSTEM**

The 6.0 Majority judging system will be used for all events and levels of this competition. The ISU judging system will not be used.

### **REGISTRATION DESK**

Competition registration will begin one hour prior to the first practice ice or event of the day and run through the last event of the day. The registration desk will be located in the lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival.

### **PRACTICE ICE**

Practice ice will be available once the schedule is complete. Practice ice will be available for purchase through Mlskate.org and walk on available for purchase at the registration desk located in the lobby. No music will be played during practice ice. Once the schedule is complete an email will be sent to all Teams and individuals with more details regarding practice ice.

\$20.00 for 25 minutes of practice ice

### **VIDEOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

828 Studios will be the official videographer on Saturday. Action photos will be available on Saturday by Action Shots Photography.

All Saturday events are recorded, and a DVD/flash drive of each event is included with your entry fee. DVDs must be picked up before the competition has ended; they will not be mailed.

### **AWARDS**

Medals will be awarded to skaters placing 1 – 4 in each event. A Team **Trophy** will be given to the overall, highest point earning team in individual events. Teams placing 1 – 3 in the team maneuvers event will receive trophies for overall placement. Awards will be presented immediately following the posting of the results. **In team events a placement tie will have a run off for final position.**

*Please Note: Points from individual events do not accrue towards team maneuver points.*

### **ADMISSION**

All event tickets are available for \$15. Daily tickets can be purchased for \$10 per day. Children 8 years of age and under are free. Tickets can be purchased through [www.Mlskate.org](http://www.Mlskate.org) and at the admissions desk.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the registration room. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, team and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters and teams are requested to arrive at least ONE

hour before the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES**

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1, 2018.

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member.
- B. If 18 years of age or older, must submit the proper payment of \$20.00 through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, and submit information for and successfully pass a background check.
- C. Must complete the SafeSport training course and any additional courses required in rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches (maintained and updated frequently by U.S. Figure Skating) who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the arena event Registration Table and show a government-issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

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 will be made. We strongly urge all coaches to have their Coach Registration cards and other relevant certifications with them. Coaching skaters without compliance is an ethics violation which will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area, at rink side during events including practice sessions. This is absolutely a rule we must abide by for the safety of our skaters through US Figure Skating and SafeSport rules.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to U.S. Figure Skating's [Coach Compliance Page](#).

### **COMPETITORS PARTY**

All skaters are invited to attend the competitor's party that will be held on the ice following events and practice ice on Saturday evening. The cost is \$10.00 a competitor which will include pizza, salad, and soda (or water). All non-competitors may join in on the fun for \$15.00 a person. Tickets may be purchased at [www.miskate.org](http://www.miskate.org) by March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **CONTACT INFO**

If you have questions, please contact the Competition Chair at [2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com](mailto:2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com)

### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

Teams are encouraged to bring team banners to the competition.

Please inform the LOC with your registration of any Graduating Seniors. They will be recognized on Sunday after team completion and before Awards.

Please submit a photo of your teams to [2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com](mailto:2019HighSchoolFinal@gmail.com) to be inserted into the program.

## HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Official Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

6910 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton, MI 48116

[\(810\) 227-6300](tel:8102276300)

Reference "High School National Final" for the group block

Please check [www.MISkate.org](http://www.MISkate.org) for additional hotel information.

Transportation:

Detroit International Airport (DTW) is approximately 40 minutes from the Kensington Valley Ice House. Bishop International Airport is approximately 30 minutes from Kensington Valley Ice House. Please contact either airport for current transportation available.

### EVENTS OFFERED:

<a href="#"><u>Team maneuvers:</u></a>	Low team, Intermediate team, and High team maneuvers.
<a href="#"><u>Excel Freeskate:</u></a>	Beginner, high beginner, pre-preliminary, preliminary, preliminary plus, pre-juvenile, pre juvenile plus, juvenile, juvenile plus, intermediate, novice, junior, senior
<a href="#"><u>Free skate (Well-Balanced):</u></a>	No test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior
<a href="#"><u>Compulsory:</u></a>	Excel Beginner, Excel High Beginner, Excel pre preliminary, Excel preliminary, and pre-juvenile
<a href="#"><u>Short program:</u></a>	Juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior
<a href="#"><u>Showcase:</u></a>	Light entertainment, dramatic entertainment, interpretive, duets
<a href="#"><u>Solo dance:</u></a>	Preliminary, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, gold, international
<a href="#"><u>Moves in the field to music:</u></a>	Pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior

Requirements for each event can be found by clicking the hyperlink in the event title above.

**NOTE: Effective February 1<sup>st</sup> music times have changed to 3:00 +/- 10 for Intermediate and 3:30 +/- 10 for Novice.**

**Please note that the High School Final will be following those music times.**

## **HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION RULES, ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

Each athlete may participate in a maximum of five competitive events, but not more than one of each of the following: one free skate (well-balanced or EXCEL), one compulsory, one short program, one team maneuver, one showcase, one moves in the field to music and two solo dances.

Each participating high school may have a maximum of 35 starts, including individual events and team maneuvers. Further, each high school may have no more than five entries in any of the senior events and no more than three entries in any other individual event. Men's and ladies' events in singles free skating will be separate events, but men and ladies may compete in the same event in solo dance.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:**

1. Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice or be individual members of U.S. Figure Skating.
2. Competitors must be currently enrolled in a high school as a full-time student, as defined by the institution that they attend. This includes both traditional and home school students.
3. Athletes may compete either for the single high school they are attending, or for an area high school team (i.e. two or more area high schools combined to form a single team).  
NOTE: Competitors may not represent more than ONE high school team.
4. A minimum of two (2) skaters are required to form a team.

### **WARM-UP GROUPS:**

Warm-up groups for events will be posted at the start of the competition but are subject to change up to 15 minutes prior to the start of an event, due to withdrawals.

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS:**

It is each participating team's responsibility to review the competition schedule for accuracy within 72 hours of receipt and notify the competition chair of any errors. Please ensure you have selected the correct events when registering. If you incorrectly choose an event that results in the event needing to be changed, you will be assessed a \$20 change of event fee per changed event.

### **GROUP SIZE:**

No group will consist of more than 14 skaters. If more than 14 skaters are entered into one level then the skaters will be split as evenly as possible into as many groups as are necessary to keep each group no larger than 14 skaters.

### **QUALIFICATION FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL FINAL COMPETITION**

Any registered High School team with current School-Affiliated Club membership is eligible to enter the 2019 High School **National** Final Competition.

### **FORMS REQUIRED BEFORE COMPETING FOR TEAMS**

1. Verification of team registration with U.S. Figure Skating
2. Team Roster form
3. All teams that are competing in the team maneuvers event must submit the team roster via Mlskate.org under the registration tab before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**AWARDING OF THE INDIVIDUAL/TEAM POINTS:**

Points will be earned for the first five places in each category as follows:

First place	5 Points
Second place	4 Points
Third place	3 Points
Fourth place	2 Points
Fifth place	1 Point

If only **one skater/team** enters a category and that skater skates a demonstration/exhibition, one (1) point will be awarded.

If only **two skaters/teams** enter a category, points will be awarded as follows:

First place	2 Points
Second place	1 Point

If **three skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	3 Points
Second place	2 Points
Third place	1 Point

If **four skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	4 Points
Second place	3 Points
Third place	2 Points
Fourth place	1 Point

**Ties:**

In the case of a tie, skaters will share the available points. For example, competitors tied for first place will share the 5 points for first plus the four points for second, so that each athlete would earn four-and-one-half (4 ½) points.

**Adjustments in available points due to withdraws:**

The number of athletes in an event will be based on entries as of **seven days prior to the start of the event.** Withdraws after this date will not affect the number of available points to the athletes who actually complete the competition.

**Substitutions, additions and changes to the team:**

With the exception of documented medical reasons or documented lost luggage there will be no substitutions to a team's roster and/or competitive events within the six days prior to the start of the competition. Substitutions may only be made into the level originally entered, and only by a replacement skater who is qualified for that level. Additions to the roster are not permitted after the close of entries. Points will only be awarded to athletes who complete the competition. No points will be awarded to an athlete who withdraws for any reason, under any circumstances.



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