



*Chiller Spring Fest  
Basic Skills Competition  
Sunday, April 26th, 2019  
Ohio Health Chiller North – Lewis Center, Ohio*

The annual Learn to Skate USA Competition sponsored by Chiller Ice Rink will be held at 8144 Highfield Drive Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either Learn to Skate USA and those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with Learn to Skate USA or a member club. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event and all six should receive an award.

#### **Eligibility and Test Requirements:**

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6** skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the **Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well Balanced, and Adult levels** eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed. Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COACHES/INSTRUCTORS**

To be credentialed at a Compete USA event, individuals coaching are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- SafeSport training completed (for coaches/instructors 18 years old and older)
- Background check successfully passed (for coaches/instructors 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliant coach (for coaches under 18 years old)

\*SafeSport training is available through [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) for full members of U.S. Figure Skating and through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors.

**ENTRIES AND FEES** –Register online at [www.sk8stuff.com](http://www.sk8stuff.com) . All entries must be received no later than April 15, 2020 and are limited to the first 150 applications received. 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 *\$40 Basic Skills/ \$80 USFS Beginner + events* and each additional event is *\$20 basic skills/\$30 USFS Beginner+*. NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled by Chiller Ice Rinks.

**AWARDS** – Everyone will receive an award of some type. All events will be final rounds. All Basic skills skaters will receive medals. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places for USFS Beginner levels and above. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** - Will be posted on the Chiller website [www.thechiller.com/figureskating/specialevents](http://www.thechiller.com/figureskating/specialevents) five days prior. Information regarding groups and skating times will be posted on the Chiller website and via [www.sk8stuff.com](http://www.sk8stuff.com) prior to the beginning of competition

**PRACTICE ICE** - Availability of practice ice will be announced and posted online one week prior to the competition. You may sign up for NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS on a first-come, first-served basis.

**MUSIC** - The music for all free skating programs and showcase must be emailed to [dhughes@thechiller.com](mailto:dhughes@thechiller.com) by April 15th. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds.

**LOCKER ROOMS**- Locker rooms will not be provided at this event. The skater should change prior to arriving at the competition.

## SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

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

- To be skated  $\frac{1}{2}$  ice with standard music.

- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

| Level        | Time      | Skating rules/standards  |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| Snowplow Sam | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>   |
| Basic 1      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>   |
| Basic 2      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>   |
| Basic 3      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> </ul>   |
| Basic 4      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions</li> </ul> |
| Basic 5      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>   |
| Basic 6      | 1:10 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Bunny Hop</li> <li>• Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional entry and free leg position</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>  |

## PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY

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

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- **Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.**
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum

| Level          | Time      | Skating rules/standards   |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| Pre-Free Skate | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R)</li> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul> |
| Free Skate 1   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>• Backward outside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>  |
| Free Skate 2   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>• Backward inside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>   |
| Free Skate 3   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position- minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>  |
| Free Skate 4   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Half loop jump (Euler)</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>   |
| Free Skate 5   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz jump-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>   |
| Free Skate 6   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump, half loop (Euler), Salchow jump combination</li> <li>• Beginning Axel jump</li> </ul>   |

## PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 1-6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

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

- 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.
- **Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.**
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

| Level          | Time      | Skating rules/standards   |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| Pre-Free Skate | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position- minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> <li>• <i>NOT ALLOWED -Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump</i></li> </ul> |
| Free Skate 1   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> <li>• <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump/toe loop combination</i></li> </ul>   |
| Free Skate 2   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>• Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> <li>• <i>NOT ALLOWED – Salchow/toe loop combination</i></li> </ul>   |
| Free Skate 3   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination</li> <li>• <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/loop combination</i></li> </ul>  |
| Free Skate 4   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin – minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Half Loop jump (Euler)</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> <li>• <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/half-loop/Salchow sequence</i></li> </ul>  |
| Free Skate 5   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>  |
| Free Skate 6   | 1:40 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, Mohawks and toe steps</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump/ half-loop (Euler)/Salchow jump combination</li> <li>• Beginning Axel jump</li> </ul>   |



## EXCEL COMPULSORY

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

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.*

| Level                 | Time      | Skating rules/standards   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| Excel Beginner        | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>                                   |
| Excel High Beginner   | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Salchow/toe loop combination</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>                                    |
| Excel Pre-Preliminary | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flip jump</li> <li>• Loop/loop jump combination</li> <li>• Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul> |
| Excel Preliminary     | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutz jump</li> <li>• Flip/loop jump combination</li> <li>• Camel, sit combination spin – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>             |

## WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY

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

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.*

| Level           | Time      | Skating rules/standards  |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| No-Test         | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>• Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>       |
| Pre-Preliminary | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutz jump</li> <li>• Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)</li> <li>• Spin with one change of position and no change of foot – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>                  |
| Preliminary     | 1:15 max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axel jump</li> <li>• Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>• Spin with one change of foot and one change of position – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>• Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul> |



## **EXCEL FREE SKATE**

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same 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.



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| <p><b>Excel Beginner Free Skate</b><br/>1:40 Max.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 2</p>   | <p><b>Maximum 4 jump elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only</li> <li>Eulers (half loops) are not allowed.</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>Maximum 2 of any same jump</li> <li>One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Maximum 2 spins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two upright spins</li> <li>No change of foot</li> <li>No flying entry</li> <li>Minimum 3 revolutions</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Maximum 1 Sequence:</b><br/>Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Excel High Beginner Free Skate</b><br/>1:40 Max.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 4</p>  | <p><b>Maximum 5 jump elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)</li> <li>Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half-loop), loop</li> <li>Flip, Lutz, &amp; Axel NOT permitted</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>Maximum 2 of any same jump</li> <li>One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Maximum 2 spins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both spins must be in a single position</li> <li>No flying entry</li> <li>Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel</li> <li>Permitted back spins: upright</li> <li>Minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Spins must be of a different character</li> </ul> | <p><b>Maximum 1 Sequence:</b><br/>Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Excel Pre-Preliminary</b><br/>1:40 Max.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-preliminary free skate test</p> <p>Open to Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 5 and 6</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Learn to Skate USA membership <u>OR</u> full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p> | <p><b>Maximum 5 jump elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel</li> <li>No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed</li> <li>Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> | <p><b>Maximum 2 spins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One spin must be in a single position*</li> <li>One spin may change feet and/or position</li> <li>No flying entry</li> <li>Minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Spins must be of a different character</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Maximum 1 Sequence:</b><br/>Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Excel Preliminary</b><br/>1:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p>   | <p><b>Maximum 5 jump elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel</li> <li>No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed</li> <li>Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> | <p><b>Maximum 2 spins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One spin must be in a single position*</li> <li>One spin may change feet and/or position</li> <li>No flying entry</li> <li>Minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Spins must be of a different character</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Maximum 1 Sequence:</b><br/>Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Excel Preliminary Plus</b><br/>1:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p><u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test</p> <p>*means required element</p> <p>Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required</p> | <p><b>Maximum 5 jump elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All single jumps allowed, including single Axel</li> <li>No double, or higher jumps allowed</li> <li>Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels)</li> <li>Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>All single jumps, including the single Axel are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps)</li> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> | <p><b>Maximum 2 spins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One spin must be in a single position*</li> <li>One spin may change feet and/or position</li> <li>No flying entry</li> <li>Minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Spins must be of a different character</li> </ul> | <p><b>Maximum 1 Sequence:</b><br/>Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half of the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> |
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## WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.
- \*\*Per ISU rules, the new definition for a jump sequence will be in effect. A jump sequence consists of two jumps; beginning with any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump.

| Level           | Time      | Jumps  | Spins  | Step Sequences   |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| No-Test         | 1:40 Max. | <p><b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <p><b>Max 2 Spins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p> | <p><b>Max 1 Sequence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Pre-Preliminary | 1:40 Max. | <p><b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum of 2 single Axels)</li> <li>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Max 2 Spins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p> | <p><b>Max 1 Sequence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| Preliminary | 1:40 Max. | <b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*</li> <li>• All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed</li> <li>○ An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination</li> <li>○ Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed</li> <li>○ Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <b>Max 2 Spins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p> | <b>Max 1 Sequence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>○ Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>○ Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## ADULT 1-6, BEGINNER-BRONZE COMPULSORY

- The skating order of the elements is optional. Element may only be attempted once.
- To be skated in simple program format with limited connecting steps, ½ ice.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element MISSING, REPEATED or from a higher level

| Level   | Time      | Elements   |
|---------|-----------|--|
| Adult 1 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward Marching</li> <li>• Forward two-foot glide</li> <li>• Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot</li> </ul>   |
| Adult 2 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> <li>• Forward one-foot glides</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Backward skating</li> <li>• Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row</li> </ul>  |
| Adult 3 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking using the blade properly</li> <li>• Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward skating to a long two-foot glide</li> <li>• Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left</li> </ul> |
| Adult 4 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>• Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Hockey stop, both directions</li> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> </ul>  |
| Adult 5 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)</li> </ul>  |
| Adult 6 | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>• Backward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• T-stop</li> <li>• Lunge</li> <li>• Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)</li> </ul>   |
| Adult   | 1:30      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)</li> </ul>   |

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| Beginner            | Max.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward moving inside open Mohawk (right and left) – heel to instep</li> <li>Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)</li> </ul>  |
| Adult High Beginner | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waltz Jump</li> <li>½ Flip</li> <li>Forward upright spin – minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Backward outside three- turn, right and left</li> <li>Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)</li> </ul>  |
| Adult Pre-Bronze    | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toe loop jump</li> <li>Jump combination or sequence consisting of only ½ revolution jumps (half loop is considered a full revolution jump) – maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence</li> <li>Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward spiral (any edge)</li> </ul> |
| Adult Bronze        | 1:30 Max. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Salchow jump</li> <li>Backward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)- must change edge or foot</li> <li>Jump combination or sequence consisting of ½ revolution jumps and/or full revolution jumps (no Lutz or Axel) – Maximum 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence.</li> <li>Solo spin with no change of foot (min 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>  |



## ADULT 1-6 FREE SKATE WITH MUSIC

General event parameters:

- 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.
- 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 (lower) levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element MISSING and for those elements performed from a higher level.

| Level   | Time     | Elements   |
|---------|----------|--|
| Adult 1 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward Marching</li> <li>Forward two-foot glide</li> <li>Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)</li> <li>Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot</li> </ul>   |
| Adult 2 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> <li>Forward one-foot glides</li> <li>Forward slalom</li> <li>Backward skating</li> <li>Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row</li> </ul>  |
| Adult 3 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward stroking using the blade properly</li> <li>Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward skating to a long two-foot glide</li> <li>Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left</li> </ul> |
| Adult 4 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>  |

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|         |          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> <li>• Hockey stop, both directions</li> </ul>  |
| Adult 5 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>• Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin</li> </ul> |
| Adult 6 | 1:40 Max | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>• Backward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• T-stop</li> <li>• Lunge</li> <li>• Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)</li> </ul>      |



## ADULT BEGINNER – BRONZE FREE SKATE PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice and vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

| Level                               | Jumps   | Spins   | Step Sequences   | Qualifications   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Adult Beginner<br>1:40 Maximum      | Max. 4 jump elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and Waltz jump</li> <li>• Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul>   | Max. 2 spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>           | Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 1          |
| Adult High Beginner<br>1:40 Maximum | Max 4 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, salchow</li> <li>• Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul> | Max 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>             | Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program | Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests                                       |
| Adult Pre-Bronze<br>1:40 Maximum    | Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump combinations and sequences are optional, but no more than 2 combinations or sequences may be included</li> <li>• 1 jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other</li> </ul>  | Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max Level 1</li> <li>• Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure</li> </ul> | Connecting steps throughout the program are required                     | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>may have only two jumps.</li> <li>Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)</li> <li>Only single and half-revolution jumps are allowed</li> <li>No single Lutz, single Axel or double jumps are allowed</li> </ul>   | Skating rule 4103 E)   |   | Skate  |
| Adult Bronze<br>1:50 maximum | <p>Max 4 Jump Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 2 combinations or sequences;</li> <li>1 combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps</li> <li>Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)</li> <li>All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel)</li> <li>No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted</li> </ul> | <p>Max 2 Spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max Level 1</li> <li>Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</li> <li>Min 3 revs total if no change of foot</li> <li>Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot</li> <li>Min 2 revs in each position</li> <li>No flying spins are permitted</li> </ul> | <p>Max 1 Sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choreographic Step Sequence</li> </ul> <p>Must use at least ½ ice surface</p> <p>May include Moves in the Field and spirals</p> | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate |



## 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. Costuming and make-up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure. No bobby pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute on and off and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each ten 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](http://www.usfigureskating.org).

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up
- Dramatic entertainment: Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness. Dramatic programs should not be depressing. Even if the emotion is sadness, there should be an enlivened feeling given to the audience.
- Light entertainment: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by any 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.



## SHOWCASE EVENTS

| LEVEL  | ELEMENTS   | QUALIFICATIONS   | PROGRAM LENGTH  |
|--|--|--|-----------------|
| Basic 1-6  | Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum  | May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.   | Time: 1:00 max. |
| Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 6/<br>Beginner/High Beginner/ Adult 1-6/<br>Adult Beginner/Adult High Beginner | 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 or free dance tests.   | Time: 1:30 max. |
| No Test  | No prescribed or restricted elements.  | Must not have passed Pre-Preliminary Free Skate or any Free Dance tests.   | Time: 1:30 max. |
| Pre-Preliminary  | No prescribed or restricted elements.  | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary May not have passed any free dance test.   | Time: 1:30 max. |
| Adult Pre-Bronze   | No prescribed or restricted elements.  | Must have passed no higher than Adult pre-Bronze free skate test. See National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults.   | Time: 1:40 max. |
| Preliminary/<br>Adult Bronze   | No prescribed or restricted elements.  | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or Adult Bronze Free Skate or Free Dance test. See National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults. | Time: 1:40 max. |



## INTERPRETIVE

### Competition Format

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit 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 should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately.

**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.

**Time:** Music Duration: Pre-Free Skate - No Test: 1:00 Max

Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary: 1:00 Max

**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.

## SPINS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

| Level             | Time      | Skating rules / standards   |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Beginner          | 1:30 max. | Upright one-foot spin (3)<br>Upright back spin (3)<br>Sit spin (3)  |
| High Beginner     | 1:30 max. | Upright one-foot spin (4)<br>Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)<br>Sit spin (3)   |
| No Test           | 1:30 max. | Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)<br>Sit spin (3)<br>Camel spin (3)  |
| Pre – Preliminary | 1:30 max. | Spin with one change of position and no change of foot (6)<br>Backward sit spin (3)<br>Camel spin (4)   |
| Preliminary       | 1:30 max. | Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)<br>Change sit spin (min 3. each foot)<br>One position spin – skater’s choice (upright, sit or camel) (4) |
| Adult Beginner    | 1:30 max. | Pivot<br>Two-foot upright spin (2)  |
| Adult Pre-Bronze  | 1:30 max. | One-foot upright spin (3)<br>Two-foot upright spin (3)  |
| Adult Bronze      | 1:30 max. | One-foot upright spin (4)<br>One-foot back spin (3) Sit spin (3)  |

## JUMPS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- To be skated on ½ ice

| Level             | Time      | Skating rules / standards   |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Beginner          | 1:15 max. | Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)<br>½ flip or ½ Lutz<br>Single Salchow                         |
| High Beginner     | 1:15 max. | Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)<br>Single Salchow<br>Jump combination – Waltz jump-toe loop   |
| No Test           | 1:15 max. | Single toe loop<br>Single loop<br>Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel) |
| Pre – Preliminary | 1:15 max. | Single toe loop<br>Single flip<br>Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel) |
| Preliminary       | 1:15 max. | Single flip<br>Single Lutz<br>Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)        |
| Adult Beginner    | 1:15 max. | Mazurka or ballet jump<br>Waltz Jump  |
| Adult Pre-Bronze  | 1:15 max. | Toe loop jump<br>½ flip, ½ Lutz or ½ loop   |
| Adult Bronze      | 1:15 max. | Salchow<br>Toe loop<br>Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)               |

## SOLO PATTERN DANCE

General event parameters:

- Levels are based upon the skaters’ highest pattern dance test passed.
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances.
- The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter).
- Skaters will complete both of the dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chief Referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dances groupings.

| Level       | January 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 31 <sup>st</sup> | April 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> | July 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup> | October 1 <sup>st</sup> – December 31 <sup>st</sup> |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| Preliminary | 1. Dutch Waltz<br>2. Canasta Tango               | 1. Rhythm Blues<br>2. Dutch Waltz             | 1. Canasta Tango<br>2. Rhythm Blues               | 1. Rhythm Blues<br>2. Dutch Waltz                   |
| Pre-Bronze  | 1. Swing Dance<br>2. Cha-Cha                     | 1. Fiesta Tango<br>2. Swing Dance             | 1. Cha-Cha<br>2. Fiesta Tango                     | 1. Swing Dance<br>2. Cha-Cha                        |

## **SYNCHRONIZED SKATING- SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO, SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3, PRELIMINARY**

**The emphasis of the Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating competition is on mastering the Synchro Skills of synchronized skating:**

- Unison of body alignment, and learning to guide with the head.
- Control of rotation in wheels and circles.
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections.
- Learning how to transition within elements with ease and clarity.
- Incorporating skills from Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-2 to strengthen skating skills.
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels.
- Demonstrate ability to recognize and skate to the tempo of the music.

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating (see program requirements).

**Eligibility Rules:** All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the Learn to Skate USA program. All Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating and have a team number.

In order for the team to be eligible for Snowplow Sam Synchro or Synchro Skills 1-3 events, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than a preliminary test (moves in the field, freestyle or dance). The skater's test level is as of the competition entry deadline.

No skater may compete on multiple Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams.

**Age/Number of Skaters:** Varies based on the level. The ages for Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams are as of the preceding July 1. If the majority of the team is younger than the listed age, consider skating "up" to the level that best meets the skaters' skill levels.

Each Synchro Skills team may have between 8-16 skaters. A Snowplow Sam Synchro team may have between 5-12 skaters. Teams may have a maximum of four alternates listed on their roster, in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

**Costume Rules:** Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams should follow **Rule 7022 Clothing and Equipment** (U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) when selecting their clothing for competition.

## SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SNOWPLOW SAM, SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3 PRELIMINARY

Required elements – Each level has specific required elements that must be completed:

| LEVEL  | CIRCLE   | LINE  | BLOCK   | WHEEL   | INTERSECTION  |
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| <b>SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO</b><br>5-12 skaters, majority under 7 years old<br>Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds  | One circle, which must contain a forward inside or outside edge 1 foot glide and/or 2 foot glide. May have backwards skating.                                    | One line, skated forward, which must cover half ice to full ice.  | One block, skated forward, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration. | One wheel, skated forward, in any shape.  | One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.           |
| <b>SYNCHRO SKILLS 1</b><br>8-16 skaters, majority under 9 years old<br>Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds  | One circle, which must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide. Stroking from backward to forward is permitted. | One line, which must cover half ice to full ice and may include forward and/or backward skating.  | One block, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration.                 | One wheel of the team's choice with backward pumps.                                 | One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection. |
| <b>SYNCHRO SKILLS 2</b><br>8-16 skaters, majority under 12 years old<br>Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds   | One circle, which must contain a forward 3-turn and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.   | One line, which must cover full ice and may include forward and/or backward skating.  | One block, which must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.                              | One wheel of the team's choice with backward pumps and/or chasses.                  | One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection. |
| <b>SYNCHRO SKILLS 3</b><br>8-16 skaters, majority at least 12 years old<br>Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds<br>Minimum of two different hand holds | One circle, which must contain a mohawk and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.   | Line element, which includes a change of configuration (1 line to 2 lines or 2 lines to 1 line), and must cover full ice and must include forward and backward skating. | One block, which must cover the ice and must have 2 different configurations.                         | Wheel element of the team's choice with backward pumps, chasses, and/or crossovers. | One intersection.   |
| <b>PRELIMINARY</b><br>8-16 skaters who are under age 12, majority under age 10<br>2:00 +/- 10 seconds<br>Minimum of two different hand holds   | One circle element   | One line element  | One block element   | One wheel element   | One intersection element (forward only)   |

### Restrictions in Snowplow Sam Synchro and Synchro Skills 1:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder and choo-choo holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Lines may not pivot.
- Snowplow Sam Synchro teams: backwards skating is allowed, but not required, in the circle and is not permitted in any other elements or transitions.
- Teams may not do steps higher than Basic 6.

### Restrictions in Synchro Skills 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Wheels may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Circles may not change rotational direction or change configuration. Traveling is allowed, but not required.
- Lines may not pivot.
- Synchro Skills 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 2, with the exception of split jumps, stag jumps and split falling leaf jumps.

**Restrictions in all levels:** All of the synchronized skating "illegal elements" found in Rule 7160 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

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