

11th Annual Ice Sculptures Invitational



March 11th, 2023
Waupun Community Center
510 E Spring St
Waupun, WI 53963
9:00 AM

The 11th Annual Ice Sculptures Compete USA Competition sponsored by the Waupun Figure Skating Club 510 E Spring St. Waupun, WI 53963 will be held at the Waupun Community Center on March 11th, 2023.

2023 ICE SCULPTURES INVITATIONAL

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or Individual Dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES -All entries must be registered online no later than February 17th, 2022 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 and will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$60 and each additional event is \$20. NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled by the Waupun Figure Skating Club. Online registration is available at [Entry Eeze.com](https://www.entryeeze.com).

AWARDS – Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Will be posted on the Waupun Figure Skating Website ([waupunfigureskating.com](https://www.waupunfigureskating.com)) no later than March 4th. Information regarding groups and skating times will be emailed out by this date as well.

PRACTICE ICE -

Practice ice will be available the morning of the competition from 7:00am-8:20am. Pre-pay \$10.00 per 20 min. session with registration or sign in and pay \$12.00 per 20 min. session at the door. A maximum of 20 skaters will be allowed on the ice during any one session. 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 uploaded online in your Entry Eeze account. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds unless otherwise noted. Skater should keep an extra copy of music rink side with them during competition.

PHOTOGRAPHS – We will have an awards podium available that you are welcome to take your own pictures of your skaters when medals are presented.

COACHES – Coaches are required to check in at the registration table to receive coaches credentials to be rink side with your skaters. You must be registered with USFS coaches complaint list for the 2022-2023 season in order to coach at the competition.



MISSION STATEMENT

We promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for all participants.

Compete USA is designed to promote a positive competition experience at the grassroots level and increased skating participation while generating enthusiasm. Compete USA competitions incorporate skills from Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating into a competitive format that can be easily and successfully conducted by registered Learn to Skate USA programs and U.S. Figure Skating member clubs or interclubs.

The competition is open to any skater who is a current member of Learn to Skate USA or is a full member of U.S. Figure Skating.

Non-members are eligible to register for competition but must be a registered Learn to Skate USA or U.S. Figure Skating member to compete. There should be no more than six competitors maximum in a group, and all six should receive an award.

Several references in this manual will be made to U.S. Figure Skating rules, which can be found in the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

The ideas presented in this manual are meant to assist you in designing and running your competition. Remember to keep the best interests of the skater in mind. Feel free to add additional events to enhance the success and enjoyment of your competition.

For further information on skating, Learn to Skate USA skating programs, membership, events or any questions about the materials presented in this manual, please contact:

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to outline measures that will be taken at the competition. While these don't have to be specific, add a statement to the announcement that the competition will follow local and state guidelines current at the time of the competition. Include a communication plan to inform participants about specifics (i.e., mask required inside except when on ice, etc.) at least a week prior to the competition so they are prepared when coming to the rink.

U.S. Figure Skating recommends that hosts have a short (two-week) registration period once the application is published. This is helpful as skaters often register at the last minute, and the LOC won't have to process as many refunds if the competition date has to move or be canceled.

Rules for Compete USA Competitions

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3110 Compete USA Competitions – Approvals

3111 Compete USA competitions may include events for skaters who have passed no higher than the preliminary free skate, pre-bronze pattern dance or adult bronze free skate tests without applying for a

U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required and may be obtained from the appointed Learn to Skate USA representatives. See also rule 3112.

3112 When a Compete USA competition is held in conjunction with a sanctioned nonqualifying

competition, approval as required by rule 3111 above must still be obtained.

3120 Compete USA Competitions – Officials

3121 For Compete USA competitions, three judges not related to the competitors are required for each event. Judges may be any official U.S. Figure

Skating or Skate Canada judge or any other qualified eligible or ineligible person in skating who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or a Learn to Skate USA member.

3122 For Compete USA competitions, the member club or other organization sponsoring and conducting the competition shall approve all judges and officials. All persons serving as judges and officials shall be at least 16 years of age.

3130 Compete USA Competitions – Announcements

3131 For all Compete USA competitions, a copy of the announcement and an approval request shall be sent to the appointed Learn to Skate USA representative for approval and issuance of a Compete USA approval number 30 days prior to the release of

the competition announcement to the public. The approval is to be publicly displayed during the competition.

3132 Compete USA competitions will follow the event structure as outlined in the Compete USA Manual. Any registered Learn to Skate USA program may conduct a Compete USA competition.

3133 When Compete USA competitions are held on the home ice of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, the member club shall be designated as the sponsoring club.

3134 Compete USA competitions may be:

- A. “In house” — the competition is available only to those skaters who are members of the club or program conducting the competition, or
- B. “Open” — the competition is available to any registered Learn to Skate USA member or full U.S. Figure Skating member.

3055 Entries

At nonqualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, compete in an equivalent event one level above or one level below (as qualified by test level) or, for

pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

- A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.
- B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.
- C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be canceled

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ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. 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, Adult and Adaptive levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability. Moves in the field test level will not determine a 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. **For Synchronized Skating eligibility and requirements refer to the Synchronized Skating page.**

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 below his/her badge or test level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper level, even if it is 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

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the compliance of each coach/instructor who plans to coach onsite at the event.

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant
- OR
- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of

U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

All officials and adult volunteers attending Compete USA events must also be SafeSport Trained™

Competitive Progression Through the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating

Singles athletes begin with the Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test, level and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free skate test passed.

SKATE UNITED

Skate United competition events parallel standard track events and maintain the same eligibility and program requirements, but are for skaters with physical disabilities who will compete in a separate Skate United group.

COMPETE USA

Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6, Adaptive Skating and specialty events.

<i>EXCEL LEVELS</i>	<i>WELL-BALANCED</i>	<i>ADULT LEVELS</i>
Beginner*	No-Test*	Adult Beginner*
High Beginner*	Pre-Preliminary*	Adult High Beginner*
Pre-Preliminary*		Adult Pre-Bronze*
Preliminary/ Preliminary	Preliminary	Adult Bronze
Pre-Juvenile/ Pre-Juvenile Plus	Pre-Juvenile	Adult Silver
Juvenile/ Juvenile Plus	Juvenile/ Open Juvenile	Adult Gold
Intermediate/ Intermediate Plus	Intermediate	Masters Intermediate-Novice
Novice	Novice	
Junior	Junior	Masters Junior-Senior
Senior	Senior	

Minimum age 18 for young adult, 21 for adult

Levels above the dotted line may be offered at Compete USA competitions and U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions.

**Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary and Pre-Bronze require current Learn to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure skating full membership; all other levels require a current full U.S. Figure skating membership.*

Competitive Progression Through *the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating (continued)*

Singles athletes begin with the Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test, level and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free skate test passed.

Skate United competition events parallel standard track events and maintain the same eligibility and program requirements, but are for skaters with physical disabilities who will compete in a separate Skate United group.

Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6, Adaptive Skating and specialty events. →

ADAPTIVE SKATING

- Adaptive 2
- Adaptive 3
- Adaptive 4
- Adaptive 5
- Adaptive 6
- Adaptive 7
- Adaptive 8
- Adaptive 9
- Adaptive 10
- Adaptive 11
- Adaptive 12

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- Badge 1
- Badge 2
- Badge 3
- Badge 4
- Badge 5
- Badge 6
- Badge 7
- Badge 8
- Badge 9
- Badge 10
- Badge 11
- Badge 12

Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements

THERE ARE TWO FORMAT OPTIONS FOR THE ELEMENTS EVENT:

1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)
 Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.
 - To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
 - No music
 - Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
 - All elements must be skated in the order listed.
 - Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March followed by a two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row • Forward snowplow stop • Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
BASIC 1	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row • Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet • Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 2	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot • Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot • Moving snowplow stop • Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward • Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 3	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade • Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward slalom • Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle • Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
BASIC 4	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left • Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
BASIC 5	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward outside three-turn, right and left • Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions • Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:00 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • Mohawk, right to left and left to right • Bunny hop • Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left • Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position • T-stop, right or left

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 on full ice with 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March followed by a two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row • Forward snowplow stop • Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
BASIC 1	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row • Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet • Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 2	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot • Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot • Moving snowplow stop • Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward • Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 3	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade • Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward slalom • Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle • Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
BASIC 4	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left • Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
BASIC 5	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward outside three-turn, right and left • Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions • Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • Mohawk, right to left and left to right • Bunny hop • Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left • Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position • T-stop, right or left

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 half-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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise • One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position, minimum 3 revolutions • Mazurka – right or left • Waltz jump
FREE SKATE 1	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes • Backward outside three-turn, right and left • One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions • Toe loop • Half flip jump
FREE SKATE 2	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis • Backward inside three-turn, right and left • Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 3 revolutions • Half Lutz • Salchow jump
FREE SKATE 3	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right • Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise • Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions • Loop jump • Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 4	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left • Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Half loop jump • Flip jump
FREE SKATE 5	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions • Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Waltz jump-loop jump combination • Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot • Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of 4 revolutions total • Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination • Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving

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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise • One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions • Mazurka, right or left • Waltz jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump</i>
FREE SKATE 1	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes • One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions • Toe loop jump • Half flip jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination</i>
FREE SKATE 2	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis • Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions • Half Lutz • Salchow jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</i>
FREE SKATE 3	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right • Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions • Loop jump • Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz-loop jump combination</i>
FREE SKATE 4	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left • Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Half loop jump • Flip jump • <i>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow jump combination</i>
FREE SKATE 5	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions • Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Waltz-loop jump combination • Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice • Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total • Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination • Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving

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 half-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
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program*
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
EXCEL BEGINNER	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz Jump • Salchow jump • One-foot upright spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop jump • Salchow-toe loop jump combination • Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip jump • Loop-loop jump combination • Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions • Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutz jump • Flip-loop jump combination • Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total • Choreographic step sequence

Well-Balanced Levels Compulsory

FORMAT: To be skated on half-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
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program*
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
NO TEST	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop jump • Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) • Upright spin with change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot • Choreographic step sequence
PRE-PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutz jump • Single jump-single jump (no Axel) combination • Spin with one change of position and no change of foot, minimum 6 revolutions total • Choreographic step sequence
PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel jump • Single jump-single jump (may <u>not</u> include Axel) combination • Spin combination with one change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot • Choreographic step sequence

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
- 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

EXCEL BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 4 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only • Eulers (half loops) are not allowed • Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. Combination jumps permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz jump/toe loop and/or • Salchow/toe loop Sequence permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz jump/ waltz jump (no turns or hops in between) Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins • No change of foot • No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must use one-half of the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

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JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half loop), loop • Flip, Lutz, and Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. One 3-jump combination is allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both spins must be in a single position • No change of foot • No flying entry • Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel • Permitted back spins: upright Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base Both spins may be of the same character	Maximum 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must use one-half of the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test

*means required element

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
<p>Maximum 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only single jumps allowed • No single Axels • Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <p>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	<p>Maximum 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot* • One spin may change feet or position, but not both • No flying entry <p>Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must use one-half of the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test

*means required element

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<p>Maximum 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only single jumps allowed • No single Axels • Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <p>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	<p>Maximum 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position* • One spin may change feet and/or position • No flying entry <p>Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

EXCEL PRELIMINARY PLUS — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test

*means required element

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JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
<p>Maximum 5 jump elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps allowed, including single Axel • No double or higher jumps allowed • 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) • Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <p>Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</p> <p>All single jumps, including the single Axel, are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps)</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. 	<p>Maximum 2 spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin must be in a single position* • No change of foot • No flying entry • One spin may change feet and/or position • No flying entry <p>Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character</p> <p>Max Level: 1</p>	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence

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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

NO TEST — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only single jumps allowed except single Axel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No single Axels o Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump 	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must use one-half the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence If IJS is used, then ChSt

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed o Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or combination (maximum of 2 single Axels) o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Must use one-half the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence If IJS is used, then ChSt

PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Max 5 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* • All single jumps, including 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"> o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed o An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded • Max 2 jump combinations or sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 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 o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change feet and/or position • Spins may start with a flying entry • Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Choreographic step sequence full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence If IJS is used, then ChSt

Adult 1-6, Beginner-Bronze Compulsory

- The skating order of the elements is optional; elements may only be attempted once
- To be skated on half ice in simple program format with limited connecting steps
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level

ADULT 1 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet

ADULT 2 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

ADULT 3 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Backward snowplow stop, right and left

ADULT 4 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Hockey stop, both directions
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left

ADULT 5 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left

ADULT 6 — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Mazurka
- Waltz jump
- Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
- Forward moving inside open mohawk (right and left) – heel to instep
- 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)

ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump
- ½ flip
- Forward upright spin – minimum 2 revolutions
- Backward outside three- turn, right and left
- 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)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of half revolution jumps (½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, waltz), toe loop, or Salchow – maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions
- Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step

ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- 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
- Solo spin with no change of foot (min. 3 revolutions)
- Backward inside three-turn, right and left
- Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)

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
- 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

ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot

ADULT 4 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- Hockey stop, both directions

ADULT 2 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

ADULT 5 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin

ADULT 3 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left

ADULT 6 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

Adult Beginner - Bronze Free Skate Program with Music

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice; 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.

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump • Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps • Max. 2 of any same jump 	Max 2 Spins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests

ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow • Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps • Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:40 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 2 combinations or sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps ◦ Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump • Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) • Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (<u>half flip and half lutz are permitted</u>) • No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted 	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Level 1 • Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E) • Min 3 revs • Spins with a flying entry are not permitted • A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin 	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 Skate

ADULT BRONZE — 1:50 MAX

JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 2 combinations or sequences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps ◦ Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump • Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) • All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) • No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted 	Max 2 Spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Level 1 • Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) • Min 3 revs total if no change of foot • Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot • Min 2 revs in each position • No flying spins are permitted 	Max 1 Sequence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals) • Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such. 	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate

Spin Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Spins may be skated in any order
- Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration when scoring
- Spins may not be repeated; only required elements may be included
- All events are skated on half-ice
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright back spin (3)
- Sit spin (3)

HIGH BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (4)
- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)

NO TEST — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (3)

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Spin combo without change of foot - all 3 basic positions required (3 revs)
- Backward sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (4)

PRELIMINARY — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)
- Sit spin with change of foot (min 3. each foot)
- One position spin, skater's choice (upright, sit or camel) (4)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Pivot
- Upright two-foot spin (2)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright two-foot spin (3)

ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3 revs.)
- Solo spin with no change of foot (3 revs.), must be different from the upright spin – may not fly

Jumps Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted
- To be skated on half-ice
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Half flip or half Lutz
- Single Salchow

PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single flip
- Single Lutz
- Jump combination: Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)

HIGH BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Single Salchow
- Jump combination: waltz jump-toe loop

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Mazurka or ballet jump
- Waltz jump

NO TEST — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single loop
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Toe loop jump
- Half flip, half Lutz or half loop

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Single flip
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)

ADULT BRONZE — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single Toe loop
- Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)



Showcase Events

Showcase events are open to skaters in the Basic, Free Skate, limited beginner, preliminary and adult bronze levels. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United track. Skaters with intellectual disabilities may register for Special Olympics events. 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.

Show costumes are permitted if 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 every 10 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 loss 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. The 6.0 judging system 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 usfigureskating.org.*

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided or combined, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up to ensure performances are contested as per the guidelines. Example combined events: Character Performance and Comedic Impressions.
- Emotional (formerly Dramatic) Performance: Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience - through related skating movements, gestures **and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g. love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).**
 - Lip synching is not permitted.
 - Props and Scenery are permitted.
 - No Technical Limitations.
- Character Performance: Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
 - Lip synching is required
 - Props and Scenery are permitted
 - No Technical Limitations
- Comedic Impressions: A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures and physical actions deemed comedic.



- Lip synching is permitted
- Props and Scenery are permitted
- No Technical Limitations
- Lyrical Pop: Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
 - Lip synching is not permitted
 - Props and Scenery are not permitted
 - No Technical Limitations
- Duets/Trios: Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 to 3 skaters.
- Mini production ensembles: Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. 2:00 maximum length.
- Production ensembles: Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length. NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.

Showcase Events

<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>ELEMENTS</i>	<i>QUALIFICATIONS</i>	<i>PROGRAM LENGTH</i>
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	Must not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level	Time: 1:00 max
PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6/ BEGINNER/HIGH BEGINNER/ADULT 1-6/ ADULT BEGINNER/ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	3 jump maximum. Half-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: 1:20 max
NO TEST	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must not have passed pre-preliminary free skate or any free dance tests	Time: 1:20 max
PRE-PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test	Time: 1:20 max
PRELIMINARY	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: 1:30 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

