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Livonia Figure Skating Club Biennial Competition Basic Skills and Showcase 33841 Lyndon St Livonia MI 48154 THE REPLIENCE OF THE PARTY OF T

EVENT DATE: MAY 4, 2024 ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 12, 2024

The Spring Sprinkle, sponsored by the Livonia Figure Skating Club will be held at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena on May 4, 2024. Questions regarding this competition should be direct to Lindsay Bakken, Livoniafigureskatingclub@gmaik.com.

Eligibility - The Competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members of either the Basic Skills Program and/or full members of US Figure Skating. To be eligible, skater must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Basic Skills Program/Club or any other Basic Skills Program/Club. Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher. NO official US Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. For the Pre-Free Skate, 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

Rules – The competition will be conducted under the rules set forth by the US Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA "Compete USA Competition Manual" program.

Entry Fees – The first event is \$50, the second event is \$20 and each additional event after that is \$10. All entries must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2024. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers and are subject to a possible \$15 late fee. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars.

Payment submitted to:

Livonia Figure Skating Club ATTN: Lindsay Bakken Mailbox #50 33841 Lyndon St Livonia, MI 48154 There will be a \$35 fee for returned checks.

Awards – <u>All competitors will receive a medal.</u> All events are final rounds. ALL awards will be made at appropriate times throughout the competition. A podium will be available for group and individual photos.

Registration – The registration table will be open 1 hour before the competition begins. Skaters will not be allowed to compete until they have registered. *Please register at least one hour before your competition time.*

Schedule of Events - Schedule will be posted on the Internet at the Figure Skater's Website - www.sk8stuff.com

Music - The music for all free skating programs with music will be supplied by skater should be emailed two weeks prior to the competition.

Practice Ice – Practice ice will be available in 20 minutes sessions. Details will be provided either online or via email prior to the competition date. Sign-in and pay \$10 at the door.

Liability- U.S. Figure Skating, the Livonia Figure Skating Club and the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition- in accordance with Rule1Ç00 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.



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 interclub.

The competition is open to any skater is 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.

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 **Aspire Levels** (Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6), **Excel and Well-Balanced** eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. 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.

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

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors 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 OR U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance (for coaches under 18 years old)

All Event Requirements Can Be Found Here: https://learntoskateusa.com/CompeteUSA
Be sure to follow the details for January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

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

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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 Elements

Each skater will perform each element when directed by judge/referee

- Skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below(no excessive connecting steps or choreography)z Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on.
- To be skated on 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.

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	l:00 max	 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 I	1:00 max	 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	 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	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either CW OR CCW 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	 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 CW or CCW 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
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BASIC 6	1:00 max	 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

2024 Aspire Program Requirements

LEVEL	JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCE
Aspire 1 Free Skate 1:40 max	Maximum 5 jump elements (Permitted jumps) • Waltz Jump • 1/2 Flip • 1/2 Lutz Max 1 Jump Sequence (Permitted sequence) • Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between	Maximum 2 spins (Permitted spins) Two-foot spin Forward one foot spin (free foot optional)	Maximum 1 Sequence Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) One 1/2 of the ice
Aspire 2 Free Skate 1:40 Max	 Maximum 5 jump elements (Permitted jumps) Any jump from Aspire 1 Single Salchow Single Toe Loop Max 2 Jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 Sequence (Permitted combinations) Waltz Jump/Toe loop Salchow/Toe loop Permitted jump sequence Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between 	Maximum 2 spins (Permitted spins) • Any spin from Aspire 1 • Back upright spin • Sit Spin	Maximum 1 Sequence Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) One 1/2 of the ice
Aspire 3 Free Skate 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements (Permitted jumps) • Any jump from Aspire1 and 2 • Euler (half-loop) • Single Loop Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence	Maximum 2 spins (Required spins) • Forward upright spin to back upright spin Permitted spins • Any spin from Aspire 1 and 2 • Camel Spin	Maximum 1 Sequence Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) One 1/2 of the ice
Maximum 5 jump elements (Permitted jumps) • Any jump from Aspire 1, 2, and 3 • Single Flip • Single Lutz Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence		Maximum 2 spins (Required spins) • Forward Camel to sit spin combination Permitted spins • Any spin from Aspire 1, 2, and 3	Maximum 1 Sequence Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) One 1/2 of the ice

2024 Aspire Program Clarifications

Jumps:

All Levels

- Maximum 2 of any same jump Aspire 1 and 2
- Euler is not permitted

Jump Sequence:

Aspire 3 and 4

 A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump

Jump Combinations:

Aspire 3 and 4

• Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps

Spins:

All Levels

- Minimum 3 revolutions
- No flying entry
- A Spin may not be repeated
- Basic positions only

Aspire 3 and 4

- One spin must be the required spin
- Second spin must be a spin in one position

Step Sequence:

All Levels

- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements



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

Excel Pre-Preliminary — 1:40 MAX		
Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating	membership required	
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed Maximum of two of any of the same jump, may be as solo jumps or part of jump combinations/sequence Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take-off curve of the waltz jump	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot* No flying entry Minimum 3 revs One spin may be either a single position spin w/no change of foot or a combination spin with or without change of foot Spins must be of a different character Max Level 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence (pChSq) • Must be clearly visible

Excel Preliminary— 2:00 +/- 10 sec				
Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating	, ,			
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES		
Maximum 5 jump elements: All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed Maximum of two of any of the same jump, may be as solo jumps or part of jump combinations/sequence Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take-off curve of the waltz jump	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position* No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions 1 spin combination, with or without change of foot* Minimum 6 revolutions No Flying Entry Max Level 1	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence (pChSq) • Must be clearly visible		

*Denotes required element



Aspire 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 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.

LEVEL	TIME	COMPULSORY ELEMENTS
Aspire 1	1:15 max	 Waltz Jump ½ Flip One-foot upright spin Choreographic step sequence
Aspire 2	1:15 max	 Single Salchow Single Toe Loop Sit spin Choreographic step sequence
Aspire 3	1:15 max	 Single Loop Salchow/Toe loop jump combination Forward upright spin to back upright spin Choreographic step sequence
Aspire 4	1:15 max	 Single Loop Salchow/Toe loop jump combination Forward upright spin to back upright spin Choreographic step sequence



Excel Compulsory

FORMAT: A 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

EXCEL PRE- PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Flip Jump Loop-loop jump combination Camel Spin, minimum 3 revs Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Lutz Jump Flip-loop jump combination Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence
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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

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS	
NO TEST 1:15 max PRE- PRELIMINARY 1:15 max PRELIMINARY 1:15 max		 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 	
		 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 	
		 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 	



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
- UNLESS STATED, SPINS MAY NOT CHANGE FEET
- Max Spin Level
- Aspire Low/Aspire High | Base
- No Test/Pre-preliminary | Level 1
- Preliminary | Level 2

• Backward sit spin (3) • Camel spin (4)

Spins may not fly

ASPIRE LOW – 1:30	PRELIMINARY – 1:30 MAX
ELEMENTS	ELEMENTS
Upright one-foot spin (3)Upright back spin (3)Sit spin (3)	 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)
ASPIRE HIGH — 1:30 MAX	
ELEMENTS	
 Upright one-foot spin (4) Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot) Sit spin (3) 	
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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)	

Jumps Challenge GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

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

ASPIRE LOW- 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

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

ASPIRE HIGH - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

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

NO TEST - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

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

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

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

PRELIMINARY - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

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

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COMPETITION MANUAL



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

* 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.
 - o Props and Scenery are permitted.
 - o 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
 - o 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
 - o 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 maxi-mum length.
- Production ensembles: Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length.
 - o NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.



Showcase Events

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
SNOWPLOW 1-4 BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	Must not have passedany higher than Basic 6 level	Time: 1:00 max
ASPIRE 1-4	3 jump maximum. Half- rotation jumps only,plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop	May not have passedany 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 passedpre-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