



**2026 Lucky Duck Skate
Compete USA In-House Competition
Atlanta Ice Forum Duluth Skating Academy
Sunday, August 23, 2026
Application deadline: August 14, 2026**

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2026 Lucky Duck Skate will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current Compete USA handbook](#) as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#).

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

II. ELIGIBILITY

This event is an in-house competition. Skaters must be a currently registered to the Ice Forum Duluth Skating Academy with Learn to Skate USA® membership and/or a member of the Georgia Figure Skating Club. To be eligible skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing.

All singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

Test Requirements

Eligibility is determined based on skill level as of the entry deadline, **August 14, 2026**.

- **Snowplow Sam, Basic Skills 1-6, and Adult 1-6 skaters** must compete at either the highest level they have passed or one level higher. No official U.S. Figure Skating tests—including Moves in the Field or individual dances—may have been passed.
- **Aspire 1-4, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adaptive Event** are eligible based solely on the highest free skate test level passed. Moves in the Field test level **does not** determine a skater's competitive level.
- Skaters may compete at either the highest level they have passed **or** one level higher but **cannot** compete in both levels within the same event in a single competition.
- Skaters may not compete in more than one level of the same event type in the same competition.

Maintaining fair competition is crucial. If the **Local Organizing Committee** discovers that a skater has been entered in a level below their actual skill level, the **Skating Director** has the authority to place them in the correct division—even on the day of the competition. This ensures fairness for all competitors.

Coaches are ethically prohibited from "sandbagging" events—intentionally placing skaters in lower levels than their skill warrants.

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the "standard" option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email.
 - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

Adaptive Events

We proudly support and encourage skaters with disabilities by offering Adaptive Skating events and levels, as outlined in the table below.

If you have any questions about Adaptive Skating, the levels available, or specific accommodations for

skaters, please contact us at the email addresses provided under the “Contact Information” section or at events@usfigureskating.org

SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Solo Free Dance	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Shadow Dance	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Adult Solo Free Dance	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Well Balanced Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Compete USA - Theatre On Ice	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Compete USA – Showcase	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25
Skate United <i>*see statement above</i>	<i>CJS</i>	\$60	\$25

OUR COMMUNITY:

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating’s SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its

membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline.

COMPLIANCE:

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [in](#) Members Only, click the blue "COACH" button. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training.

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Go to [LINK](#).
2. Click Sign Up Today
2. Under Programs, click Lukcy Duck Skate Compete USA, then Competitions
3. Click Competitions again
4. Choose your first event by clicking Add To Cart - Example, Basic 4 Program With Music. It looks like a class because of the way we had to set it up in SportsEngine, but don't worry, it's

not!

5. If you want a second event, choose the next one by clicking Add to Cart - Example, Basic 1-6 Showcase
6. If you're done adding events for that skater, scroll to the top and click My Shopping Cart, or you can add events for an additional family member. Each individual skater must pay the initial \$60 entry fee; a parent or sibling cannot be the "Second Event".
7. You'll get a pop-up and it'll look like you're going to pay too much. Don't worry!! We'll fix that. Click Checkout Now.
8. Sign in if you haven't already
9. On the next screen, you can change the price of your additional event for each individual skater. Click the dropdown box labeled Competition Entry Fee for your Additional Event and choose Additional Event. The price will change to \$25.
10. Choose the skater you're entering. You can register multiple skaters for multiple events in your shopping cart, but each individual skater must pay the initial \$60 entry fee. In families, one skater cannot have the initial entry fee, and a parent or sibling takes the \$25 Additional Event fee. Unpaid balances will be collected before a skater can compete.
11. Press Next to continue to the Sign Agreements page and read and sign the agreements.
12. Click Next to continue to the Confirm page. If everything looks good...
13. Click next to the FINISH screen. Enter your payment information and you're in!

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Coaches are required to email skaters' music to the competition chair by June 10 or incur a \$20 penalty.

- Music files must be in **MP3 format**.
- Please name each file using the following format: **FirstName_LastName_Level**
 - (e.g., Susie_Skater_Basic1.mp3)

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

Music Deadline

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REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be issued after the closing date unless the event is cancelled by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Duluth Skating Academy and the Atlanta IceForum accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Facility Name: Atlanta IceForum

Facility Address: 2300 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA 30097

Facility Website: <https://www.iceforum.com/>

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors who are at least 8 years of age or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open one hour prior to the first event on August 23, 2026. The check-in desk will be located in the front lobby of the facility.

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Practice ice will be available to purchase for \$15 after the registration deadline.

AWARDS:

Each group will consist of no more than **six competitors**, and **all skaters will receive an award**. Awards will be presented at designated times throughout the competition.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Events like this need volunteers to thrive. Please reach out to competition chair if interested in volunteering.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Please note that there may not be an official event photographer. Parents and spectators are welcome to take **non-flash photos** and **video recordings** for personal use. However, for the safety and comfort of all participants:

- **Flash photography is not permitted.**
- **Standing in rink doorways or on players' benches is strictly prohibited.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Tina Washington	yoniwashington@gmail.com
Learn to Skate Coordinator:	Megan Berntson	Duluthskatingacademy@iceforum.com
Skating Director:	Aren Nielsen	anielsen@iceforum.com