2026 Jack-O-Lantern Open

Date and Time: Saturday, November 7, 2026 anticipated time 8 am to 7 pm
(Subject to change depending on registrations)
Host: The Steel Ice Center
Location: The Steel Ice Center, 320 East 1st Street, Bethlehem, PA, 18015
Rink Size: Oval, 200 x 85 feet

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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

Eligibility and Test Requirements

The Jack-O-Lantern Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.
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 (including Aspire). 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 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 skating skills or individual dances

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ADULT EVENTS: Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events.

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

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if 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 on-site at the event. You can verify the status of coaches/instructors by checking the lists on www.usfigureskating.org by going to the Coaches page and clicking on the Information for Clubs. For Learn to Skate USA instructor verification, log in to the Management System, then Program Admin, Program Management and Instructor Compliance. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing practices we ask that each skater limit coaching staff to one coach per athlete.

To be credentialed 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 completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliant coach (for coaches under 18 years old)

Event Categories:

Basic Programs with Music
Element/Compulsory Program Events for Snowplow thru Basic 6 and Aspire 1-4
Spin Challenge
Jump Challenge
Aspire 1-4 Program with music
Pre-Preliminary thru Preliminary Freeskate Programs with Music (Championship and excel track)
Adult 1 through Adult Bronze
Pre-Prelimianry thru Preliminary Compulsory Programs (Championship and excel track)
Showcase

Music: All music will be uploaded via Entryeeze for this competition. Failure to upload music by deadline or at all will result in a $25 music fee. Competitors are reminded to have a back up on a phone rinkside. We will not hold the competition. Music is to be uploaded by Sunday October 25th, 2026 .

Entry Information and Deadline Date:

Please register online:
Via entryeeze.com

Information and Questions:
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Closing date for entries is **Tuesday October 20, 2026.** Only entries with payment will be accepted. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee, and will require an additional late fee of $30. The Committee reserves the right to limit entries**. No Refunds** will be granted except for events canceled by the Local Organizing Committee. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

Entry Fees:

$70 for the First Event
$45 for the Second Event
$30 for the Each Additional Event
Group Showcase $15 per skater.
Late Fee for registrations $30

Total Entrant Numbers and Schedule: Entries will be limited by the time constraints and will be accepted on a first come first serve basis**. Please enclose an e-mail address** to receive a schedule. The schedule will be available by Thursday October 29th, 2026. Additional information will be available at the rink website **www.steelicecenter.com.**

Awards: Trophies for 1st place. Medals for all other placements.

Practice Ice: Practice ice will be available for purchase either a Saturday June7, 2025 sessions will be **tentatively** as follows:

7:00am-7:20 am
7:20am-7:40 am
Subject to change depending on schedule.

The cost will be $20 per session and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis.
The cost will be $30 per session if purchased the day of.
There will be no refunds for unused practice sessions

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, The Steel Ice Center 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.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the **U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport** page).

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Note, **per U.S. Figure Skating policy**, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

OFFICIAL NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Official notices will be posted online and will be communicated via email regarding schedule changes or any policy changes and can be found at: **www.steelicecenter.com**

EVENTS OFFERED:

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found HERE

This event is utilizing the following requirements:

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	**CJS**
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	**CJS**
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	**CJS**
Pre-Preliminary– Preliminary Free Skate	**CJS**
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	**CJS**
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	**CJS**
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	**CJS**
Athlete Development Compulsory Moves levels 1-4	**CJS**
Athlete Development– Spin Challenge	**CJS**
Athlete Development– Jump Challenge	**CJS**
Compete USA – Showcase	**CJS**