

*2026 Hodag Skate Classic*  
*Compete USA Competition*

*Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2026*

Rhinelander Ice Arena  
2021 E Timber Drive

Rhinelander WI 54501

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Announcing the annual Compete USA Competition approved by Learn To Skate USA and hosted by the Rhinelander Figure Skating Club at the Rhinelander Ice Arena in Rhinelander Wisconsin.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current 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 Learn to Skate USA or a member club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. All **SNOWPLOW SAM AND BASIC 1-6** skaters must skate at the highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Compulsory (Moves in the Field) or individual dances.

For the **ASPIRE 1-4 AND WELL BALANCED**, eligibility will be based only upon the highest Free Skate test level passed. Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at the 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 discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.

## **COACH ELIGIBILITY:**

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™

## **EVENT CATEGORIES:**

The Hodag Skate Classic is a Compete USA competition so the event requirements from the Compete USA

2025-2026 manual will be used. These may differ from other non-compete USA competitions. Use this link (<https://learntoskateusa.com/competeusa>) to see each event describing the format, ice (full or half-ice), music allowed (type of music and time), required elements/moves, deductions, qualifications, and/or other special instructions. There will be no more than 6 skaters in any event. Each skater will receive an award.

**Please note:** At non-qualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition or skate up one level. A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable scoring system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place. B. If said competitor chooses to compete at one level higher, 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.

## **JUDGING:**

The events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE AND FEES:**

Entries will only be accepted online at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=448>. **Entry deadline is 11:59 pm on Saturday, March 21, 2026.** Entry fees are per person, U.S. Dollars. For solo events, the first event is \$65 and each additional event is \$35. For duet/team events, there is a team fee of \$45 and \$10 for each individual skater. Every registered skater will receive a complimentary short sleeve t-shirt with the competition logo.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the local organizing committee. There will be a \$30 late fee applied for entries accepted after March 21, 2026. Skaters registering after March 21, 2026 will not be eligible for the competition t-shirt. **THERE WILL BE NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 11:59 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026.**

## **REFUNDS:**

No refunds after closing date of March 21, 2026 unless the Rhinelander Figure Skating Club cancels the event.

## **MUSIC:**

**Music will only be accepted online via Entryeze and must be uploaded by 11:59pm on Sunday, March 29, 2026.**

Late music entries may be subjected to a late fee of \$25. It is recommended that a backup CD or USB flash drive be available rink side on the day of the competition. Music must be recorded within the accepted time frame for the event.

## **REGISTRATION DESK:**

The registration desk will be open at the Rhinelander Ice Arena during all practice ice sessions and events on Sunday, April 19, 2026. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the schedule posted in the ice arena for official changes and events on the day of the competition. Competitors must arrive at the arena at least one hour prior to their scheduled event time. Please check-in upon arrival.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Tentative schedules including groups and skating times will be available no later than four days prior to the competition. Schedules will also be posted in the ice arena and available in the competition program on the day of the competition. All skaters should be ready to skate one hour prior to their scheduled event time.

## **PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will be available for purchase on EntryEeze.com. Program music will not be played on practice ice. The cost per 20-minute session will be \$8.00. You may sign up for no more than two sessions on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

An area for photographs, complete with a backdrop and podiums, will be available for those wanting pictures. There will not be a professional photographer available.

## **AWARDS:**

Everyone will receive a medal! All events will be final rounds. **Medals will be awarded to all six places in each event.** All awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

## **LOCKER ROOM POLICY**

The Hodag Skate Classic will follow the locker room policy per the SkateSafe handbook found at [https://usfigureskating.org/documents/2025/8/26/SkateSafe\\_Handbook.pdf](https://usfigureskating.org/documents/2025/8/26/SkateSafe_Handbook.pdf)

**We will have separate locker rooms available for ages 11 and under and for ages 12 & over.**

### **LODGING:**

The Rhinelander Ice Association and Rhinelander Figure Skating Club are grateful for the support of local businesses throughout the year. Please consider for your lodging needs:

Holiday Inn Express

Clarion Point Rhinelander

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites

(888)HOLIDAY

(715)362-7100

715-873-9904

### **FACILITIES AND PARKING:**

All events and practice sessions will be held at the Rhinelander Ice Arena at 2021 E Timber Drive Rhinelander, WI. The arena has seating for spectators and a concession stand that will be open during the competition. Changing rooms are available at the arena for skaters. Free parking is available.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From U.S. Highway 51, take US 8 East into Rhinelander (~14 miles). Turn slight right onto US-8/WI-47 (~3 miles). Turn left onto WI-17 (~2 miles). Turn right onto CR-C/CR-CC. Facility will be on your left.

### **CONTACTS:**

For questions or concerns, please contact a competition chairperson.

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*Program Requirements* 

*EVENTS OFFERED:*

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found at

<https://learntoskateusa.com/CompeteUSA>

<i>Event</i>	<i>Levels Offered</i>
Basic Program w/ Music	Snowplow – Basic 6
Basic Elements no music	Snowplow – Basic 6
Freestyle	Aspire 1-4, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Excel Pre-Preliminary, Excel Preliminary & Excel Preliminary Plus
Compulsory Moves	Athlete Development Level 1-4
Spins	Athlete Development Level 1-4
Jumps	Athlete Development Level 1-4
Showcase - Lyrical Pop	Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary
Showcase - Emotional Performance	Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary
Showcase - Character Performance	Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary
Showcase - Comedic Impressions	Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary