



Friday May 10-Sunday May 12, 2024
Hosted by The Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence



Skate Vegas Championships
America First Center in Henderson, Nevada
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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION! HONORING ALL MOTHERS!
***See further details in Announcement**

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Skate Vegas Championships will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or 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. Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.



SERIES INFORMATION:

Skate Vegas Championships will be a part of the Excel Series. * Pending Approval

The IJS Scoring System will be used for most Excel & Well-Balanced events.

The CJS Scoring System will be used for All Showcase events No Test and up.

6.0 scoring system will be used for Compete USA, Basic Skills, Aspire, Adult Beginner/High Beginner, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze, Adaptive & Basic Showcase events.

Canadian Skaters: Pending Approval and Sanction by Skate Canada



II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the

most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.

- If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if standalone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

Showcase Events: Theatrical Curtains and Lighting will be used. Warmups will be behind curtains. The length of the performing ice surface will be shortened.

All other 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 SESSION: An All-Level Test Session will be held on Thursday May 9th & possibly Friday May 10th (tbd). For Testing information and to register for the session please use EntryEeze.

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: ProgramRequirements](#)

This event will follow program requirements for the 2023-2024 Season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Prelim-Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$90	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juv-Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$90	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test-Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$90	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze, Bronze)	6.0	\$130	\$90	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Silver-Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130	\$90	\$50
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$95	\$90	\$50

SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Jumps Challenge (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$50		
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$50		
Spins Challenge (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$50		
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$50		

SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	\$95	\$75	\$50
Basic Skills 1-6 & Aspire Events	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$50
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$50
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$50

Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$95		
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$95		
Compete USA – Hockey 1-4 Elements & Skills Challenge	6.0	\$95		
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$75	\$50	
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program	6.0	\$75	\$50	
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$75	\$50	

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 in 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® SafeSkate 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 [SkateSafe](#) or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying 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 [HERE](#).

All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included in the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

EMS ADMIN: The compliance tab within EMS lists ALL individuals who were declared by skaters at the time of registration or through their EMS Skater Portals (also allows access to skater schedule, music/PPC preview etc.). The compliance requirements are tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database and are updated daily removing the need for the LOC to manually update its list of attending coaches. Further, if a coach is non-compliant, they will receive system-generated emails through the start of the competition. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theater, 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

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (does not include SYS and TOI team registration):

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Opens: February 15, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST

Registration Deadline: Sunday April 25, 2024, 11:59 pm EST

Late Registration Deadline: April 30, 2024 12:00 pm EST + \$25 Late Fee

*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA® member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration."
4. Choose "**YOUR COMPETITION NAME**" from the list of non-qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team’s registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

TEST CREDIT:

Skate Vegas is offering test credit at the competition. Contact our Chief Accountant and LOC to register. Deadline to register for test credit is May 8th, 2024, by 12:00 pm est. Before Skate Vegas competition begins. [Test Protocol for Test Credit](#)

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK- No Critiques will be offered.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

NO CD’s will be accepted for BACK UP Music

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than May 1, 2024. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$25 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

DEADLINE: Music Uploaded after May 1st, 2024 there will be a \$20 Late Fee.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available rink side 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, the phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum. **NO CD’s will be accepted for back up.**

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY: Include instructions as to how attendees will provide your competition with their Planned Program Content (PPC). Include details about any online uploads including deadlines or where PPC is to be dropped off on-site. PPC Paper form, [click here](#).

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than MAY 1ST, 2024 12:00 PM EST. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$25 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater’s cart who doesn’t meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite. **DEADLINE: MAY 1ST, 2024 12:00 PM EST.**

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence, Vegas Golden Knights and America First 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

America First Center

222 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015

<https://www.citynationalarena.com/center-of-excellence>

America First Center is located just east of the Las Vegas Harry Reid International airport in Henderson, NV. It is near the intersection of 2 major North-South, East-west freeways I-11/95 and 215 connecting us with LA, AZ and UT. The Arena is located on the historic Water Street District and is within walking distance to restaurants, bars, and casinos. 2 blocks from Target, Walmart, Walgreens. 20 minutes to Lake Mead, Hoover Dam and Historic Boulder City! Located between the Las Vegas Strip and the Lifeguard Arena is an area called Green Valley. In Henderson. It is called "The District". It has the Green Valley Resort, Spa and Casino, Whole Foods, PF Chang's, Cheesecake Factory, Lucille's BBQ, upscale shops and a variety of other restaurants.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at 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 always adhered to during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors 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](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

Starting Orders and Results will be posted online. QR Codes with links will be provided to the competitors and posted in the lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

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.

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PRACTICE ICE:

Practice Ice will be available and is still to be determined. Ice time will be posted closer to the competition date. Practice Ice will be available to purchase on EMS.

Pre-Purchase: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will be on Thursday May 9th, 4-6 pm in the lobby. And Friday May 10th beginning at 7:00 am

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to the top 4 placed skaters. Gold, Silver, Bronze & Pewter. Participation ribbons will be given to all competitors. A traditional podium ceremony will take place in a designated location.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

We are always grateful for the help of volunteers! Lobby Registrations, Door Monitors, Practice Ice Monitors, Runners, etc.... Please email us and thank you!

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and emergency medical providers.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Cynthia Slawter Photography will be photographing all events and Medal Ceremonies. A Video Operator will be filming all events for IJS. Video of competitors will be available for purchase. Live Stream of all events is TBD at this time.

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

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION!

MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL BREAKFAST BANQUET EVENT! – We wish to celebrate, welcome, thank and honor all mothers, grandmothers, guardians, stepmoms, furry moms... (whichever Mom you are!) at our special Mother's Day breakfast event prior to the Showcase events on Sunday May 12th! 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM. 1 Mom per Registered Skater is included. Additional dining guests \$10.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

**Official hotel accommodation: Homewood Suites
10450 South Eastern Ave. Henderson, NV 89052
Between the airport and the America First Center arena. 8 miles/14 minutes
restaurants and shops within walking distance.
Breakfast included.**

There are many hotels within 10-15 minutes of the Arena. **Sunset Station Hotel Casino, Hampton Inn, Best Western, Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn Suites. And the upscale Green Valley Resort Spa and Casino**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.CityNationalArena.com/centerofexcellence

For questions, please contact the following individuals (no calls after 8:00 pm please):

Competition Chair:	Kim Culp	culpscourt@aol.com	702-232-2563
Chief Referee:	Carla Golubski	CarlaGolubski@hotmail.com	
Skaters/Officials:	Amelia Keene	thekeeneteam@gmail.com	702-218-0543
Club President/Arena:	Carolyn Mortenson	presidentVGKCOE@gmail.com	