



Pigtail Classic 2024

May 4-5, 2024

Ozark Figure Skating Club

The Jones Center Springdale, Arkansas

US Figure Skating Sanction #33945

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2024 Pigtail Classic 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 or 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.

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 (If allowed at your competition): 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:

- 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.
- 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 stand-alone 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 information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

This event will follow program requirements for the 23-24 season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary 6.0/Preliminary Plus-Senior IJS)	6.0/IJS	\$120	\$60
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$120	\$60
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$120	\$60
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$120	\$60
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$60
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$60

Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Interpretative (All Levels)	6.0	\$120	\$60
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$60
Mini Production Ensemble	6.0	\$120	\$60
Production Ensemble	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$120	\$60
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$120	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$120	\$60
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$120	\$60
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$120	\$60
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$120	\$60
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$120	\$60
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$120	\$60
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$120	\$60

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.

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 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 [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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

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

All entries must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2024 and are limited to the first 150 applications received. Late entries will be accepted only if the limit has not been reached, at the discretion of the organizers. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$120 and each additional event is \$60. A \$20 change fee will be charged for any event or level changes after the April 15, 2024 deadline. There will also be a \$20 charge for any insufficient funds. Any late fees, change fees or insufficient fees must be paid prior to the competition in order for the skater to participate. All entries need to be submitted through EntryEeze (www.entryeeze.com).

Registration Deadline: 04/12/2020 at 11:59PM Central

Late Registration Deadline: 04/15/2024 at 11:59PM Central+ \$40 Late Fee

TEST CREDIT:

IF offering test credit at your competition, review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document and consult with your Chief Accountant on process (advance applications/providing results etc.) and timeline. An online form, in advance of the competition, is recommended (example form [HERE](#)) vs. paper at the competition or you can use EMS for registration. Be sure to include details about eligible levels for test credit, post-competition paperwork processing, deadlines, etc.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: DATE 04/30/2024 11:59PM Central

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entryeeze no later than **April 30, 2024 at 11:59PM Central**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$20 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.

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **April 30, 2024 at 11:59PM Central**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$20 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: DATE *APRIL 30, 2024 11:59PM Central

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after 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®, The Ozark Figure Skating Club and The Jones 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:

The Jones Center
922 East Emma Springdale, Arkansas
www.jonesnet.org

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 under 11 years old 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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

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 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:

<https://www.ozarkfsc.org/pigtail-classic-2024>

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

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available on Friday evening, Saturday morning & afternoon before competition and Sunday morning before competition. The practice ice sessions are \$15 through www.entryeeze.com. Practice sessions are twenty minutes long. There will be a maximum of twelve skaters allowed on any one session. We do NOT guarantee that everyone's music will be played on each practice ice session. CDs for practice ice must be separate from competition CDs and will be returned to the skater at the conclusion of the practice ice session.

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, May 3rd at 5:30pm in the Ice Arena.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places. ALL other places will receive ribbons. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.OzarkFSC.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Jennifer Cuchia Rachel Eikenberry	jenniferholliman@yahoo.com racheleikenberry@gmail.com	479-841-6501 805-452-0273
Chief Referee:	Sandy Bowen	Bowensk@att.net	
Practice Ice Chair:	Kelsey Pulkrabeck		
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