

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Compete USA Open Competition

May 4 & 5, 2019

Entry Deadline: March 23, 2019

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Dear Learn to Skate USA Program Directors and Instructors,

On behalf of the Yorba Linda ICE Staff, I would like to cordially invite you to attend the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Yorba Linda ICE Compete USA Competition** on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5, 2019.

Enclosed in this packet is important competition information such as rules and eligibility, EntryEeze application link, and music upload information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 692-8776 Ext 4.

We are very excited about this event and look forward to seeing you at Yorba Linda ICE this May!

Sincerely,

Jacqie Shaffer Competition Director Yorba Linda ICE 714 692-8776 Ext 4 ylprogramoffice@therinks.com

# **Competition Information**

# **Competition Dates:**

May 4 & 5, 2019

#### Rink Address:

The Rinks – Yorba Linda ICE 23641 La Palma Ave. Yorba Linda, CA 92887

## Contact:

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# **Entries and Entry Fees:**

All applications must be completed online at <a href="http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=603">http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=603</a>
Entry fees for the 2019 Compete USA Competition at The Rinks – Yorba Linda ICE are as follows

# **Snowplow Sam through Basic 1**

First Event: \$40

Each Additional Event: \$30

# Basic 2 through Preliminary

First Event: \$60

Each Additional Event: \$30

# **Entry Form Deadline:**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11:59 pm. Late entries will be taken from Sunday, March 24, 2019 through Wednesday, March 27, 2019 with a \$30 late fee.

# **Refund Policy:**

Entry fees, minus the online processing fee, can only be refunded prior to the close of entries. On Saturday, March 23, 2019. There will be no refunds after close of entries unless the event is canceled by the The Rinks – Yorba Linda ICE.

#### Awards:

All skaters will receive an award. Individual awards will be given after the posting of the results of each event.

#### Music:

Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "Competition" tab and then selecting "My Music." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment.

Deadline for uploading music is Saturday, April 13, 2019.

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Programs per file: One [1] Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. Free Skate) per file is allowed.
- File Format: mp3 The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
- Maximum file size: 10 MB
- Maximum run time: Five [5] minutes
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover are, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!
- Maximum leader: Two [2] seconds The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.
- Maximum trailer: Two [2] seconds The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

# **Backup Music at Event (CDs):**

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event or official practice. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two [2] seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on rerecordable "CD-RW" discs. PLEASE, no CD-RWs!

The organizing committee, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. They will not be responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

# **Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music:**

The organizing committee will assess each competitor an additional charge of \$10 per event segment it the competitor: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do no follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). The competitor will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in the music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

# **Entry Verification/Coach Approval/Entry Change Fee:**

The information on the entry must be accurate and complete. <u>Coaches must either approve the entries that have been entered or send back a message correcting the entry prior to Saturday, March 23, 2019.</u> There will be no charge for any changes that are necessary prior to this deadline. <u>There will be a \$10 fee for any changes made to your original entry form after Saturday, March 23, 2019.</u>

# Judging:

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

## Rink Size:

Ice surface is 185' by 85' with rounded corners.

# Photography/Videography:

Videos and action photography will be available for purchase from a professional video and photography company. The competition committee reserves the right to restrict personal videotaping to your skater only. Personal cameras will be permitted in the bleachers only and may not be plugged into arena outlets. Videotaping for personal profit is not allowed.

#### **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) 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 the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.



#### **SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 ELEMENTS**

Two format options for the Elements Event:

- 1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
- 2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)
  - Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.
- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
- No music
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
- All elements must be skated in the order listed.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> </ul>
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
		Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot
Basic 2	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> </ul>
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3	1:00 max.	• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		<ul> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
Basic 4	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> </ul>
		Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left
		Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise
Basic 5	1:00 max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:00 max.	Bunny Hop
		Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg held position and
		entry
		• T-stop, right or left



#### **SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC**

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> </ul>
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
		Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot
Basic 2	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> </ul>
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3	1:10 max.	• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		<ul> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
Basic 4	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6</li> </ul>
		consecutive
		<ul> <li>Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> </ul>
		Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		<ul> <li>Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
Basic 5	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions</li> </ul>
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:10 max.	Bunny Hop
		<ul> <li>Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left</li> </ul>
		Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional entry and free leg position
		T-stop, right or left



#### PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards		
		Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R)		
		Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and		
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max.	cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward		
		inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise		
		Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position -		
		minimum 3 revolutions		
		Mazurka		
		Waltz jump		
		Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes		
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	Backward outside three-turns, right and left		
		One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in		
		crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions		
		Toe loop		
		Half flip jump		
		Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral		
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	(right and left) on a continuous axis		
		Backward inside three-turns, right and left		
		<ul> <li>Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions</li> </ul>		
		Half Lutz		
		Salchow jump		
		Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right		
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise		
		Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position- minimum 3		
		revolutions		
		Loop jump		
		Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination		
		<ul> <li>Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> </ul>		
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions		
		Half loop jump		
		Flip jump		
		Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both		
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	directions		
		Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions		
		Waltz jump-loop jump combination		
		Lutz jump		
		Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot		
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total		
	<ul> <li>Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence</li> </ul>			
		Beginning Axel jump		



#### PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards			
		Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross			
		behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge,			
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max.	clockwise and counterclockwise			
		Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position- minimum 3			
		revolutions			
		Mazurka			
		Waltz jump			
		<ul> <li>NOT ALLOWED -Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> </ul>			
Free Skate 1	1:40 max.	<ul> <li>One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in</li> </ul>			
		crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions			
		Toe loop jump			
		Half flip jump			
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump/toe loop combination			
		<ul> <li>Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral</li> </ul>			
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	(right and left) on a continuous axis			
		Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions			
		Half Lutz			
		Salchow jump			
		NOT ALLOWED – Salchow/toe loop combination  Alternation Mohavul (gross are assumed wight to left and left to right.)			
		<ul> <li>Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> </ul>			
Free Skate 3	1:40 max.	<ul> <li>Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3</li> </ul>			
		revolutions			
		Loop jump			
		Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination			
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/loop combination			
		<ul> <li>Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> </ul>			
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	Sit spin – minimum 3 revolutions			
		Half Loop jump			
		Flip jump			
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/half-loop/Salchow sequence			
		Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both			
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	directions			
		Camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions			
		Waltz-loop jump combination			
		Lutz jump			
	1	Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, Mohawks and toe steps			
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total			
	Waltz jump/ half-loop/Salchow jump sequence				
		Beginning Axel jump			



#### **EXCEL COMPULSORY**

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
Excel Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Toe loop jump</li> <li>Salchow jump</li> <li>One-foot upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	
Excel High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Salchow/toe loop combination</li> <li>Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	
Excel Pre- Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Flip jump</li> <li>Loop/loop jump combination</li> <li>Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	
Excel Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Lutz jump</li> <li>Flip/loop jump combination</li> <li>Camel, sit combination spin – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	

#### WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards	
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	
Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Lutz jump</li> <li>Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)</li> <li>Spin with one change of position and no change of foot – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Axel jump</li> <li>Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>Spin with one change of foot and one change of position – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>	



#### **EXCEL FREE SKATE**

General event parameters:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.

Excel Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max.  Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 2	Maximum 4 jump elements:  Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front)  Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only  Half Loops are not allowed.  Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences  Maximum 2 of any same jump	Two upright spins     No change of foot     No flying entry     Minimum 3     revolutions	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must use one-half of the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements
Excel High Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max.  Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 4	Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, half-loop, loop Flip, Lutz, & Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins:  Both spins must be in a single position  No flying entry  Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel  Permitted back spins: upright  Minimum 3 revolutions  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must use one-half of the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel Pre-Preliminary 1:40 Max.  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Prepreliminary free skate test *means required element Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements:	Maximum 2 spins: One spin must be in a single position* One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:     Choreographic Step     Sequence* (ChSt)
Excel Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements:  All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel  No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed  Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed  Jump sequences are limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps	Maximum 2 spins:  One spin must be in a single position*  One spin may change feet and/or position  No flying entry  Minimum 3 revolutions  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must use one-half of the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence



#### **Excel Preliminary Plus**

1:30 +/- 10 sec.

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test

\*means required element

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

#### Maximum 5 jump elements:

- All single jumps allowed, including single AxelNo double, or higher jumps allowed
- Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels)
- Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded
- Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences
- All single jumps, including the single Axel are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps)
- Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3jump combination is allowed
- Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps

#### Maximum 2 spins:

- One spin must be in a single position\*
- One spin may change feet and/or position
- No flying entry
- Minimum 3 revolutions
- Spins must be of a different character

#### Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step

Sequence\* (ChSt)

• Must use one-half of

- Must use one-half of the ice surface
- Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements
- Jumps may be included in the step sequence



# WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No-Test	1:40 Max.	Max 5 Jump Elements  All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel  No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed  Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed  Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps	Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence  Step Sequence  Must use one-half the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Pre- Preliminary	1:40 Max.	Max 5 Jump Elements  All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum of 2 single Axels)  Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed  Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps	Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence  Step Sequence  Must use one-half the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Preliminary	1:40 Max.	Max 5 Jump Elements  1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*  All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop)  Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed  An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination  Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Max 2 jump combinations or sequences  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed  Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps	Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs.  These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence  Step Sequence  Must use one-half the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence



# **ADULT 1-6, BEGINNER-BRONZE COMPULSORY**

- The skating order of the elements is optional. Element may only be attempted once.
- To be skated in simple program format with limited connecting steps, ½ ice.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element MISSING, REPEATED or from a higher level

Level	Time	Elements				
		Forward Marching				
Adult 1	1:30	Forward two-foot glide				
	Max.	Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)				
		Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot				
		Forward skating across the width of the ice				
Adult 2	1:30 • Forward one-foot glides					
	Max.	Forward slalom				
		Backward skating				
		Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row				
		Forward stroking using the blade properly				
Adult 3	1:30	Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise				
	Max.	Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise				
	Backward skating to a long two-foot glide					
		Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left				
		Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left				
Adult 4	1:30	Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left				
, iddic i	Max.	Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise				
		Hockey stop, both directions				
		Backward one-foot glides, right and left				
		Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left				
Adult 5	1:30	Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left      Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise				
Addit 3	Max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left				
	IVIUX.	Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)				
Adult 6	1:30	The state of the s				
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Adult	1:30	Bunny hop     Mazurka				
Beginner	Max.					
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		<ul> <li>Forward moving inside open Mohawk (right and left) – heel to instep</li> <li>Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right</li> </ul>				
		and left, one inside edge, right and left)				
Adult High	1:30					
Beginner	Max.	7				
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		right and left, one inside edge, right and left)				
Adult Pre-	1:30	<ul> <li>Toe loop jump</li> <li>Jump combination or sequence consisting of only ½ revolution jumps (half loop is considered a full revolution</li> </ul>				
Bronze	Max.	jump) — maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence				
Bronze	IVIUX.					
		<ul> <li>Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward</li> </ul>				
		crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise				
	Forward spiral (any edge)      Calle and immediately a control of the contro					
Adult	1:30	Salchow jump     Waltz jump    too loop combination jump				
Bronze						
שוטווצכ	IVIAA.	Backward Upright Spin – entry optional (Min. 3 revolutions)      Backward inside three turn right and left.				
		Backward inside three-turn, right and left     Give learning (Minimum 2 gives) mount shape a deal of fact.				
		Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)- must change edge or foot				



#### **ADULT 1-6 FREE SKATE WITH MUSIC**

General event parameters:

- The skating order of the required elements is optional.
- The elements are not restricted to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element MISSING and for those elements performed from a higher level.

Level	Time	Elements	
		Forward Marching	
Adult 1	1:40 Max	Forward two-foot glide	
		Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)	
		<ul> <li>Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> </ul>	
Adult 2	1:40 Max	Forward one-foot glides	
		Forward slalom	
		Backward skating	
		Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row	
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking using the blade properly</li> </ul>	
Adult 3	1:40 Max	Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise	
		and counterclockwise	
		<ul> <li>Backward skating to a long two-foot glide</li> </ul>	
		Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise	
		Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left	
		<ul> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>	
Adult 4	1:40 Max	<ul> <li>Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>	
		Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise	
		<ul> <li>Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> </ul>	
		Hockey stop, both directions	
		<ul> <li>Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>	
Adult 5	1:40 Max	<ul> <li>Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>	
		Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise	
		<ul> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> </ul>	
		Beginning two-foot spin	
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> </ul>	
Adult 6	1:40 Max	<ul> <li>Backward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> </ul>	
		• T-stop	
		• Lunge	
		Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)	



# ADULT BEGINNER - BRONZE FREE SKATE PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice and vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Adult Beginner  1:40 Maximum	Max. 4 jump elements  Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and Waltz jump  Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps  Max. 2 of any same jump	Max. 2 spins  Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 1
Adult High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max 4 jump elements:  ■ Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz  ■ Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps  ■ Max. 2 of any same type jump.	Max 2 spins:  Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests
Adult Pre-Bronze  1:40 Maximum	Max 4 Jump Elements:  Jump combinations and sequences are optional, but no more than 2 combinations or sequences may be included  1 jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps.  Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)  Only single and half-revolution jumps are allowed  No single Lutz, single Axel or double jumps are allowed	Max 2 Spins:  Max Level 1  Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E)	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre- Preliminary Free Skate
Adult Bronze  1:50 maximum	Max 4 Jump Elements:  Max 2 combinations or sequences;  1 combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps  Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)  All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel)  No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	Max 2 Spins:  Max Level 1  Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))  Min 3 revs total if no change of foot  Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot  Min 2 revs in each position  No flying spins are permitted	Max 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence  Must use at least ½ ice surface  May include Moves in the Field and spirals	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate



#### SHOWCASE EVENTS

Showcase events are open to skaters in Basic, Free Skate, Limited Beginner through Preliminary and Adult Bronze. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher. Vocal music is permitted.

Show costumes are permitted, as long as they do not touch or drag on the ice. Costuming and make-up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure. No bobby pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken. Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute on and off and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for each ten seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice.

6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

\* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of Showcase competitions, refer to the Nonqualifying Showcase Guidelines posted on <a href="https://www.usfigureskating.org">www.usfigureskating.org</a>.

#### Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up
- Dramatic entertainment: Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the
  music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical
  actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness.
  Dramatic programs should not be depressing. Even if the emotion is sadness, there should be an
  enlivened feeling given to the audience.
- Light entertainment: Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- Duets: Theatrical/artistic performances by any competitors.
- Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors.
- Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. Theater On Ice teams are eligible
  as production ensembles. NOTE: Skaters may enter only one each duet, mini production or production
  event.



# **SHOWCASE EVENTS**

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Basic 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	May not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level.	Time: 1:00 max.
Pre-Free Skate-Free	3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps	May not have passed any official U.S.	Time: 1:30 max.
Skate 6/	only, plus the following full rotation	Figure Skating free skate or free dance	
Beginner/High	jumps: Salchow and toe loop.	tests.	
Beginner/ Adult 1-6/			
Adult Beginner/Adult			
High Beginner			
No Test	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must not have passed Pre-Preliminary	Time: 1:30 max.
		Free Skate or any Free Dance tests.	
Pre-Preliminary	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S.	Time: 1:30 max.
		Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary May not	
		have passed any free dance test.	
Adult Pre-Bronze	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than Adult	Time: 1:40 max.
		pre-Bronze free skate test. See	
		National Showcase guidelines for more	
		specific information regarding adults.	
Preliminary/	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S.	Time: 1:40 max.
Adult Bronze		Figure Skating Preliminary free skate or	
		Adult Bronze Free Skate or Free Dance	
		test. See National Showcase guidelines	
		for more specific information regarding	
		adults.	



#### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING- SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO, SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3, PRELIMINARY

The emphasis of the Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating competition is on mastering the Synchro Skills of synchronized skating:

- Unison of body alignment, and learning to guide with the head.
- Control of rotation in wheels and circles.
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections.
- Learning how to transition within elements with ease and clarity.
- Incorporating skills from Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-2 to strengthen skating skills.
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels.
- Demonstrate ability to recognize and skate to the tempo of the music.

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating (see program requirements).

**Eligibility Rules:** All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the Learn to Skate USA program. All Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating teams must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating and have a team number.

In order for the team to be eligible for Snowplow Sam Synchro or Synchro Skills 1-3 events, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than a preliminary test (moves in the field, freestyle or dance). The skater's test level is as of the competition entry deadline.

No skater may compete on multiple Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams.

**Age/Number of Skaters**: Varies based on the level. The ages for Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams are as of the preceding July 1. If the majority of the team is younger than the listed age, consider skating "up" to the level that best meets the skaters' skill levels.

Each Synchro Skills team may have between 8-16 skaters. A Snowplow Sam Synchro team may have between 5-12 skaters. Teams may have a maximum of four alternates listed on their roster, in addition to the maximum number permitted on the ice for their respective level.

**Costume Rules:** Learn to Skate USA synchronized skating teams should follow **Rule 7022 Clothing and Equipment** (U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook) when selecting their clothing for competition.



#### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SNOWPLOW SAM, SYNCHRO SKILLS 1-3 PRELIMINARY

Required elements – Each level has specific required elements that must be completed:

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
SNOWPLOW SAM SYNCHRO 5-12 skaters, majority under 7 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a forward inside or outside edge 1 foot glide and/or 2 foot glide. May have backwards skating.	which must cover half ice	One block, skated forward, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	One wheel, skated forward, in any shape.	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.
SYNCHRO SKILLS 1 8-16 skaters, majority under 9 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide. Stroking from backward to forward is permitted.	One line, which must cover half ice to full ice and may include forward and/or backward skating.	One block, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	team's choice with	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
SYNCHRO SKILLS 2 8-16 skaters, majority under 12 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a forward 3-turn and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.	must cover full ice and may include forward	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	team's choice with	One intersection: Two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
SYNCHRO SKLLS 3 8-16 skaters, majority at least 12 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds Minimum of two different hand holds	One circle, which must contain a mohawk and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.	Line element, which includes a change of configuration (1 line to 2 lines or 2 lines to 1 line), and must cover full ice and must include forward and backward skating.	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 2 different configurations.	Wheel element of the team's choice with backward pumps, chasses, and/or crossovers.	One intersection.
PRELIMINARY 8-16 skaters who are under age 12, majority under age 10 2:00 +/- 10 seconds Minimum of two different hand holds	One circle element	One line element	One block element	One wheel element	One intersection element (forward only)

#### Restrictions in Snowplow Sam Synchro and Synchro Skills 1:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder and choo-choo holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Lines may not pivot.
- Snowplow Sam Synchro teams: backwards skating is allowed, but not required, in the circle and is not permitted in any other elements or transitions.
- Teams may not do steps higher than Basic 6.

#### Restrictions in Synchro Skills 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must do only their required elements).
- Wheels may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Circles may not change rotational direction or change configuration. Traveling is allowed, but not required.
- Lines may not pivot.
- Synchro Skills 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 2, with the exception of split jumps, stag jumps and split falling leaf jumps.

Restrictions in all levels: All of the synchronized skating "illegal elements" found in Rule 7160 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Please reference <a href="http://usfsa.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized">http://usfsa.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized</a> for most up-to-date Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating rules



#### THEATRE ON ICE

In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Learn to Skate USA level at which they are skating. (See program requirements.) Props, scenery and theatrical makeup are not allowed.

**Eligibility Rules:** All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of Learn to Skate USA. It is strongly suggested that teams register with U.S. Figure Skating, but this is not required.

Members of other organizations are eligible to compete, but must be registered with a Learn to Skate USA program or as full members of U.S. Figure Skating.

In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than the pre-preliminary Moves in the Field or adult pre-bronze test in any discipline.

**Age/Number of Skaters**: Skaters may not have reached 18 years of age as of September 1 of the current skating season. Teams should be comprised of 8 – 16 skaters.

**Program Duration**: Teams will skate a program to music of their choice (vocals are allowed) 1 ½ min. +/- 10 sec. There are no restrictions or requirements on music choice but each level has a different THEME, CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS and MOVEMENT or GESTURE (see program requirements).

**Judging Notes:** The main emphasis of each level is mastering the Learn to Skate USA of Theatre On Ice and showing control in the skating skills from the badge levels required. The focus is not difficulty, but the performance and expression of the three required elements.

When possible, judges should be selected from those who have participated in a U.S. Figure Skating or PSA seminar where Theatre On Ice has been discussed, or have some familiarity with the discipline of Theatre On Ice.



#### THEATRE ON ICE EVENTS

Format: The competitive programs shall create a story based on the theme while demonstrating the choreographic process and gesture or movement.

- Programs should contain skating skills from the Learn to Skate USA program levels listed.
- Elements from higher levels are not allowed.
- Elements from lower levels are encouraged.
- Coaches should refer to the U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Instructor's Manual for further details on the elements.
- Props, scenery and theatrical makeup are not allowed.

Please refer to the Learn to Skate USA Instructor's Manual for more detailed information on Theatre On Ice 1-4.

Level	Program Length	Test, Team Size and Age Requirements	
		Theme: Joy (emotion)	
TOI/CE 1	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Repetition	
		Movement or gesture: Allegro (fast movement)	
		Skaters should demonstrate elements from Learn to Skate USA	
		Basic 1 - 4.	
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.	
		Theme: Body as an instrument	
TOI/CE 2	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Canon	
		Movement or gesture: Soft movement (fluid and light)	
		Skaters should demonstrate elements from Learn to Skate USA	
		Basic 5 -6	
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.	
		Theme: Traveling through space	
TOI/CE 3	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Mirroring	
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		Skaters should demonstrate elements from Learn to Skate USA	
		Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 3.	
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.	
		• Theme: Rhythm	
TOI/CE 4	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Choreographic process: Call and response	
		Movement or gesture: Percussive (sharp, fast movement)	
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		Skaters should demonstrate elements from Learn to Skate USA	
		Free Skate 4 - 6.	
		Elements from higher levels are not allowed.	