



17th ANNUAL JUNE BUG COMPETITION

May 4, 2024

Hosted by the St. Paul Figure Skating Club
Pleasant Arena: 848 Pleasant Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102
<https://www.stpaulfsc.org/>

Registration DEADLINE: April 7th, 2024, 10:00 PM (CST)

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 17th Annual June Bug Competition 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.

TCFSA COMPETE USE SERIES INFORMATION:

The series aims to promote an introductory competitive experience for the beginning TCFSA member skaters, allowing them to develop U.S. Figure Skating basic skills in an enjoyable environment. The Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) Compete USA Competition Series is sponsored solely by TCFSA and is a U.S. Figure Skating-approved Basic Skills Series.

COMPETE USA and ASPIRE skaters are automatically registered and will have the opportunity to compete at 10 different local TCFSA member competitions to earn points for a final standing. Skaters MUST participate in at least two competitions to be eligible for an award. Point accumulation information will be available at www.tcfsa.org in the COMPETE USA section. A team trophy will be awarded to the TCFSA member club accumulating the most points during the series season.

The TCFSA COMPETE USA series is open to all skaters who are current eligible members of either the Learn to Skate program or full members of U.S. Figure Skating through a TCFSA member club. Eligibility is based on the skill level as of the closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills skaters through Basic 6 must skate at their highest level passed and have NOT passed any US Figure Skating tests, including Skating Skills or dance tests. Males and females may be placed in the same group. The competitions in the series will be conducted under the rules set forth by the U.S. Figure Skating COMPETE USA and ASPIRE program. Skating levels included in the TCFSA series are Snowplow Sam, Basic 1 through Basic 6, Pre-Free Skate through Free Skate 6 (through Dec. 31, 2023), Aspire 1-4 (beginning Jan 1, 2024), Beginner, and High Beginner.

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.
 - o 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 events

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 at: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org)

This event will follow program requirements for the 2024 Season (Add a best practices statement once the dates are determined).

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Aspire 1-4 Program with Music (Excel Beginner and Excel High Beginner have been folded into the Aspire Program)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Excel Free Skate, Preliminary	6.0	\$130	\$30
Excel Free Skate, Pre Juvenile to Senior, all PLUS events	IJS	\$150	\$30
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$150	\$30
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$150	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$30
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$130	\$30
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$130	\$30
Test Credit Sign Up	IJS	\$20	\$20
Test Session Sign Up	Session	\$20	\$20
Challenge: 1 Ft. Glide	6.0	\$20	\$10
Challenge: Spiral	6.0	\$20	\$10
Challenge: Lunge	6.0	\$20	\$10
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$130	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$130	\$30
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$130	\$30

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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ENTRIES: Entries are limited to the **first 150 applications received**. Online registration is being used and is available via secured credit card transaction serviced by EntryEeze.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA Entryeze

Online registrations will be accepted via Entryeze. Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. **Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.**

Registration Deadline: 04/07/2024, 10 PM CST
Late Registrations: \$20 Late Fee (referee will determine if registration accepted)

TEST CREDIT or TEST SESSION SIGN UP:

Skaters may register for IJS Test Credit or for the Test Session via Entryeze. **Only those skaters participating in the June Bug Competition may test at the reduced rate of \$20 per test. Those skaters who are NOT COMPETING, will pay standard test rates.**

Test Sign Up Deadline: 04/07/2024, 10 PM CST
Late Sign Up: with permission of the Competition Chair

MUSIC:

Music for **all free skating programs must be uploaded to the Entryeze system**. If you need help, work with your coach or contact Customer Service with Entryeze. Late fees must be paid prior to receiving competition credentials.

Music Submission Deadline: 04/14/2023, 10 PM CST
Late Submissions: There will be a \$25 charge if the music is not submitted prior to the Deadline. Skaters will not be allowed to register without their music.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 or M4a
- 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.

CDs or phones will only be used as BACKUP for technical difficulty. A duplicate CD or a phone must be readily available in case of any problems. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups. Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete.

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

PPCs must be submitted for all free skating programs and must be uploaded to the Entryeze system. If you need help, work with your coach or contact Customer Service with Entryeze.

PPC Submission Deadline: 04/14/2024, 10 PM CST

Late Submissions: There will be a \$25 charge if the PPC is not submitted prior to the Deadline. Skaters will not be allowed to register without a completed Planned Program Content sheet (PPC).

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless the competition is canceled. Single skater events will be held with skater receiving a medal/trophy for their event. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, St. Paul Figure Skating Club and Pleasant Avenue Arena) 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

The competition will be held at the Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St Paul, MN 55102, a single surface facility.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available 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. **All skaters are to come dressed (in costume) to the arena.** SPFSC follows SafeSport guidelines which means all setup room doors will remain open. This competition will not have locker rooms for changing. Skaters should anticipate arriving and departing wearing their competition attire.

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](#).

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. **NOTE: It is the plan to have the competition and test session all on one day – Saturday. If the number of competitors reaches 150, we will need to have some practice ice sessions on Friday. There will be practice ice for competitors available on Friday during Club sessions at the competition rate. More detailed information will be made available at the closing of entries.**

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at the Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St Paul, MN 55102, a single surface facility.

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. **OFFICIAL NOTICES:** Skater order and results will be posted through Entryeze. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check Entryeze frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. There will be more specific instructions as the event draws closer.

NOTE: The June Bug Competition will utilize online results. Skaters will be provided the necessary information to find their live results from U.S. Figure Skating (IJS and 6.0), click [here](#).

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PRACTICE ICE:

ONE (1) Practice Ice Session is included in your Entry Fee. **All practice sessions are 20 minutes in length and no music will be played. NO REFUNDS and NO EXCHANGES.**

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE ICE:

If you would like to purchase additional practice ice we have limited sessions available to purchase on EntryEeze at the time of registration and will cost \$15.00 per session. All additional practice ice must be purchased in advance and paid for through Entryeze. **All practice sessions are 20 minutes in length and no music will be played.**

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

The **registration desk will be open one hour before the first scheduled practice ice session and run through the last event** of the day. All competitors are asked to arrive at the arena at least 30 minutes prior to their event. The registration table will be located in the arena lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival.

AWARDS:

All events will be final rounds. **NOTE:** Compete USA events will have no more than six competitors in a group, and all six will receive an award.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

No professional photographer will be on site. A June Bug Backdrop will be available for parents to take pictures prior to leaving the arena at no charge.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Carolyn Marker	<u>Cmarker243@aol.com</u>	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line
Chief Referee:	Jennifer Marker Johnson	dazyjmj@yahoo.com	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line
Practice Ice Chair:	Carolyn Marker	<u>Cmarker243@aol.com</u>	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line
Coach Laison:	Karen Meck	tplsai@bitstream.net	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line