



# 16th ANNUAL JUNE BUG Competition

## May 6-7, 2023



Hosted by the St. Paul Figure Skating Club  
Pleasant Arena: 848 Pleasant Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102

**Registration DEADLINE: April 7th, 2023, 10:00 PM (CST)**

**SnowPlow Sam thru Basic 6;  
Pre Free Skate thru Free Skate 6  
Excel Beginner thru Excel Senior  
Well Balanced No Test thru Juvenile  
Adult Events  
Compulsory, Freestyle, Spins, Jumps Exhibitions and Challenge Events**

### Why Choose the St. Paul FSC June Bug Competition?

- June Bug is a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater.
- USFS certified judges will judge every event
- June Bug is part of the Twin Cities Compete USA series
- Practice Ice Session included with entry fee
- FREE Edge Class taught by SPFSC Coaches
- Test Session held same day as event
- Exhibition Option Available to All Participants



## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The **16th 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, 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. The Compete USA events are open to all skaters who are current Learn to Skate USA members.

**Special Covid-19 statement:** The June Bug Competition 2023 and the Pleasant Avenue Arena will be complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the June Bug 2023 Competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **TEST LEVEL:**

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

**EXAMPLE:** if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

**EXAMPLE #2:** if an athlete passed juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes: The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.

1. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
2. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

**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.

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

**NOTE:** Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate, No Test to Preliminary	6.0	\$110	\$25
Excel Free Skate, Pre Juvenile to Senior	IJS	\$110	\$25
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$110	\$25
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$110	\$25
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$110	\$25
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$110	\$25
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$25
Test Credit Sign Up	IJS	\$20	\$20
Test Session Sign Up	Session	\$20	\$20
Challenge: 1 Ft. Glide	6.0	\$10	\$10
Challenge: Spiral	6.0	\$10	\$10
Exhibition	IJS	\$110	\$25
Challenge: Lunge	6.0	\$10	\$10
FREE EDGE CLASS (must sign up through Entryeze)	6.0	\$0	\$0
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$10
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$10
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$95	\$10
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$10
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$95	\$10
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$95	\$10
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$95	\$10
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$95	\$10
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$95	\$10
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$95	\$10
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$95	\$10

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### **SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: [www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe).

### **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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

### **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 Entryeeze**

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

**Registration Deadline: 04/07/2023, 10 PM CST**  
**Late Registrations NOT ACCEPTED**

#### **TEST CREDIT:**

NOTE: skaters may register for test credit via Entryeeze or for the Club Test Session. Cost per test \$20.

#### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

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

**Music Submission Deadline: 04/14/2023, 10 PM CST**  
**Late Submissions will not be allowed. 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 Entryeeze system.** If you need help, work with your coach or contact Customer Service with Entryeeze.

**PPC Submission Deadline: 04/14/2023, 10 PM CST**

**Late Submissions will not be allowed. 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 PPC for IJS events.**

After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in Entryeeze 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 must be paid prior to receiving competition credentials.

### **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, the St. Paul Figure Skating Club and Pleasant 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**

### **FACILITIES:**

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 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](#).

### **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 vs. Skaters will be provided the necessary information to find their live results from U.S. Figure Skating (IJS and 6.0), click [here](#).**

### **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:**

ONE (1) Practice Ice Session is included in your Entry Fee. The OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE session will be assigned by the LOC by event. **All practice sessions are 20 minutes in length and no music will be played. 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.

**PHOTOGRAPHY-** 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.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Exhibition:** Skaters may register for this event as the only event, or may treat this event as a "second" event at the \$25 rate. The goal of this event is to provide skaters an opportunity to be **evaluated/judged through the IJS system without having the stress of competing** the event for a medal or trophy. Those skaters who already skate under IJS may want to use this opportunity to introduce a new program, etc. or simply have the opportunity to skate an additional time during the weekend. Again, there will be **NO WINNER**. This is an opportunity to gain valuable information about your program.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:** To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements: Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training\*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2022 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training\* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

**NOTE:** It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. Please be sure to check for the director/instructor's signature confirming the level of the skater.

**Admission to the competition** is free. The number of observers/chaperones will NOT be restricted.

- o There will NOT be a coach's hospitality room (boxed lunches will be provided for those coaches identified as primary coaches for skaters.
- o There will be NO concessions open for refreshments

## Challenge yourself - how long can you hold a spin, do a lunge, do a spiral?

Skaters will be divided into groups based on their test level.

### LUNGE

<b>Instructions for skaters:</b> All skaters stand along the narrow red line by zamboni doors. When Referee blows whistle, skate forward and go into lunge as you cross the first blue line. You may follow the curve of the boards at end of rink, if you are still in position. The skater that is in the best position longest will win..	<b>Judging Criteria:</b> <i>How far a skater can hold the lunge position. If skaters hit the boards at the end of the rink in position - they tie. Skater must go into position as they cross the first blue line. A skater who is all the way down on the lunge may place better than a skater who goes just as far but is not in a low lunge position.</i>
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### SPIRAL

<b>Instructions for skaters:</b> All skaters stand along the narrow red line by zamboni doors. When Referee blows whistle, skate forward and go into lunge as you cross the first blue line. You may follow the curve of the boards at end of rink, if you are still in position. The skater that is in the best position longest will win.	<b>Judging Criteria:</b> <i>How far a skater can hold the spiral position. If skaters hit the boards at the end of the rink in position - they tie. Skater must go into position as they cross the first blue line. Skater whose free leg is at hip level or higher may place better than a skater who goes just as far but whose free leg is lower than hip level.</i>
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### 1 Ft. GLIDE

<b>Instructions for skaters:</b> A one-foot movement in which a skater travels along the ice with one leg in a strongly bent position and the other leg directed forward parallel to the ice. All skaters stand along the narrow red line by zamboni doors. When Referee blows whistle, skate forward and perform a 1 ft. glide as you cross the first blue line. The skater that is in the best position longest will win.	<b>Judging Criteria:</b> <i>How far a skater can hold the position. If skaters hit the boards at the end of the rink in position - they tie. Skater must go into position as they cross the first blue line.</i>
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### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	<b>Carolyn Marker</b>	<a href="mailto:Cmarker243@aol.com">Cmarker243@aol.com</a>	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line
Chief Referee:	<b>Jennifer Marker Johnson</b>	dazyjmj@yahoo.com	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line
Practice Ice Chair:	<b>Carolyn Marker</b>	<a href="mailto:Cmarker243@aol.com">Cmarker243@aol.com</a>	Put JUNE BUG in the Subject Line