



60th Annual Skate St. Paul Figure Skating Competition

Richfield Ice Arena

636 E 66th St, Richfield, MN 55423

Hosted by the St. Paul Figure Skating Club

July 19-20, 2024

Deadline: June 19, 2024

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 60th Annual Skate St. Paul Figure Skating 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](#) including changes approved by the most recent Governing Council.

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.

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:

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

This event will follow program requirements for the (2024-2025) season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Aspire 1-4 Program with Music (Excel Beginner and Excel High Beginner have been folded into the Aspire Program)	6.0	\$130	\$35
Excel Free Skate, Preliminary	6.0	\$180	\$35
Excel Free Skate, Pre Juvenile to Senior, all PLUS events	IJS	\$180	\$35
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$180	\$35
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$180	\$35
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$180	\$35
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$180	\$35
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$200	\$35
EXHIBITION (PAIRS, Well Balanced – Feedback Only)	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$150	\$35
Free Skate	IJS	\$150	\$35
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$150	\$35
Test Credit Sign Up (fee per test)	IJS	\$20	\$20
Test Session Sign Up (fee per test)	Session	\$20	\$20
Challenge: 1 Ft. Glide	6.0	\$20	\$20
Challenge: Spiral	6.0	\$20	\$20
Challenge: Lunge	6.0	\$20	\$20
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120	\$20

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 200 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: 06/19/2024, 11:30 pm CST

Late Registrations: \$20 Late Fee (referee will determine if registration accepted)

TEST CREDIT/Test Session Sign Up:

NOTE: skaters may register for test credit via Entryeze. Cost per test \$20. When registering, skaters must fill out the IJS Test Credit form when registering for the competition. Results may be picked up at the Registration Desk after results have been posted online.

Only those skaters participating in the Skate St. Paul 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: 07/08/2024, 10 PM CST

Late Sign Up: with permission of the Competition Chair

FOREIGN SKATERS:

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

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: 07/9/2024, 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: 07/9/2024, 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 **Richfield Ice Arena, 636 East 66th Street, Richfield, MN** which has two regulation sheets of ice that will be used throughout the competition. The arena has seating for spectators. The facility is part of a park system that includes trails, picnic areas, roller blade paths, handicap accessible and free parking.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Rink 1:

Dimensions: 200' x 85'

Seating Capacity: 1,300 seats

Rink 2: Dimensions: 200' x 85'
Seating Capacity: 200 seats

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

The Richfield Ice Arena will have **ready rooms** available on both rinks when they are both in use for competition, practice ice or testing. Ready 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 11 years old and younger 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page). **The SkateSafe locker room policy for posting can be found [here](#).**

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 45 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.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the **REGISTRATION ONE STOP CENTER**. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. **NOTE:** The LOC/referee will utilize online communication when possible to notify skaters and coaches of changes that may impact their schedule,

NOTE: The Skate St. Paul Competition will utilize online results vs. posting results onsite. Skaters will be provided the necessary information to find their live results from U.S. Figure Skating (IJS and 6.0) at registration.

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: All practice ice will be available for purchase online through EntryEeze. Recommended to **PRE PURCHASE** sessions since those who pre purchase ice sessions will have first access to available

sessions and will pay a lower rate. ALL practice ice must be purchased through EntryEeze in advance of the practice ice session. NO WALK ON PRACTICE ICE.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Registration will open one hour before the first event/practice of the day and run through the last event of the day. The one Stop Registration Center is located between the two rinks. Please register promptly upon arrival. Please come prepared with your practice ice/event registration information.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to the **top four places** in each event. The awards will be presented off ice per the posted **Schedule for Awards**. Special awards will be presented for final round events and combined events. **NOTE:** Compete USA events will have no more than six competitors in a group, and all six will receive an award.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Video taping and photo will be available. **A PERSONAL VIDEO** for each skater is included in the registration fee. **Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.** Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Richfield Ice Arena is 10 minutes from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, the Mall of America and a wide selection of hotels and food options. Businesses are now open in Minnesota so you will not be limited in your selection. The Richfield Rink is located in a large park with walking paths, picnic areas and extensive areas for warm up and stretching. The facility includes rollerblading trails, picnic areas and **free parking**. There are a large number of fast food and dine in options throughout the area, many options within 5-10 minutes of the rink.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Carolyn Marker	<u>Cmarker243@aol.com</u>	Put SKATE ST. PAUL in the Subject Line
Chief Referee:	Jennifer Marker Johnson	dazyjmj@yahoo.com	Put SKATE ST. PAUL in the Subject Line
Practice Ice Chair:	Carolyn Marker	<u>Cmarker243@aol.com</u>	Put SKATE ST. PAUL in the Subject Line
Coach Liaison:	Karen Meck	tpls@bitstream.net	Put SKATE ST. PAUL in the Subject Line