



**2021 Madison Open
17, 18, 19 September 2021**

Hosted by



Special COVID-19 statement:

The Madison Open and Madison Ice Arena will be complying with all federal, state, and local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the Madison Open, including recommendations from US Figure Skating. Masks will be required in the rink for people who are not vaccinated. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The 41st Annual Madison Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted of the U.S.

Figure Skating web site.



COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE LOG

Our Competition Announcement CAN CHANGE up to the CLOSE OF ENTRY DATE. PLEASE CHECK BACK PERIODICALLY to make sure that you have the most up to date information.

The current revision date appears on each page in the footer.

Here is a history of the changes made to the competition announcement.

Publish Date	Additions / Updates
7/11/21	Original Announcement
7/13/21	Correction on coaches compliance and locker room availability
7/17/21	Correction 41st Annual Madison Open
7/18/21	Correction on fees

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at the Madison Ice Arena, 725 Forward Drive, Madison, WI 53711. Madison Ice Arena’s main ice surface is 85’ x 200’ with slightly rounded corners. The studio rink, if utilized, is 65’ x 85’. Locker rooms will not be available for use.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST LEVEL

Skaters are allowed to enter events in either Open (IJS & 6.0) or Compete USA, but not both.

COMPETE USA ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Compete 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 Compete USA Program/club.

Test level: Competition level will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries.

- All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.
- For the Pre-free skate, free skate 1-6 and Adult 1-6 eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater’s competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

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 his/her 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.

OPEN EVENTS ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or a readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules,

and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book for non-U.S. Citizens.

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering.

- Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements.

- Juvenile: Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Adult Events:

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through Adult Bronze free skate and compulsory moves (based upon the Adult Competition Series rules), Solo Dance, Solo Free Dance, Jumps, Spins, and Dramatic/Light Entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in Adult Silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in Adult Silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

Only one eligible competitor in event: Per Rule 3045, if only one eligible competitor enters an event, the competitor will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, or for pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

- If the skater chooses to skate an exhibition, judges' marks will be given according to the rules and the applicable scoring system, and the competitor will receive first place
- If the skater chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.
- If the skater chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded and the event will be cancelled.

ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

6.0 AND IJS EVENTS: RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

US Figure Skating Events	Judging	1st Event	2nd Event	3rd + Event
Singles				
Combined Well Balanced SP and LP Intermediate and up	IJS	\$195	\$60	\$60
Singles Short Program (Intermediate - Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$60	\$60
Well Balanced Free Skate Pre-Preliminary -- Senior	IJS	\$160	\$60	\$60
Excel/ Excel Plus Free Skate	IJS	\$160	\$60	\$60
Adult Free Skate	IJS	\$160	\$60	\$60
Well Balanced Free Skate No Test	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Adult Beginner and High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Specialty				
Compulsory Moves (No Test - Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Adult Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Beginner - Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Spins Challenge (Beginner - Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner - Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beg - Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre - Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Moves in the Field (Pre-Pre - Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Solo Dance				
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$130	\$30	\$30
Compete USA Events				
Snowplow Sam - Free Skate 6 Program (with music)	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6 program (w/ music)	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Snow Plow Sam - Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Compete USA Spin Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Compete USA Jump Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Adult 1-6 Program (w/ music)	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30
Adult 1-6 Beginner - Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$30	\$30

Misc. Fees	Cost
Practice Ice reserved online Max 1 reservation per event entered	\$20
Practice Ice at the door (if available)	\$25
Late Registration (if referee allows late registration)	\$25
Late Music Fee	\$25
Late Planned Program Content	\$25
Free Skate Test Credit	\$10

Included in the Event Registration:



- IJS result packets include all participants in the event.
- Championship Event participants receive a copy of both SP and FS, all participants.
- Online Action Photo download from KRPhotogs Photography for all events entered.
- Online video download of full ice events from KRPhotogs Photography.

Online registration is the **ONLY** method available for entry into Madison Open.

- Online registration is available via secured credit card transaction at EntryEeze, <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=223>
- No paper entries will be accepted.
- Deadline for online completion is **11:59 pm on August 15, 2021**
- Late registrations may be accepted (at the discretion of the Chief Referee) for a \$25 fee.
- Each PPC submitted after the September 1, 2021 deadline will incur a \$25 fee
- Each Music file submitted through EntryEeze after the September 1, 2021, deadline will incur a \$25 fee.

If you are having trouble with the online registration, please email the LOC at FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for 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.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline August 15, 2021 unless no competition exists or is canceled. No Exceptions.

There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. **The online processing fees are not refundable.**

MUSIC

Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate.

ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE.

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of September 1, 2021 11:59 pm.

Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$25 fee.

CDs will only be used as BACKUP for technical difficulty.

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 log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “competition” tab and then selecting “my music”. **All music uploads must be in .MP3 format.**

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor’s name, event, and running time.

Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete.

IJS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors must provide IJS Planned Program Content for all events, as appropriate.

ALL IJS SKATERS MUST SUBMIT PPC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE.

PPC’s for all IJS events must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the PPC deadline of September 1, 2021 11:59 pm.

Each instance of a PPC submitted after the deadline (either through EntryEeze or at Registration Desk) will incur a \$25 fee per PPC.

PPC’s submitted on the USFS site will not be used.

A hard-copy form for reference/planning can be found at www.usfigureskating.org in the member’s only section. Failure to electronically submit your PPC creates extra work for the officials working your competition. You will not be allowed to receive your credential at registration until your PPC is submitted.

REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk will be open throughout the competition weekend, beginning Friday morning. Each skater must check in upon arrival, at least 30 minutes before each event. If you skate multiple days, (e.g. Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday), please check in with the registration desk each day to confirm your events. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the Madison Ice Arena. **PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY UPON ARRIVAL.**

PRACTICE ICE

Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online, but you **MUST** indicate number of sessions you want online when you register, and you **MUST** pay for them when you register online. You will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access your practice ice records and select your sessions. Additional practice ice sales may be made available online after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-register for sessions have had time to select their sessions.

Any remaining practice ice at Madison Ice Arena will be available for purchase during the competition at Registration and sold on a first come, first served basis only, at a higher cost per session.

The length of each practice session is 20 minutes, with a maximum number of 15 skaters on the ice. Keeping the safety of the skaters in mind, most sessions are designated by skating level.

No phone calls or emails will be accepted for practice ice.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Online Action photos for each entered event are **included** with the registration price as well as a digital video for full ice events. Video/Photo vendor will be in the lobby. If you will be recording video, please be considerate of others and do so from the top of the stands. No flash photography is permitted in the ice arena. The use of ice arena power sources is prohibited.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

No items of any kind are to be thrown on the ice. Violation of this rule may subject the offender to ejection from the arena.

AWARDS

All skaters in Compete USA and Introductory Level events will receive an award for participation. In all other events, awards will be presented to the top four places in each event. Awards will also be given to the top four skaters for the combined short and long programs in initial rounds of Championship events and the top four places in the Championship final round. Award recipients are encouraged to participate in the awards presentation and photography.

The **Dorothy Sinykin Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of the Intermediate Ladies Championship in memory of Dorothy's commitment to the Figure Skating Club of Madison and the sport of figure skating.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board 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.

Prior to the event, schedules for skaters and coaches as well as general competition information will be available at www.fscmadison.org. Competitors be notified via email when the schedule is available. Actual skating order is posted the day of the competition at the event.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, FSC of Madison, Madison Ice Arena and Madison Ice, Inc 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.

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions, please contact our LOC via email at FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com. Additional information can be found at www.fscmadison.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

All Registrations and Payments are to be completed online
Links can be found at www.fscmadison.org

Registration & Practice Ice Reservation Opens	Sunday, July 18, 2021
Registration & Practice Ice Reservation Closes	Sunday, August 15, 2021
IJS Planned Program Content Deadline Music Upload Deadline	Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Competition Schedule Published **TENTATIVE**	Sunday, September 5, 2021
Practice Ice Selection Opens **TENTATIVE**	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Additional Practice Ice Purchase Opens	Thursday, September 9, 2021
Competition Begins	Friday, September 17, 2021